

Teen Challenge Update

Colfax Training Center

September, 2008

It's Here: 11th Annual Golf Marathon

Finally! It was a fast-paced, action-packed, one-hundred holes of fun-filled golf. On September 15th, we descended on Willow Creek Golf Course in West Des Moines to raise funds, build relationships and have fun to help Teen Challenge.

Conducting an event of this magnitude is definitely not done in a vacuum. We owe a huge thank you to Valley Bank, who helped us kick this off with a significant gift. Iowa Telecom chipped in to help us move forward in a big way and Purcell Printing & Graphics helped as well. Dan Livengood, with Spartan Promotional Group, Inc. brought it all together visually by designing our event logo. With everyone working together, our total raised is close to \$ 90,000!

Here are other businesses who contributed to our success:

- American Abstract & Title
- First Assembly of God, DM
- Synergy Foods
- AQ Allstate Pest Control
- Granger Motors
- The Dental Practice, Newton
- Atlantic Bottling
- Kalona Organics
- Two Men and a Truck
- C&S Hay & Cattle
- Lutz Pharmacy, Altoona
- Vermeer Manufacturing
- Coburn Car Center
- Metro Auto Sales
- Weitz Corporation
- Community Heights Alliance Church
- Papa Georgio's, Colfax
- West Central Auto Auction
- Consolidated Management
- Point of Grace Church
- Westwind Church, Waukee
- Consumer Credit of DM
- Radio Iowa
- Wrench N' Go
- Cornerstone Church, Ames
- Realm, Inc.
- Vermeer Manufacturing
- Davidson Family Dentistry
- Simonson & Assoc. Architects
- DENCO Highway Construction
- Spartan Promotional Group, Inc.
- Des Moines Auto Auction
- Speedpro Imaging, Grimes Church

WHO Radio's Van & Bonnie, with help from Mark Allen, were there to broadcast live and Van & Mark took turns in the suit of armor and lobbing shots at each other in a closest-to-the-pin contest. The grand prize was a 32" HDTV from Stogdill's TV and Appliance. We also had three winners of a GPS device, three winners of an Apple iPod, and three winners of a \$125 gas card. Incentives and prizes were made possible by our friends at Iowa Telecom.



Mark Allen with Van & Bonnie



Mark Allen WHO Radio

It was fun with a purpose – to have people spend time with our staff and students, seeing first-hand the impact Christ is having in their lives. Thanks again to everyone who made this possible and we're looking forward to the 12th annual golf marathon in 2009!



Guests and Golfer's



Finally, thank you to the golfers who raised pledges as well as the donors who pledged their financial support.

Set Free: A Testimony of God's Saving Grace



When I was really young I moved out of my parent's house. I was deeply involved in the street life, sin in other words. At that age I had no concept of work. But because I longed for personal fulfillment and material gain I began a deep

decent into the dark life of heavy drug dealing and use. In that lifestyle all I found was hopelessness and an unprecedented amount of death and destruction; it was all around me.

After many run-ins with the police I finally wound up with a felony charge in the state of Florida. While I was sitting in a Missouri county jail waiting for the State to officially file multiple charges against me. The most serious charge in Missouri was carrying a mandatory minimum of 3 years and maximum of 17 years. At this point hope was a hard commodity to come by, it didn't exist.

Once I was released from jail I went to a court appointed rehab. Shortly after completing it I was right back into dealing and using drugs. Someone suggested that I consider going to Teen Challenge, so I decided to give it a try. After all, under the conditions of my bond I could not return home to Florida until I was done with court in Missouri.

I decided to go ahead and give Teen Challenge a chance. As soon as I walked in the doors I felt something weird I couldn't put my finger on. I now know that it was the love of Jesus Christ being expressed through the staff and other students. I look back now and can see that God had His hand on my life long before I got to Teen Challenge. The Lord has done wonders in my life. I talk to my parents regularly and I hear them say things like, "We're proud of you." Things I haven't heard them say since I was about 15. However and more importantly I have discovered Jesus Christ and His love for all of us. I am currently in the Emerging Leaders Program which is allowing me to further my passionate pursuit of the Lord. My court situations have been resolved, something both of my lawyers thought to be pretty much impossible. The Lord has done great and awesome things in my life; He has shown me grace and mercy and granted me true spiritual and physical freedom. All I can do is thank Him for everything He has and is going to do in my life.

Dan Mohler at Neck Ministries coming to TC

On November 13th, Dan Mohler from Neck Ministries will be joining us in our Colfax facility.

The mission of Neck Ministries is to connect the body of Christ with it's head, Jesus Christ. Their aim is to help believers experience the transformational love of God and use their God-given gifts to spread the good news of the kingdom to the world.

Dan Mohler began his ministry only two and a half years after coming to the Lord. After serving as an associate pastor for 8.5 years, he now travels, sharing the transforming power of the gospel in a way that leaves others changed forever.

His passionate quest for intimacy with God has given Dan a powerful revelation on who we truly are in Christ and what our mission is here on earth as believers. His inspirational messages on redemption

penetrate the hearts of believers and motivate them to live righteous, compassionate lives. His passion is to see the love of God reverse the effects of sin and sickness in the world and train others to reproduce the works of Jesus in their every day lives. Dan has seen the power of God heal countless diseases, including cancer, AIDS, hepatitis C, leukemia, stroke, and many more. Dan's absolute confidence in Christ's redemptive power and his ability to walk in humility allow him to minister God's love in a way that crosses all denominational boundaries. He preaches and lives the pure gospel, and as scripture promises, healings, signs and wonders follow.

Dan will be with us for two sessions at 10:00am and 6:30pm. If you'd like more information, contact Bob Larson at b.larson@tcmid.org or (515) 674-3713.

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