



**August 10, 2003
Newsletter**

“While in the county jail I heard about Teen Challenge!”

- by Roger Eppler

Hi, my name is Roger Eppler. I am a Cherokee Indian from Racine, Wisconsin.

I grew up in a big family. I am the youngest of nine. Drugs, alcohol, and parties - that's all life was to me – one big party. My Dad was rarely home because he had to work so much to support us all. My mom had all she could do to keep us fed and clothed.

By the time I was 12, I was smoking, drinking, and smoking marijuana. My sisters were all younger than me. My brothers were all older and had no time for me.

So, at 12 years old, I left home and ran away to Woodstock.

I was gone for about a month. When I got home, no one even seemed to care where I had been so I just came and went as I pleased.

At 16 I met this wonderful girl and we went together for almost a year. We were in a car accident and she was killed instantly. I came out without a scratch or a mark on me. God was looking out for me but I didn't think so. Why would He take her away from me?

At 19, I got married and had three beautiful daughters who are now all grown up. Their mother and I divorced and I started all over again with the drinking, drugs, living with one girl for awhile then moving on to another.

This went on for about eight years until I finally had no place to go so I tried suicide. Again, God was there.

“I ended up in jail with nowhere to turn except prison.”

I was in the county jail when I heard about Teen Challenge from a fellow inmate. Ever since that day, God has done so many things for me. All the charges against me have been dropped. Every day just seems to get better.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 says that “we do not lose heart though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.” This is the promise which sustains me now.

Roger just recently finished phase one here Milwaukee. He is now in the second phase of the program in Dallas, Texas.





2003 BANQUET NEWS!

✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

You are invited to our 20th Anniversary Banquet and Auction to be held October 16th 2003 at the Midwest Express Center in Downtown Milwaukee. Please consider:

- ***Purchasing a table and bringing family or friends. This year we hope to sell 100 tables.***
- ***Donating an item for the auction. Examples of items can be:***

Works of Art - Gift Baskets

Sports Memorabilia of any kind

Trips - Time Shares - Vacation Packages

Lawn Equipment

Vehicles of any kind

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