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## CHANGES ON THE HORIZON...

**THANK THE LORD... TLC's 1106 GRAHAM BUILDING HAS BEEN SOLD!** This building has been a spiritual transformation HOME - to hundreds of men for over 34 years.

The men often tease: "TC" means "Things Change"... and we are grateful for both the spiritual and physical changes that take place.

**SOME CHANGES... Thanks, folks!**

**Beau** – has served as an ETP (student leader). Already offered a job with **Joe Huneke** of Huneke Enterprises – a Teen/Life Challenge graduate. WOW!

**Brandon** – has served as a Senior Student. February 1st – going to employment and helping with his two super sons.

**Garrett** – working at two part-time – one of which is a management position at The Dollar Tree. In just six months - that's Great Garrett!

**Rocky** – Thank the Lord – Restoration completed – now has job opportunity.  
**Tom Petty** – will serve with us at Southside location and work an outside part-time job.

*See CHANGES Pg 2...*

## **CHANGES** *from Pg 1*

These are men whose lives have been changed. With the continuing support of many and others joining them – we will see our indebtedness change. Our LIGHTHOUSE is a BLESSING – Thanks to many of you!

We are thanking the Lord for numerous blessings as we settle into our new Administrative Office and ReEntry “home” at **THE TIPTON FAMILY CENTER -1648 Axe Drive, Garland, Texas 75041-2714**

THANKFULLY, we are able to keep **214.824.6181** as our main phone line. HOWEVER, we need to give you our **New Rollover #: 972.278.8000** and our **New Fax #: 972.278.8003**.

**Teen/Life Challenge of North Texas, P.O. Box 181794, Dallas, TX 75218** remains our mailing address.

The men of Teen/Life Challenge have all been involved in numerous ways to help make this move go as smoothly as a move of this magnitude can be.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE** is located at **1401 Meadow St., Desoto TX 75115 (972.223.2501, Fax 972.223.2504)**.

Speaking of grateful hearts, some of our residents would like to share some of the things for which they are thanking the Lord as we enter this New Year.

**WE MOVED!**  
Be sure to make a note of our new contact info (above).

## **GRATEFUL HEARTS...**

I have found the reason my life led to the death rattles of drug addiction. Did I come from an atheist environment? NO! My family was and continues to be examples of fine Christians. Was I the product of a broken home growing up, alone without direction... NO. My parents are still together after 50 plus years. They were always with me – teaching and ministering about love and particularly - the love of Christ. I could continue down this road of possibilities – but the simple truth is what I learned at Teen/Life Challenge – my “addiction” was quite simply the result of sin, and sin leads to death.

Through Jesus Christ, I was released from the chains of addiction the moment I gave my life to Him. Sure, I still have struggles, but by His grace and love for me, I find strength to continue my journey. I thank God for this new journey and I thank Teen/Life Challenge for the opportunity to pursue it.

*- A brother in Christ, Michiel*

Proverbs 26:27 tells us: *“If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it and if he rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.”* That’s exactly what happened to me. I sowed a bad seed and fell into a pit. My roots were so weak that I could not climb out by myself. I needed help. With clenched fists, I cried and prayed many evenings for help. But what God really wanted from me was to totally submit with open arms and not clenched fists. And that’s what I did and now the real journey begins!

*- Kenny P.*

Hi, my name is Jeffery. I’m 29. I was raised around believers of Christ. I was in and out of church my whole life. But I allowed my life of sin to take control. I spiraled into drugs and alcohol to the point I lost my loved ones. I was so far gone – I tried to end my life. BUT GOD had other plans and many people were praying for me. After I was released from the hospital, my wife and pastor helped me to get into Teen / Life Challenge.

I have been in the program four months now and my life has changed completely. I have renewed relationships, a stable marriage and loving Men of God friends. I have experienced many miracles in my life, but the most amazing events in my journey to this point are committing my life to Jesus Christ, being baptized on January 1, 2016, and sharing these most incredible life-changing experiences with my wife. Then, together we were baptized in the Holy Spirit at a service at my home church on January 3, 2016.

The changes in my life since I came into fellowship with the Lord through the ministry of Teen/Life Challenge are beyond imagination! My family and I have been restored and blessed by our Heavenly Father!

