



A Few Thoughts...



We are living in a changing world and the last few years have shown how unpredictable and difficult life can be. Many people have not managed to survive and come through the trials and difficulties that we all seemed to have faced along the way and many people have looked at their personal lives evaluating what is most important to them.

In this uncertain world I am so glad that there is an answer that in the end will prove to be trustworthy and will stand the test of time. The person of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, His resurrection from the grave and that He will return again is the hope that inspires us to continue to help the men and women caught in a life of addiction.

For true freedom to be experienced the Gospel must never be changed even when everything around us does. The wonderful message of Hope is that, Jesus is alive and He can change and transform even the worst of us.

Javier Lesta Candal, Project Leader



We would like to say a huge 'thank-you' to all of you who have supported the Teen Challenge ministry over recent months. We are incredibly grateful for those who have faithfully prayed for us during these unprecedented months. We would also like to thank those who

have continued to support us financially. We realise that not only has it been a difficult time for people physically and emotionally, but many have also experienced varying degrees of change in their finances. Your dedication to Teen Challenge has allowed us to walk through life with one less burden to bear. ■

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Alan and Donna Peters who were married on 25th September 2021. Alan entered the programme in 2019 and came to know Jesus as his Lord & Saviour. Alan and

Donna give God all the glory for restoring his life when there seemed to be no hope. ■

A True Life Testimony

MICHAEL'S STORY



Hi my name is Michael. My issues started very young. At 5 or 6 my dad left home and things became increasingly violent after this. With my leader and guide in life not there I felt lost, rejected and desperate. At the age of 10 I tried to commit suicide for the first time. I'd continue to self-harm for many

years after this to try and release the pain I felt. At 13 I began smoking cannabis; it helped me to escape but soon wasn't enough. My drug use grew and escalated through all types of drugs. At 16 I became homeless, sofa-surfing and rough sleeping and then getting into crime to fund my habits. Soon after I tried heroin and thought I'd found the answer! I quickly began injecting, mixing it with crack-cocaine too, whilst also taking massive amounts of Valium. I just didn't want to be alive and now had many serious mental health problems, resulting in being sectioned. I came to Teen Challenge after bumping into a friend's mum, a born-again Christian. I really struggled at first. I couldn't stand talk of Jesus! Some geezer who lived 2000 years ago, how can he help me? Turns out He can do quite a bit if you let Him! After an encounter and meeting with Jesus, my life has been radically transformed. I'm free of all addictions, healed of all the mental health conditions I had and my family relationships have been restored. I'm now a support worker and the outreach coordinator at Teen Challenge London, as well as studying at Bible college. I have a future and a hope. I'm so grateful to God. Jesus can do it for you too! ■

TCL Reuse Centre: shop renovations



As the nation began to become aware that there was a problem starting to take place due to Covid 19, we sensed God was leading us to enlarge the warehouse by expanding the first floor in the building. In faith we put in an order with a company to fabricate and install a 2500 sq. ft. steel framed floor. During the 6 weeks it took to fabricate, lockdown was announced. As the warehouse was closed we began to work on removing all the fixtures and fittings in preparation. In total we managed to finish and complete the renovation of the Reuse Centre two weeks after lockdown was lifted. During this time, we received several grants (due to Lockdown) that allowed us to cover 90% of the costs for the refurbishment. A lot of man hours went into making this project possible, and we wanted to thank Andy Ingham & Jeff Graham for their hard work in laying the floor and oversight of the project as well as Paul English from English Electrical for his major contribution in rewiring and updating all the electrical circuits in the whole building. ■

Outreach Mission



David & Lynette Tarr

David Tarr came to Teen Challenge London in 2005 to receive help for his 20-year alcohol and drug addiction. David's life was transformed by his faith in Jesus Christ whilst going through the Teen Challenge programme and over the years embarked in serving in the ministry that was so instrumental in helping him find his freedom.

Having completed his rehabilitation program, David went on to do the Teen Challenge Leadership Academy or School of Ministry as it was known back in 2007. David returned to London to work as a staff member and eventually became the Outreach Director in which he served for nearly 10 years. During this time David married Lynette and he embarked on furthering his vocational studies obtaining a Masters in Theology. David's faith faced many challenges along the way including being diagnosed with liver cancer. With many prayers and the excellent help from the NHS, David was able to receive a liver transplant that helped save his life. The mercy of God was again displayed in David's life.



David felt God's call to become a pastor of a local church and in 2020 David took over the leadership as pastor of Life Church in Epping and was ordained as an Elim minister on 9th October 2021.

We wish to thank God for the great work he has done in David's life. His life is a testimony to the goodness of God and that miracles still happen today.

All of us here at Teen Challenge love David and Lynette and will miss them both dearly, however we are blessed to know that they are continuing in the call of God in our generation. ■

OUTREACH NIGHTS

Day	Location	Time
Mon	Bethnal Green tube station	9 - 11 pm
Tue	Mare Street, (Hackney Central station)	9 - 11 pm
Wed	Brixton Central Square	9 - 11 pm
Thu	Ealing Broadway tube station	9 - 10.30 pm
Fri	Waterloo - outside St John's Church	9 - 11 pm

If you are interested in helping at one of our outreaches please call our centre and speak to Michael Ovenden.

Thank you Freshfields!

We would like to express our gratitude to a local charity called Freshfields, whose generosity enabled us to purchase two laptops and three PC monitors last year. These resources have been put to great use and are appreciated by both staff and learners alike. ■

A new minibus!



A big thank you to all who contributed to help Rev Steve Derbyshire raise £26,000 to purchase a new 17 seat minibus to transport the men on the programme to church and other activities & outings.

Our church outreach group is called 'The Redeemed'. It consists of men who have been set free from drug addiction. To book a presentation contact the centre and ask for Michael Ovenden, Outreach Coordinator.

Appeal for funds

Our residential home here in Ilford has been open for the past 23 years and the signs of wear & tear are now showing. We are now looking at renovating firstly the bedrooms and then the remaining parts of the home to bring the standard up to a level that will be able to welcome the future men in need of help. Your support towards the renovating costs will help use tremendously. Please send your gifts to our office or you can give through PayPal on our website or donate online to:

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Account: 30400491

Education & Training Centre



'The show must go on!' This is what the Centre for Excellence decided in March 2020 when Covid-19 changed our lives and we found ourselves in 'lockdown', (a word incidentally formerly associated mostly with Her Majesty's Prisons!).

As a result of having computers and laptops available for learners' use, we were able to switch our education provision to online learning. The men of Teen Challenge London were able to access a number of courses such as, Emergency First Aid at Work, Customer Service Level 2, Manual Handling, Food Safety Level 2 and Equality and Diversity and many more.

When we were able to safely return to face-to-face classes, the men were able to take part in Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT as well as Employability courses such as Managing Personal Finances and Effective Communication. In total, between 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2021 we gave out 147 certificates of achievement.

One man who worked hard in his studies in the past year has now started a three-year degree course in Theology and Counselling. ■



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