

Empowering Young People For Life

Teen Challenge NOW IN NEW ZEALAND
TO GOD BE THE GLORY



The Inaugural Newsletter for Teen Challenge International, New Zealand

Since Teen Challenge's inception in 1958 by founder and author David Wilkerson, it has grown into arguably the largest and most successful drug and alcohol rehabilitation and training centres worldwide. There are currently over 440 Teen Challenge Centres in 81 nations and it has rescued and given thousands of youth a second chance at life.

On arriving here from Sydney, Australia, Clare and I have seen nothing short of the miraculous. Both Clare and I have been involved in Hillsong Church Sydney for the last 14 years where we met and eventually were married. Being under the Leadership of Pastor Brian Houston has been such a huge blessing and what has been invested in us we believe is for a much greater cause than ourselves.

From 1999 I have worked for Teen Challenge NSW, where I started out as a volunteer, then a case worker (mentor) and finally the last 2 years I spent in management. I resigned at Teen Challenge NSW, December of 2004. Knowing that God had called us to NZ, we packed up our belongings and sent them all here. Clare and I are blessed to have a beautiful little daughter Esther, and a wonderful son Joel who was born 3 weeks before our departure. What an adventure.



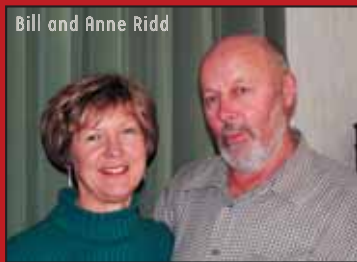
Teen Challenge New Zealand's Executive Director Daniel Paika with wife Clare and children Esther and Joel.

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The Story So Far...

We met with Bill and Anne Ridd who own a 8.5 hectare property at Cheltenham near Palmerston North, which they have graciously leased to other rehabilitation ministries over the last 20 years. They have a real heart and passion to see young people set free from all the addictions and related issues (depression, fatherlessness, family break-down and abuse of all forms) that has bombarded this generation. They are generously gifting



Bill and Anne Ridd

Teen Challenge half of the property, with an interest free loan for the other half and no principal due for the first 2 years. What a GREAT blessing.

Teen Challenge has been set up as a charitable trust with 9 trustees to help govern the ministry to ensure it becomes all that God has intended. We have had our Inaugural board meeting where everyone was encouraged with the progress of Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge's goal is to empower young people for life through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A great big THANK YOU to Ps Colin Day and his team from Palmerston North Central Baptist who has been to our centre on two occasions and worked tirelessly, you have been a blessing.



Our gratitude and thanks to Keith (right) and John (left) who have been cutting down a huge tree that covers half the homestead to allow sunlight and the warmth in. Chipper provided by Kevin Mulcahy from Electrix.

Our thanks go to the two couples who are living on site: Ron & Marge Newman, John & Pat Bradley who have faithfully served by looking after the gardens and grounds and the many other tasks such as meals for the working bees. Thanks also to Mike Hammond for his tireless work helping out with the renovations.

At the centre we are doing some major renovations on the men's accommodation, education facility and the beautiful homestead (for staff) to bring them up to standard. We are also preparing the curriculum that deals with the nature of addiction, and is all bible based.

Our plan is to take students from January, 2006. Teen Challenge is a Faith based ministry and needs the financial support of churches throughout New Zealand, the business community, and individual people who will partner with us in our goal to rescue the youth of New Zealand from the drug epidemic and empower them to live life to the full. We at Teen Challenge have many needs including: finance to complete the renovations (new carpet, paint, curtains, bathrooms, new furniture), new computers, garden/farm equipment, volunteers, support in prayer.

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\$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

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