*- Jeffery*

**COMING IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER...**

**Save-the-Dates for the 2016 TeenLife Challenge Celebration!**

**Need Help? Call (214)824-6181**







Goodbye 1106 Graham Ave... 34 years and 3,400 donuts later... give or take a dozen.



The (cafeteria) corner chapel. Where 2 or 3 are gathered... that's church.



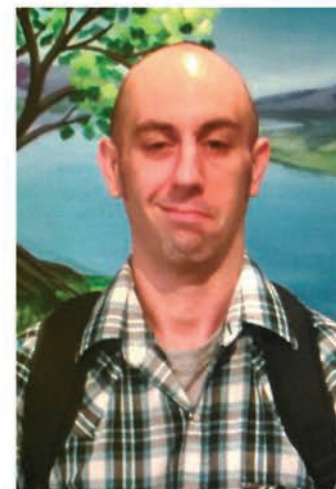
The real Tom Petty.



Jeffery O.



Michiel S.



Kenny P.



Packing up everything but the kitchen sink.



Plans Changes. Plans for the new home in Desoto sit on a window sill of the old home...



## THANK U, THANK U, THANK U...

**CHRISTIAN CENTER OF MESQUITE..**, On Monday, December 21 – YES, just 4 days before Christmas – Sharon and her helpers prepared and delivered ham, scalloped potatoes, french-cut green beans, salad and sweet goodies too numerous to list. The faithfulness of this group preparing supper the third Monday of each month is nothing short of amazing and most welcomed.

**GRACE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD...** the stockings you provided were opened with oohhs and aaahs for the graciousness and love with which they were filled. This annual tradition certainly warms all of our hearts and goes home with the residents for their hearths!

**HOUSE OF PRAYER** – Special Christmas Blessings!

## TEENLIFE CHALLENGE @ YOUR CHURCH?

We are a North Texas District “Home Missions” ministry. Call 214.824.6181 or email us at [egh.tc@hotmail.com](mailto:egh.tc@hotmail.com) to schedule a choir and speaker. Contact us soon to get “your date” scheduled! YES we’re anticipating Wednesday evenings or other special activities. We will size the choir and our part to your schedule. Thanks!

## DONATE ONLINE WITH PAYPAL!

Through the PayPal, Inc. connection you can now make contributions to TeenLife Challenge of Dallas with credit cards online! Just go to the TLC website ([teenlifechallenge.com](http://teenlifechallenge.com)), Click support TLC and click DONATE from the drop down.

## HOW 2 HELP?

We are in need of two vacuum cleaners, laundry detergent and boxes of cereal. We appreciate our history! We need assistance for the NOW! Thank You!

## KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TLC?

1. Call 214.824.6181 to discuss your situation. Ask for Paul. If I’m “active”, I’ll get back to you later. My objective is to give others the opportunity to receive Christ.
2. If you live within 1 hour, you will be requested to come in for an interview in Dallas or Desoto.
3. If you live over an hour from these locations, you can order the application packet - \$25 – complete and mail in.
4. If the choir is scheduled in your area, you will be invited to attend the service and an interview can be scheduled after the service.

## AMAZON.COM & U CAN HELP!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support TeenLife Challenge every time you shop.

Just go to the “While You Shop” page (link found under the “Support TLC” navigation button\*) on our website ([teenlifechallenge.com](http://teenlifechallenge.com)) and use the Amazon Smile / TeenLife Challenge of Dallas Inc. special link. Then select TeenLife Challenge of Dallas, Inc. as your charitable organization.

That’s all there is to it! Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to TeenLife Challenge of Dallas Inc. when you shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com))!

## BUILDING FUND...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our goal of balancing to Z E R O during 2016!

2016 BUILDING FUND		MONTHLY DONATION
\$ 600	is only	\$ 50 / mo.
\$ 1200	is only	\$ 100 / mo.
\$ 1800	is only	\$ 150 / mo.
\$ 2400	is only	\$ 200 / mo.
\$ 3000	is only	\$ 250 / mo.
\$ 3600	is only	\$ 300 / mo.
\$ 4200	is only	\$ 350 / mo.
\$ 4800	is only	\$ 400 / mo.
\$ 6000	is only	\$ 500 / mo.

## KROGER SHOPPERS CAN HELP TLC!

Link your Kroger Rewards cards to TLC (NPO number 82019) and help us through the Community Rewards program. For details on how to sign up or link your card to TLC, visit our website at: <http://www.teenlifechallenge.com/shop.php>