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“FEET” MAKE GOOD STOCKING STUFFERS!

He knows if you've been sleeping (in church), He knows if you're awake. He knows if you've been bad or good, so you better be good for goodness sake...

Thanksgiving is here. Christmas is just around the corner. And like many Americans, our homes will be filled with family, food, plenty of gifts and holiday cheer. We are blessed... beyond measure. When you look at our standard of living compared to the rest of the world, the contrast is pretty sobering. We are

riding on the shoulders of our forefathers, enjoying the blessings they earned on our behalf. *“...showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”* But with great blessings come great responsibilities. As you read this, there are many families right here in our neighborhood who won't celebrate the birth of our Lord with the joy we will. These families have been torn apart by the weapons of the enemy: anger, abuse, drugs, alcohol, crime. The result of lifetimes of bad decisions are visited on the next generation.

At TeenLife Challenge, our efforts are focused on renewing these families. We simply offer the GIFT JESUS ALREADY GAVE... that all things are made new in Him. As we continue to build a new “home” for the men of TLC, we ask you to consider joining us in our ministry. You can GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE this year. If you are struggling with what to get us for Christmas this year, here's a hint: *(Square) FEET MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!*

(See details on Pg 3)

“Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.”

HE'S COME! THE SAVIOR HAS COME!

*At what a great cost God gave to the world
His Son, His wonderful Son.*

But how many walk in darkness today

As though He had never been born at all?

And never had left the throne

To walk in humility here upon earth

And die on the cross alone.

Oh, it's not only those in far-away lands

Who never have heard of His birth,

But many who celebrate Christmas each year

Have failed to discover its worth.

So busy with giving, they never have found

The joy that His love can bestow,

The gift of His Son in your heart and mine

Cleansing us whiter than snow.

Oh let us accept Him, God's wonderful Son

As our personal Savior today.

He seems to be calling as never before

To us, and to those far away.

Let us claim for ourselves His undying love

And thank Him for what He has done,

That the light in our lives may sing to the world

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NOTES FROM PAUL & LINDA

We are grateful that the Lord has brought “**Joy to the World**”... of TeenLife Challenge through the ministry of you – friends. Our homes and churches will be decorated in beautiful shades of **RED** - blended with other colors of the season! We trust you will be “**stocking**” our post office box with your joyful gifts of support that will allow us to end 2010 in the **BLACK!** The students and staff join us in wishing you and your families a “**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR.**”



PROGRESS REPORT

How often have you tried to cut eight acres of grass with a push mower and a weed eater? On one hot summer day, while stumbling over dirt clods and wiping sweat from our brows, we breathed a sigh of relief, as a friend, with his big green tractor, pulling a six foot brush hog, drives onto the DeSoto property, ready to put his commitment to TeenLife Challenge of Dallas into action. Again, thanks!



THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT... OF TIME!

We could stuff a stocking many yards long and numerous feet wide – with thanks for all who gift their time - to minister in the ministry of TeenLife Challenge of Dallas.



TEEN LIFE: NOEL, NOEL...

If you are interested in having the TeenLife Challenge Choir at your church, please call our administrative office at (214) 824-6181.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

My family was faithful in taking me to church. But I was not content with the numerous gifts of time and teaching people willingly offered to meet my needs. I was looking for “things” to satisfy the hunger in my heart, mind and spirit. On Sundays my mask of “Christianity” went on, but during the week I was anything but faithful to the teaching I had been offered. At last, my “double life” caught up with me and I got in trouble with the law. My parents, being the loving Mom and Dad they had always been, let me know that a change had to take place and they encouraged me to get connected with Teen Challenge. Wow! My parents were right again. The Teen Challenge road they steered me to take has meant a life-transforming experience for all of us. I am the most joyful I have ever been, which translates into the family being less stressed than ever before. I am a life that's been changed. - Clint

Three months sober and counting, without alcohol and without drugs. A gift beyond measure! I realize now that knowing the Lord has begun a good thing in my heart and soul. He desires that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance. I am encouraged to know that the months can become years, not just of sobriety, but of growing as a believer. I am excited that my relationship with Jesus has helped restore not just my mind, body and spirit, but also the relationship with my family. I look forward to continuing to grow and living in God's purpose for my life. - Taylor

I have witnessed God's amazing and greatest gift first hand. “Joy.” He has touched my life with joy, and has completely restored my family – we are closer than ever before. I give God all the praise and glory. Psalm 30:11 “You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy.” NLT - Jim

From the Staff and Students of TCC



"Hark!" can you hear the angels singing... "another life has been redeemed because of what I've learned from the Word of God over the past 7 months as a resident of TeenLife Challenge. Anyone who has known me has been amazed at the incredible transformation. I have been held accountable, and this has provided the platform for growth that I hadn't known before. - Jose

