

Empowering Young People For Life

Teen Challenge NZ VISION ACADEMY

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Teen Challenge endeavours to rescue young people from the drug epidemic in this nation, and empower them to live life to the full. Teen Challenge is a community centered on Christian values, an environment that challenges each individual. Teen Challenge also aims to be a resource centre with the purpose of equipping schools, communities and families with the "say no to drugs" message. Vocationally we aim to assist and release these young men into their future namely through, job skills, literacy and community work. **The work here is vital.**

I encourage you to partner with us to reach our nation and community, especially our youth. We are believing for 100 people to partner with Teen Challenge. A "partner" commits to giving as little as \$10 a week, to support the work of this ministry.

I look forward to future opportunities. Our endeavours to see the centre grow, encourage our men to reach their potential, build the Teen Challenge profile throughout the nation and support the fundraising events, promises to be a full and exciting 2007.

Keep believing for God's best!

Pastor Daniel Paikea
National Executive Director

Upcoming Events Mark these in your calendar now!



August 2007

Teen Challenge Celebration Dinner, featuring guest speaker **Eroni Clarke**, former NZ all black. Eroni played for the all blacks from 1992-1998 he currently works with sports people through quantum sports. More details coming soon to our website or email tcddinner@teenchallenge.org.nz

October 2007

Teen Challenge bike ride "**Take up the Challenge**", Manfield Park, Manawatu. Find out how you can be involved by emailing tcbikeride@teenchallenge.org.nz

www.teenchallenge.org.nz



Testimony: Being Set Free From a Destructive Lifestyle

My name is Ben, I have been in Teen Challenge NZ for 9 months. I was brought up in a Christian home in Warkworth. My father was a teacher and my mum stayed home looking after us. I had a stable upbringing with lots of love and good friends, like most other young people I guess. In third form I went from the top class at school, to living in a remote house in the country about 45 minutes out of Christchurch. I stopped applying myself and developed a bad attitude and my schooling suffered. I started rebelling and hanging out with the wrong crowd.

I began drinking alcohol at the age of 14 and smoking marijuana when I was 15 and in 2004 3 days before my 16th Birthday I was arrested for stealing a car, carrying a knife and breaking and entering. My life was in chaos. Over the next few years my chronic drug and alcohol use caused me to fail polytech due to poor attendance, I was fired from most of my jobs, and I ended up with 11 more convictions. I was on police curfew, had many hospital visits, and nights in police cells. I was into all the drugs I could get my hands on.

The courts said I would get a suspended sentence if I attended rehabilitation, a friend's father found Teen Challenge online. I came into Teen Challenge and rediscovered my relationship with God and he has helped me ever since I realize I am still not perfect and have made mistakes since being in Teen Challenge but I know that God is changing me from the inside out and I am looking forward to what the future may hold. I am extremely thankful for my supportive family, God and Teen Challenge NZ.



Ben, before and after joining Teen Challenge New Zealand.



Ps Don Wilkerson with National Executive Director Daniel Paikea and his wife Clare.

TC Highlights

- Ps Don Wilkerson Co-Founder of global TC officially opened Teen Challenge NZ followed by a celebration dinner.
- New staff member Lyndon Tonga.
- Student numbers steadily increasing.
- Our students played a part in a recent drama which had 104 people respond to Christ.
- Some of our students went on a fishing trip to the Kaipara Harbour courtesy of Grace Charters.
- Our students attended a great men's camp "Brave Men" and were greatly impacted.



Terry, Lyndon and Allan fishing at the Kaipara Harbour.



Ps Russell Williams (left) and Teen Challenge students before the recent production that saw 104 people respond to Christ.



We need your help! YES! I'd like to financially invest into this vital Programme. **Gifts of \$5 and over are tax deductible.** To make a financial donation to Teen Challenge, simply fill in this form and post it to us at P0 Box 544, Feilding, New Zealand.

I would like to support Teen Challenge with a **one time** donation of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

I would like to partner with Teen Challenge and commit to a **monthly** donation of:

\$25 \$40 \$100 \$ _____

My donation will be made by the following method:

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Card Num _____ Expiry ____ / ____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Your donation will help Teen Challenge to empower young people for life.