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### Baltimore Abuse:

- More than 1 in 8, or 80,000 residents need alcohol or drug treatment.
- Heroin use is 15 times the national average.
- Crack cocaine use is rampant.
- Gov. estimates \$2.5 billion cost of abuse in Baltimore.
- Second highest murder rate in US.

### Teen Challenge Grads vs Secular Program Grads:

- Most successful recovery graduates in US, 86% vs. 7%.
- 72% continue education or voc. training.
- 90% employed after 2 years vs. 41%.
- 92% report good health vs. 59%.

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## A Life Redeemed, the Story of House Intern Juan Delgado



Juan Delgado is the new TC Intern responsible for leading worship and assisting the Coordinator in discipling the students at the Center. The versatile singer, songwriter and rapper has walked the hard road to get to this place in his life. Juan is a native of Puerto Rico who grew up in a Christian home in Bridge-

port, CT. As a teenager he rebelled against his mother's religion and feelings of loneliness and rejection the "Christian" label brought him. He began smoking pot in high school and by the middle of his junior year was out of control. His mother sent him to his father in Puerto Rico, but that didn't help in his search for a meaningful life, despite several attempts to find direction. Juan fell into heroin addiction and soon

lost thirteen years in a drug-induced wasteland. Juan recommitted his life to Jesus in March of '09, and graduated from "The Mountain" in April '10.

One of Juan's favorite scriptures is Job 42:5 "I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you."



## House and Intake Coordinator Alex Degrasse Moves into Apartment with Family



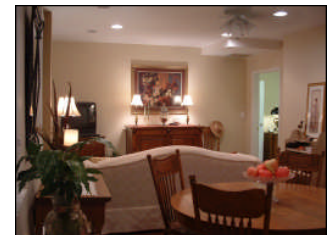
Alex Degrasse is a 1991 graduate of Teen Challenge. After nine months of only occasional visits with his wife and son during the Induction Center start-up, you can bet Alex is glad they could move into the resident apartment in the Center.

Wife Angel and son Isaiah, age three, are glad to be settled in together at last. They are all trusting God to complete the good work he has begun in Alex as he provides strong and stable

leadership to incoming men. He has assumed his role with joy and integrity, setting a good example for the younger men.

Alex and his wife have been married for about five years, but these New Jersey natives had no idea they would be on this journey together with Teen Challenge in Baltimore when they met and married. Angel was very active for God, having done family ministry in Kenya and Ghana, as well as having run a Christian dance school and a Boot Camp program for adolescents. Angel made significant career sacrifices when Alex decided to re-enter the Teen Challenge program to help him deal with some life issues that

needed tuning-up. After a six-month refresher course at Rehdersburg, Alex served on the staff for 18 months, until the Baltimore Center opened. He came here in September '09 for the opening, and his family moved in June this year. Alex displays a cheerful and ready smile and a patient but disciplined leadership style. We wish the whole family blessings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, along with success and every good gift.



Coordinator's Apartment



TC Induction Center

*“Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.” Prov. 9:9*

**Go and Make Disciples** — Matthew 28:19

The Potomac Street Center is now functioning as planned: 28 men were inducted in 2010 and nine have graduated from our four-month program. Of these, eight have been sent on to The Mountain, the second phase training in Rehrersburg, PA. One man, Calvin Carr, has graduated

from the second phase and is in third phase training in Connecticut for re-entry to normal life. At the present we have four local graduates attending the phase two training at The Mountain. We expect to graduate four men in the next three months and have a goal to

see approximately 30-40 local graduates in 2011.

Without your selfless help and financial support, we could do nothing, so we want to say a sincere thank you from all of the students and staff at TC Baltimore.

**Local Pastors and Leaders are Providing a Rich Teaching Resource**

The TC Induction Center is fortunate to have so many spiritual resources to draw from in and near this city. Numerous local pastors and leaders have volunteered to help teach the rigorous 15 week curriculum for new disciples entering their recovery. Each volunteer teaches for four days and conducts one day of testing.

Topic	Week	Pastor/Teacher
6: Growing Through Failure	Jan 3-6	Steve Kahn
7. Christian Practices	Jan 10-13	Prince Hayes
8. Obedience to God	Jan 17-20	Johnny Green
9. Obedience to Man	Jan 24-27	Paul Drost
10. Anger and Pers. Rights	Jan 31-Feb 3	Prince Hayes
11. How to Study the Bible	Feb 7-10	Tyrone Lucas
12. Love & Self-Acceptance	Feb 14-17	TBA

**God’s Purpose and Vision For Teen Challenge Baltimore**

**A New Beginning**  
Last year we re-established a Teen Challenge Induction Center in the Patterson Park area, with your generous support. Through our joint efforts, our goals of remodeling the center and staffing-up have been accomplished.

