

# NOVEMBER 2024



## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

**THIS IS A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES. WE GET TOGETHER AS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES OF FAITH TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER FOR A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST; BUT TRUTH BE TOLD, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR SO MUCH MORE, AREN'T WE?**

This act of gratitude is instrumental in our relationship with God as it reveals several things about our humility, faith, worship and appreciation towards the One who supplies all of our needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus.

“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We know that every situation placed in the hands of God will have a productive outcome. We may not enjoy the situation we’re in or it may not be authored by God, but placed in His hands, He can make all things work together for the good of those that love God and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Look at the Samaritan leper in Luke 17 who came back to give thanks to Jesus because he included him in a miracle, a miracle that saved his life. Nine other Jewish lepers had the same deadly disease and Jesus cleansed all ten of them. The big difference that Jesus recognized was that the cleansed Samaritan came back to give thanks.

Jesus addressed him and said, “Stand up and go, your faith has healed you” (Luke 17:9). The Greek here is important. The former leper was already cleansed physically but now Jesus declares the grateful Samaritan healed using the Greek word *sozo*, where we get the word, “saved”.

In this season and in every season, let’s be mindful to give God thanks for cleansing and salvation.

We want to say thank you to all of you for your prayers and contributions so we can continue to offer a discipleship program for those who want to be cleansed and saved and to develop their lives “in Christ with the hope and freedom that is found in Him”.

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## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### ◆ GIVING STATEMENTS

**STARTING JANUARY 2025**, Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge will move to paperless giving statements and receipts to better steward the resources God has entrusted to us. With this transition, giving statements (except year-end summaries) will only be sent via email, allowing us to focus funds directly on programs that change lives. To ensure you receive your giving statements, please provide us with your preferred email address if you haven’t done so already. We understand that not everyone is comfortable with digital communication and we want to ensure that all our supporters feel included.

Please contact us at [info@wm-tc.com](mailto:info@wm-tc.com) or 231.798.7927 to provide your preferred email information or to opt out of paperless statements.

### ◆ QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS

**WE WILL ALSO** be transitioning from monthly to quarterly newsletters at the start of the year. Please follow us on social media to stay updated with what is going on and be on the lookout for paper newsletters every few months.

Thank you for partnering with us in this new step toward effective stewardship and environmental responsibility!



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