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Dear Faithful Ones,

“Promise me one thing: that you will not quit the program until you have completed it!” So were my words to JG after paying for his induction fee into a nearby Teen Challenge program. JG had on his record several felonies and was arrested over 4 times by a close friend of mine who is an officer of the law in a neighboring county.

JG promised me he would complete what he started. To be completely honest, I was a bit dubious because entering the TC program meant he could delay the inevitable incarceration that awaited him. So, maybe his motivation wasn't to work on his own issues, but to escape imprisonment. Phrases like: “There are no atheists in fox holes!” came to mind. Nevertheless, a District Attorney and a local Judge agreed that rehabilitation was JG's best chance. So, off he went to TC.

That was nearly two years ago. I am happy, and a little bit proud, to report that JG kept his promise! He was 14 months in the TC center, 6 months in a re-entry program, and then served as a volunteer at another TC program. At this writing, he is attending a Teen Challenge Ministers Institute so he can devote his life to the work of God. In this process, he was also released from all of his legal woes by a Judge who could clearly see a remarkable change in JG's life.

This story is so typical of the thousands of stories of the men and women who complete our TC programs. Remarkably similar events occur around the globe in TC programs in over 125 countries – 40 of which are in our field in Europe. Worldwide, TC has tens of thousands of men and women in our programs. We all do what we do so that lives are changed just like JG's!

But, Teen Challenge doesn't change anyone's life. TC is simply a structure through which the Kingdom of God operates. It is the taught and applied principles of God's Kingdom that bring the change as described above in JG's life. Where the Kingdom of God is, there will be miraculous change! All of us who work in TC are witnesses of this!

Terry and I feel so privileged to serve in this ministry – now for well over 40 years. I often tell people: “I love my work; I get to see miracles every day!”

Each one of you has a part in this. We are so grateful for our faithful support team and we pray God's abundant blessing over each one of you. You are helping us create an environment where God's Kingdom can come!

Privileged to Serve,

Tom