

February 2010

Executive Director
Pastor Jeff Turner

Upcoming Events!

2/5/2010- LTC Graduation

at Calvary A/G

2/21/2010- Rally

at First U/B 11 am

2/23/2010- Rally at VOA

@11:30am

2/28/2010- Rally at Ionia First

A/G @ 10:30am

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Lansing Teen Challenge

Holy Grounds Coffee

Coffee 'n Christ- From the Village to the Cup

Holy Grounds Coffee is one of the many successful outreach ministries at Lansing Teen Challenge. Holy Grounds hopes to capture the essence of what God put in the bean via on-site roasting and state of the art packaging. The Father created coffee as the most complex food known to man. Over four-hundred flavor constituents and the chemical transformations that actually occur during the roasting process still under debate. To some, roasting is considered an art. The delicate balance of time, temperature, bean density/moisture and attaining a desired flavor profile is like dancing with the bean. Seconds can change a grade A into a lesser product and miscalculations into burnt offerings.

Holy Grounds Coffee offers a wide selection of products including fresh roasted coffees from the Americas, the Pacific and Africa. God placed coffee in Ethiopia and man has transplanted throughout the tropics. Flavored coffees, world class tea and herbals are also available. Holy Grounds offers wholesale pricing and private labeling to customers. For those interested in education on-site or off, information classes on the basics of brewing can be arranged. These classes are tons of fun and kept simple as well. You don't have to be a coffee guru to know what a good cup of joe tastes like.

Our future goals include opening a store front location that is more than a coffee shop, but rather a place to cup, fellowship, and share. The store would offer food and special events like music, open mic and guest speakers that add to the Body of Christ.

Look out for the under development website and get on the e-mail list for the latest news that God continuously blesses LTC with. If you're in the neighborhood and would like to stop by for beverages and insight or if you are interested in any of our products and services, just give a call to Ray or Kit at (517) 484-6050 ext. 26.



Our coffee men Kit and Ray (from left to right) showing off their coffee display at last year's Festival of Trees event.

Graduate Testimony

My name is Marco. I am 23 years old and I am from Youngstown, Ohio. I came in to the doors of Lansing Teen Challenge on January 21st, 2009 helpless, hopeless and homeless. I grew up in a great catholic family with two loving and caring parents who been married for 30 years and are both non alcoholics. We went to church every Sunday until I got a little older, in my teens and started to rebel. While growing up I had a great childhood and was really involved in sports. Sports were my love. But once I turned 15, I started experimenting with drinking and smoking pot. When I turned 18, the sports were over and it was time to get a job, go to college and start my life. I was a very hard worker but I always partied twice as hard.

Smoking pot and drinking was my thing until I got introduced to pills. Pills led to heroin, which eventually led to more cheating, stealing, lying, conning, manipulating and hurting others. I stopped caring about my family, my friends and most importantly, myself. I didn't care about anything other than getting another fix. I couldn't show up on time for work and no one trusted me. I dropped out of college and I started stealing anything I can get my hands on. On January 18th, 2008 I tried to kill my brother and myself by smashing into a wall on I-680 going 64 mph and only walked away with a few scratches, a stiff neck and some broken bones. I figured if I was going to take my life, I might as well try and take my brothers too because he's the one who introduced me to pills and heroin. That was how the devil had me thinking in my crazy mind.

When I came to Lansing Teen Challenge the devil had his foot on my neck and then I cried out to Jesus. He came and broke the devils leg and my mind got renewed. I was in desperate need of change and ready to do whatever it took. I accepted Jesus in to my life and he took away all that guilt and shame and filled me with love, peace and joy. My family has been truly restored, who at one point said they wanted nothing to do with me. My brother ended up graduating Detroit Life Challenge, and is living for Jesus today also. I just want to thank God for Lansing Teen Challenge because I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for Teen Challenge. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Bill have all played a huge part of my life to get me where I am today. I have not yet arrived but I know I'm not the man I used to be. Upon graduation in February, I will return home to intern at the Warren Family Mission to assist individuals who are struggling with addictions. I feel this will be a great opportunity for me to help those in similar situations as my own.

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will rest in the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

LEFT: Marco on the left and an after picture on the right with his parents.



LTC is still \$60,000 short for our Sisters' Maternity Center Building Fundraiser Project. Please donate to help our women and babies move into their new home today! To donate, please call Rich at (517) 484-6050 ext. 10.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sowing Seed in the Missions Field in Your Own Back Yard

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

I WANT TO HELP LTC/SISTERS MATERNITY CENTER BY:

(Check all that apply)

- Enclosing a **One-Time Investment** of:
 - \$500.00 \$250.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$ _____
- Please designate my gift for use in the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund
- Sponsoring a Student** with **Monthly Support** of:
 - \$500.00 \$250.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$ _____
- Supporting the annual **Sisters Maternity Center Golf Scramble** by:
 - Sponsoring the Event Sponsoring a Hole Playing in the Scramble Donating Prizes
- Making a gift of **Appreciated Property**.
- Establishing a **Charitable Giving Plan**.
- Remembering LTC/Sisters in my **Will** or **Trust**.
- Donating a Vehicle** (running or non-running).
- Donating a Needed Item**. Please provide me a list of specific needs.
- Using LTC's Labor Services** (construction, woodshop, and general labor) for donation.
- Using LTC's Catering Services** for donation.
- Purchasing LTC's Holy Grounds Coffee**.
- Volunteering** my time and talent.

PLEASE PROVIDE ME INFORMATION

- Someone I care about needs the **prayer** or assistance of LTC/Sisters.
- Please contact me**. I would like to speak to someone who can provide additional information on my ministry options and the tax benefits of charitable giving.