For the first time in my life, I have been renewed in my heart, soul, and mind because I have learned that the baby who came 2010 years ago is truly "God", and his Word has much to say to me. The support and encouragement of the staff, as well as those who have grown through the program, has helped me to learn the tools for overcoming life-controlling problems. Now I have goals because I am now a child of God. - John

Prior to coming into the TeenLife Challenge program, my life was in complete disarray. I absolutely hated the Bible and discredited belief in the existence of hell. As a matter of fact, I was agnostic, leaning toward atheist. My problem occurred due to excessive drug use - Read that - DRUGS OF MULTIPLE TYPES. But, now my multiple is in the many ways I am learning to serve my Lord and Savior and others, because Teen Challenge has taught me through the Word of God how then shall I live. I am changed, and my attitude has changed dramatically toward God, the Creator of all. And I KNOW there is a Heaven to gain and a hell to shun! - Ryne

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TEENLIFE CHALLENGE: BUILDING A FUTURE ONE FOOT AT A TIME



YES!
I WANT TO BE YOUR HANDS AND (SQUARE) FEET!

YES! I would like to help build the TeenLife Challenge Men's center with:

- \$750 (10 Sq. **FEET**) over the next 12 Months
- \$1,500 (20 Sq. **FEET**) over the next 12 Months
- \$2,250 (30 Sq. **FEET**) over the next 12 Months
- \$3,000 (40 Sq. **FEET**) over the next 12 Months
- \$7,500 (100 Sq. **FEET**) over the next 12 Months



OR
 \$ _____ each month over the next 12 _____ Months
 (or more)
OR
 \$ a one-time gift of \$ _____.

Name: _____
 Church / Organization: _____
 Church / Org. Ph#: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Ph# (Home): _____ Ph# (Cell): _____

ONE FOOT



THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT...

Every \$75 buys "A FOOT" toward the COMPLETION OF OUR PERMANENT HOME. Multiply that times three (3), and we buy "A YARD" toward the completion. We won't insult your intelligence by doing the math; we know you can and will do your part, and for that we are VERY THANKFUL!

THRIFT STORE: GIFTS COME IN ALL SHAPES & SIZES

TLC would like to thank all of those who have already volunteered. There are still opportunities available for you to contribute. Here's how:

PROCEDURES:

1. Call 214-824-6181.
2. Must have at least 6 adults for special sale times.
3. No child under 16 years old without their adult family member.
4. Possibilities for small group sales anytime except Saturday and Sunday afternoons after 12:00 pm.
5. Need two weeks advance notice.
6. Can have coffee for your shopping pleasure.



HOW TO GET SOMEONE INTO TEEN LIFE CHALLENGE:

1. Call 214/824-6181.
2. Request an appointment.
3. Over 70 miles from Dallas - Need to order an Application Packet.
4. Request your local Pastor visit with the prospective student.
5. Assist the family with the interview.

WANTED...

An Eight Passenger Sleigh. Low Mileage Preferably.



CHECK THIS TWICE

Wish List

In addition to **PRAYING** for our guys at TeenLife Challenge, you might be interested in TLC's Wish List. Would you consider helping with one of the following needs?

- Groceries for 1 month
- Gas for 1 month
- Utilities for 1 month
- 3 Lawn mowers for the Ranch
- Newsletter expense for 1 month

You may also consider providing building supplies for the new DeSoto facility, such as:

- 400 sq. ft. of 35 year shingles, top quality @ \$80.00 per. sq.
- 2700 sheets 5/8" sheetrock
- Lots of PVC pipe & fittings
- Windows
- Electrical Wiring
- Heating & A/C Units
- Paint

If you have a service you think would be beneficial / you would like to donate to TeenLife Challenge, Please contact us (214) 824-6181



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TEEN CHALLENGE OF DALLAS



HOLIDAY SHOPPING GIVES TO TLC WITH ALBERTSONS SHOPPING CARDS

By using your Albertsons Community Partner Shopping Card, you will receive discounts on selected items, and TLC will receive a donation from Albertsons of 1% of all your purchases. We have key tags available upon request, or you can clip out and use the scan above. For more information, call the TLC office at 214-824-6181.



GIVE GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS / OTHER WAYS U CAN HELP:

- Monetary Contributions
- Non-Cash Gifts
- Vehicles: Cars, Trucks, Boats, RVs Motor Homes, Vans, Motorcycles, Travel Trailers, Mobile Homes
- Property / Real Estate
- Sam's Gift Cards
- Grocery Showers
- Household and personal items for 100+ residential students
- Schedule our students to participate in your activities
- Request a representative or student to speak
- Have your Pastor schedule a choir for a service