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Newsletter

# “...I began mainlining heroin.”

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My name is Lora Guffey. I am 24 years old and from Rockford, Illinois.

My parents raised my younger sister and me to be very involved in church. Although I went to a public school, most of my social life involved church friends and activities.

I tried out for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading squad. Even though I was awkward and self-conscious, I made the squad and started spending more time with my school friends and their influences.

I started smoking cigarettes and stealing alcohol from my friends' parents. This quickly led to other more dangerous situations.

At 16, I became pregnant, had a miscarriage, and attempted suicide. At this time my parents divorced.

By this time I was a weekend binge drinker, had started smoking pot, and had stopped going to church. Over the next eight years, I struggled tremendously. I sold drugs, battled with homosexuality, had physically abusive relationships and was arrested three times.

I got a job working as a pharmacy technician and became addicted to pain killers. My habit quickly progressed and I began mainlining heroin. For three years I used heroin and suffered greatly.

I came to Teen Challenge a very sick, broken, desperate young lady. Since being here, I have renewed my personal relationship with Jesus Christ and I am learning to live as a new creation through him!

In the last four months my family has been restored, I've regained my health, and the three felony charges I previously faced have been dismissed.

Today I am standing on the promise that the Lord has an awesome plan for my life and I am actually excited about living to see it happen!!

*Laura just graduated from the induction phase here in Milwaukee. She is on her way to second phase in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Please pray for her as she continues through phase two.*



# Noteworthy:

- **Golf Outing:** Tom Pipines, Fox 6 Sports Director will be our host again this year at our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Scramble Golf Outing.
- The outing will be held on May 22, 2003 at the Silver Spring Golf Course located in Menomonee Falls. For more information or to register contact Judy at 414/466-4415. This year we hope to have approximately 175 attend this charity event.



- **2003 Phone-A-Thon:** Our annual phone-a-thon is in full swing with students contacting you, our faithful supporters, to ask if you would renew your monthly pledge of support for 2003.



*We so appreciate your help. Without your pledges we would not be able to help men and women gain freedom from addiction to life controlling substances.*

*During our phone-a-thon please consider sharing any prayer requests with our residents or staff. It is a privilege for us to be able to talk with you our supporters.*



- **Our Biggest Class Ever!** Ten students graduated this month. They are Eric Webster, Jo-Ann Doss, Mike Burch, Kathleen McCabe, Todd Truss, Lora Duffey, Susan Edwards, Samuel Smith, Jim Temple, and Jose Hernandez.

*We were very privileged to have John Treiber from the Stackner Foundation join us for this recent graduation celebration.*