



We returned from a wonderful time of training and ministry in Canada at the Greater Toronto Area Teen Challenge. We stayed at the program and were received with tremendous hospitality by the staff and students. The following describes the success of the training by numbers.

Success by Numbers in Canada

9 - Students & Staff Trained

40 - Hours of Training Provided

295 - Pieces of Handcrafted Jewelry Made

\$9,000 - Value of Jewelry produced during the training.

\$2,230 - Amount of Jewelry sold* their first day of sales at two nearby churches.

*100% of the sales of jewelry help support the ministries we train. Jewels 4 God does not receive any money or percentage from the sales. In order to continue to train ministries around the world and help those we have already trained we need to women to partner with us. [Click here](#) to learn more...

"The training Jewels 4 God provided was a great investment for our Centre and especially our students. We are so grateful for the time and energy that Michelle and Tim invested in us this week."

Tara Saunders, Development Director
Teen Challenge Greater Toronto Area, Canada

Meet a Trainee - Fiona's Story



I was raised by loving and supporting parents. I excelled in school, sports, and my social life. My desire to be accepted and popular became my downfall when it led to alcohol and marijuana. By 19, I was addicted to opiates and crack cocaine. At this time I became pregnant. My fiance' and I cleaned up our act until after our beautiful son was born, then we quickly fell back into drug addiction.

A year after the birth of our son, I found my fiance' dead from an overdose. At this point I chose to enter a life of rage, violence, and a \$500 to \$1,500 a day addiction. In order to support my habit I did whatever was necessary.

One time while in jail, I found myself with nothing but a mattress and a Bible. I started to read it, but didn't understand much until I came to Psalm 51. There, Dave asked God to cleanse him of his sin and make him whiter than snow. It also



said that a 'broken spirit' was pleasing to God. This spoke to me because I *was* a broken spirit. It was not long before I cried out to God for forgiveness and ask Jesus to save me from my life of sin.

At Teen Challenge my life is being renewed. I know the Lord has wonderful plans for me as a mother to my son, and a servant for His kingdom.

Fiona recently graduated from Teen Challenge and is currently working as an intern at the program to do whatever she can to help others like her overcome their addictions.

Haiti Report

Bonnie Martin, a licensed professional counselor specializing in trauma therapy who works in partnership with Jewels 4 God, went to Haiti shortly after the earthquake struck and reported...

"As difficult as it is here, the people of Haiti are incredibly resilient. The hospital here takes in the worst injured. Most have a brother, sister, mom, dad, cousin, aunt, uncle who come here with them. While the patients get care, the family member has nothing but food and water (the hospital feeds them).

No one complains here. No matter the loss. Local church members come through the ER and OR in small groups and sing softly and pray silently at the bedside of the severely wounded. Yesterday a group of children came to sing to the kids I was working with in Pediatrics (where they play worship music all day). When the very well dressed group finished. One by one the injured children (missing arms, legs, moms, dads, homes) stood up and sang, softly and beautifully."

We plan to continue providing professional counseling & aid to those suffering in Haiti. Our next trip is scheduled March 7-14. If you would like to contribute you can do so by sending your checks to:

Jewels 4 God (Haiti Relief)
218 Cornwallis Ave.
Locust Grove, VA 22508



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February/March Schedule

Feb. 19 - Inter Gem, Chantilly, Virginia
Feb. 26-27 - Potomac District Women's Ministries Retreat, Williamsburg, Virginia
Feb. 28 - Cloverhill AG, Midlothian, Virginia
March 7-14 - Haiti Relief/Trauma Counseling
March 7 - Christian Chapel AG, Virginia Beach
March 8-14 - Missions Conference Manassas AG, Virginia

jewels4god.org - information about our ministry.

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