As we press forward toward having a local full-service Teen Challenge ministry in Baltimore, we ask you to continue your heartfelt support as we fulfill the purpose of God by rescuing and discipling lost souls from the

strongholds of Satan in this city: murder, rape, drugs, alcohol, gang violence, sexual and human trafficking, and property crimes.

**Our Vision For TC Baltimore**  
God willing, we will expand in stages, as God provides the staff and resources. Below is an outline of our current goals:

**Year 1 (Now):** Remodel and staff Induction Center, populate center with male clients through outreach and networks.

**Year 3:** Establish a second and larger building for Crisis Center and increased male bed count.

**Year 5:** Open Women’s and/or Adolescent Training Center and GED Certificate Program or Charter High School.

**Year 10:** Total Teen Challenge Ministry footprint including: Crisis Center, Drug and Alcohol Recovery, Counseling and Discipleship, Education and Vocational Training.

**Interested in Providing Student Scholarships?**

**Student Fees**

\$ 750 Induction Fee  
 \$ 400 Monthly Tuition  
 \$2,350 Total Student Fee\*

Estimated actual cost per student for the four-month induction phase is \$6,000

\* Many students require scholarships.

successful rehab program in America, while operating in the tradition of thrift, integrity, and efficiency.

Below are key cost figures, and a full financial statement is available on request.

**What Does it Cost per Man?**

It costs about \$1,500/mo per man to support the Teen Challenge program, or \$6,000 per man to fund our full four-month program. This means it costs about \$15,000 per month, or \$180,000 per year, at full capacity.

Many people like to know how their contribution is being used, or may want to sponsor specific items, such as nutrition, medical, clothing, or program tuition costs.

Teen Challenge is committed to providing the most

**How Do We Get Funds?**

Admissions:

\$ 750 Induction Fee  
\$1,600 (\$400/Mo.\*)  
 \$2,350 Each Student  
 (\$3,650 additional need)

Fundraising Events

Individuals

Monthly Support  
 One-Time Gifts  
 Scholarships  
 Gifts-in-Kind  
 Fundraising Participation

Church & Mission Orgs

Monthly Support  
 Offerings  
 Honorariums  
 Fundraising Sponsorships

\*Some scholarships from TC, home church or sponsor



Potomac Center Classroom

“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell.”  
 Evangelist C. T. Studd

*“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the Living.”  
 Psalm 27:13*

**2011 Calendar of Events:**

Below are the public events sponsored by Teen Challenge and its partners. Some dates are tentative until final reservations are made.

- February 26, Saturday. Annual Pancake Breakfast at Applebees Restaurant in Timonium, MD.
- January 15, 29; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 12, 26; April 9, 23 Sidewalk Sunday School Training.
- May 7, Saturday. Launch of Sidewalk Sunday School Ministry to inner-city pre-teens.
- May 23, Monday. Annual Golf Tournament at Country Club of Maryland, Towson, MD.
- Impact Baltimore: 3 Weeks of Baltimore-style Urban Evangelism in June, July & August.
  - June 25: Orientation and Outreach Training
  - June 27-July 2: First week of Outreach
  - July 10-16: Second week of Outreach
  - August 7-13: Third week of Outreach



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The Proven Cure For The Drug Epidemic

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## SPECIAL NEWS AND UPDATES:

### Pressing Toward the Mark

Our new induction center on Potomac Street has been in operation for a year now, and has accomplished its main objectives to date. Congratulations for building a place where men with life-controlling habits can begin their recovery!

#### Impact Baltimore 2010



A good start on turning this city upside-down for Christ was begun this summer with Impact Baltimore. Teen Challenge teamed

with local and visiting churches to tell the Good News on the mean streets, in the parks, and in the marketplaces. An estimated 250 volunteers shared with about 10,000 people on the streets and in outreaches in six city parks and various neighborhoods. We rejoice at 121 known decision prayers and uncounted prayers for deliverance, healing and provision. Many visiting groups and our TC members received great training in street evangelism.

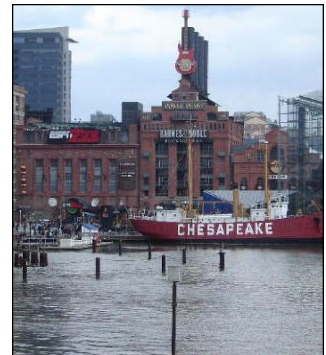
**2011—Can't Stop Now**  
The Impact Baltimore Orientation is planned for

June 25. Inner-city outreaches: June 27-July 2; July 10-16, August 7-13. Many local and out-of-state churches and ministries join to make this an effort that shakes the City by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sidewalk Sunday School

The new weekly pre-teen outreach to inner-city Baltimore is slated to launch Saturday, May 7, 2011. Planning and training meetings have begun and volunteers with zeal and vision are needed. Training meetings will be held twice-monthly on Saturdays at the TC Center from January—April.

We need committed core members for the first mobile truck-based stage, plus support staff.



**Baltimore's Inner Harbor—  
In One of America's Most  
Dangerous Cities**