

Teen Challenge Update

Teen Challenge of Nebraska

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Omaha Interns Step up to the Plate

Our Omaha Interns have really stepped up to the plate. After completing the three phases of our twelve month program, three of our men, Bob Becker, Shane Rupe, and Sonny Ashworth have stayed on as interns.

All three of our interns work full-time jobs outside of their ministry commitment. They live at our Re-Entry center and work at the center during the evening and the weekends when our students are home from their jobs (all Re-Entry students work during the day and are home in the evenings and on the weekends). The interns are available for questions and prayer, they coordinate group prayer times, Bible studies, and educational classes, and they share a list of additional responsibilities.

These men feel a calling from the Lord to Teen Challenge and to the vision of this ministry. They are a blessing to our students and have blessed the Lord through their service. Thank you for all you do!



Shane Rupe, Intern



Sonny Ashworth, Intern



Bob Becker, Intern

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Set Free: A Testimony of God's Saving Grace

Coming from a small western Nebraska town, and the peaceful 80 acre center in Colfax, IA, Omaha has proved to be quite a change of pace. To be quite honest, I was rather intimidated the first day I came to the Re-Entry house on the corner of the busy Maple and Radial intersection. I prayed and said, "God be with me every step of the way because I can't do this on my own. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Him that gives me strength." I have found this to be very true.



Adam, Re-Entry student

When I was able to go out and start looking for a job, I had the blessing of learning how to use the public transportation system. After getting lost several times and working my guardian angels over time to keep me from getting squashed by oncoming traffic, I finally learned how to get around.

God opened up the door for me to work at a sporting goods store. I work in the lodge selling hunting, fishing, and camping equipment. It has been a blessing for me to work there. I have lots of experience with the outdoors, and Christ has been working through me to minister to my co-workers.

God is so amazing! What's so cool to me is to look back and see how faithful God is and the things He has prepared and is preparing me for. There have been times at both the Colfax center and here in Omaha that I have gone through trials and struggles, and I didn't understand why. What I have learned from that is when you rely on God to bring you through those times, it produces some-

thing inside of you that nothing other than that specific trial could have brought about. In 2 Cor . 12:10 it says that when we are weak, that is when God is the strongest in

our lives. I'm beginning to see this scripture in a new light as I apply it. I can see the results in my relationship with Christ. I continue to press in and embrace the trials of this life for what they are, to produce patience and strengthen my faith. I know as I continue to do this, God will use me as a light to minister to those around me.

The Lord has blessed me with a gift in music. It is something I have excelled in most of my life, and I enjoy it very much. Before I came to Teen Challenge there were times I felt deep down inside a song and a melody that wanted to come out, but never understood what it meant. Now that I have a relationship with Christ, He has begun to speak to me about what this is. God wants me to use my testimony, gifts, and talents to bless others and to build and strengthen His body.

It is very exciting living your life for Christ and watching His plans take shape in your life. I look to the future with hope and anticipation for the work that Christ will do through me. When I complete Teen Challenge in Omaha, I believe God is going to place me where I can be used, and He will give wings to that song in my heart in order to minister to and bless others. One thing I have learned is that living your life for Christ is like a great adventure, each day I wake up excited to see where God will lead me next.