

2010 YEAR END REPORT

Teen Challenge of Arkansas is a faith based recovery program that helps people address life controlling problems. We accomplish this through religious and educational programs designed to meet the specialized needs of individuals who feel they need focused help to overcome these problems. Teen Challenge of Arkansas is in it's 40th year of ministry. The success of Teen Challenge of Arkansas ministry is accomplished through a balanced team consisting of directors, administration, ministerial staff, support services, interns and extended training programs.

Students



God has performed miraculously in the lives of so many throughout this last year. We inducted 205 men into our program. Sixty-five (65) of these men completed the Induction Phase in Hot Springs, and were promoted to the Training Phase in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. We have had the honor of watching approximately 118 make a commitment Christ, of which 70 followed in water baptism. The construction of our GED room was completed, however, the GED Program has been postponed while we await the proper and adequate personnel to get the program up and running in full swing. Our work study program operates an average of three and a half hours a day. The focus of our work program is to teach a work ethic, not a job skill. The work program is

divided into four categories. Program operation (such as food service and laundry); Industries (such as lawn crew over the summer); Home Assistance (such as home owners scheduling workers for yard work, etc.); and Community Service.

Community Service Activities

- Helped Senior Olympics in all of their sports functions (about 200 hours per event - basketball, softball, and track events) - approximately 600 hours.
- Helped with various fitness and bike trails by providing construction and project trail maintenance - close to 250 hours of work.
- Provided race course volunteers for several races (Spa 10K; Attila the Hun; Lake Degray Triathlon, etc.) - 750 hours.
- Rotary Club for their Flea Market Sales - 100 hours.
- Art Blast - 48 hours.
- Set up Lake Hamilton Junior High.. Gymnastic tournament - 30 hours.
- Christmas caroling on Christmas day at Garland county nursing homes and Juvenile detention center - 225 hours.
- Assisted with local bridge tournaments - The Arlington Hotel, Lake DeGray Resort and Hot Springs Village Tournaments - 320 hours.
- Assisted Hot Springs Police in distribution of Christmas boxes - 30 hours.
- DeGray Lake SAILS play day - 96 hours.
- Relay for Life Cancer Walk - 90 hours
- General assistance for people in and around Garland County / Downtown Merchant Association Cook- Off - 80 hours
- Big Dam 100 - 380 hours

Due to key personnel changes, two of our outreaches -Street Reach and Voices From the Dead- were cancelled. We are hopeful that both of these programs will resume in 2011. Our prison ministry is still going strong. Below are descriptions of our outreach ministries.



Street Reach

During the month of July, we conduct eight **Street Reach**, summer street camps. Our team visits two locations where an average of fifty participants in both locations join in songs, scripture memorization and small groups. In response, many children respond to an invitation to accept Christ as their Savior.

Voices From The Dead

Our substance abuse prevention program, **Voices from the Dead**, is one of our most powerful prevention programs. Students from Teen Challenge take the responsibility of “just say no!” very seriously. When confronted with children who may or may not be experimenting with drugs, our men take pride in unveiling the lies that they themselves once believed about drugs. “I hope the story of my tragic choices will help at least just one young man out there to say no. If I can do that, I know I will sleep better”...Caleb (2009 Teen Challenge Graduate).

Ouachita River Unit - Arkansas Department of Corrections

The prison ministry has flourished this past year. With the Arkansas Department of Corrections approval, a separate dorm was opened for inmates to fully participate in the Teen Challenge program from inside the prison. Meetings are held 5 days a week with an average of 40 attendees a month. Completion numbers have risen throughout the year from 5 to 26. We have also had the honor of performing a second year of baptisms from inside the facility. As a result of these expansions, 7 inmates gave their lives to Christ through water baptism.



2010 Updates

- In spite of some key personnel changes this year, the Spa 10k went very well. The Spa10k is a local Hot Springs race that benefits Teen Challenge of Arkansas. We assist with the organization of the race itself and with course management during the race.
- The holidays were fabulous! We had a large number of families get involved over the holidays - both in attendance and in helping with food and student sponsorships for Christmas.
- We have accepted four new members to our board. We are excited to see the impact and gift that each one has on the program.
- We have celebrated consistently high numbers in graduating students - our Thanksgiving graduation saw 12 students say their goodbyes as they continued their journey to Cape Girardeau, MO.
- In December we partnered with the Hot Springs Village Rotary Club for our 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast/Vintage Mall Sale. This proved to be a great partnership and we hope to see this event grow into a tradition with them.

Conclusion

The progresses that we see throughout the year are a result of your generousities! Your gifts help tear down the bridge between the student and their addictions, and builds the bridge between the student and Christ! Thank you for that. Thank you for taking hold of both and creating a place where new lives can come forth, grow and strengthen. It is our honor to be able to witness these miracles! **Please continue to consider us in the coming year. We pray you have a great 2011!**