



# Make A Difference MINISTRIES

## TEENS EXODUS FROM CHURCH

by: Dave Nordstrom

A major concern that we should have as Christians is that churches are faced with a major exodus from teenagers and from Bible believing Christian values. This will have a major impact on the coming years in shaping the moral compass of the country. It's a very serious problem that will not get better on its own. Some churches and Christian groups are watering down their theology so that they will be more popular and accepted in today's society.

Standing with the standards of God is becoming more and more uncool and unpopular. As God's values become more compromised within the Christian world the slippery slope begins to take over. As M.A.D. House staff we are determined to stand with God and for His values. Prayer will play a big part in that and we are determined to bathe this ministry in prayer starting with us and expanding out to our Prayer Warriors. We are in contact with over 100 folks every week updating them as to what the prayer needs are and the affect their prayers are having.

If you would like to be part of the weekly prayer team, please contact Carole at [cjn560@aol.com](mailto:cjn560@aol.com). We have a very courageous staff. When most people run from teens, this staff purposely runs towards them. This kind of courage only comes as we know that you are praying for this ministry. Will you stand with us and with God's values? Thank You so much!

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Mad House staff bathing the ministry in prayer



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## GOD AT WORK...EVEN YEARS AFTER MAD HOUSE

by: Carole Nordstrom

We often get calls and visits from former students. It is usually encouraging and a fun interaction. Sometimes it is harder when we see the person struggling.....a young woman who lost a child...a man going through divorce...a woman who is fighting for her life thru addiction...etc.

I talked on the phone recently with someone who is close to our hearts. She was involved with MAD House 2 decades ago. And she is still precious to us. As she sat in her hospital room talking on the phone, she shared her pain.....more than she ever opened up before. Her health is failing. She is homeless. She is poor and struggling. .And she called us. She knows she can always call, and she said, "Whenever I call you, you always make me feel better".

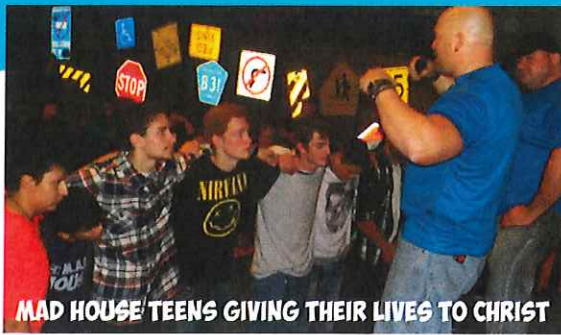
Well, that's God working, not us. I encouraged her to remember that as she works through addiction and getting better physically she needs to also work on her spiritual life. We always point out that the spiritual part of life gets ignored a lot yet it's the foundation of who we are.

We look forward to helping this woman find what she needs. God leads people into our lives to use us as His vessel for His work. Please pray for this woman(God knows her name). Decades after her involvement in this ministry God is still at work, quietly whispering to her..."Come to me you who are weary and I will give you rest".(Matthew 11:28)

And we continue to begin relationships like the one above. This year God sent us a troubled young woman. The life she was born into isn't easy. She makes terrible choices and is always in some kind of trouble. She recently accepted Jesus! Her future could be bright with God's guidance. We are blessed to be allowed to serve Him with the people He places in our path.

## THANK YOU!

The article on the reverse side tells the depressing news of teens leaving the church and the Christian faith. The good news is that there are teens still seeking TRUTH. They see that they need something and they see that MAD House staff have what it is they are seeking.....hope, peace, joy. We are grateful to be in God's work at times like these. And we thank you so much for helping these teens find the "life changing truth" where they are transformed for Eternity. We are so thankful for the prayer support and all the help in so many areas. The end-of-year financial support along with your faithful monthly support will help us get thru the next few months when finances are extra tight. Then we can see more scenes like the picture above...teens discovering God's Eternal Truth.



MAD HOUSE TEENS GIVING THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

by: Carole Nordstrom

Quite a few years ago I worked part time for a school as a lunch lady. This shy, talented, blond haired girl would come into the kitchen each day and get her lunch from her mom, also a lunch lady. I was impressed with her even back then. In spite of her shy personality, she would shine. She pushed herself to make friends, excel at the saxophone in band and to choose her own path.



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Many years later, when Chuck Connell (a MAD House staff) started dating Courtney, we were wondering how this would go. Chuck and Courtney are now engaged to be married this summer. Courtney has grown into a wonderful woman of God. She works hard in her college courses. She is a wonderful volunteer with Chuck in helping with their youth group at church and helping at MAD House.

We are blessed to know this great young woman. She is fun, a great helper to Chuck as they run the games at MAD House and she helps in many areas behind the scenes without being asked. She reaches out to the MAD House girls making them feel welcome.

Courtney has amazed us all with her independent spirit, her determination to grow emotionally and spiritually. We look forward to having a front row seat as we watch her mature more and more and to see what God does through her and Chuck as a couple in the future.

## Prayer and Praise:

**PRAISE**.....As we begin the new year, I'm excited to let you know about the 12 teens who began their personal relationship with Jesus. For some of them it's been a very hard journey and trust is a hard issue for some. So this is a HUGE step for many of them.

**PRAISE**....The new location is awesome. We are very grateful to Laketon Bethel Church for allowing us to use such a tremendous facility.

**PRAYER**.....Please pray for God's guidance as we deal with these teens. Many have some very deep issues.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us with funding this year's needs. Here are some needs that we still have:

\*Special outreach speakers & band (\$300 each x 2 events)

\*Fuel for bus/van to get kids to Mad House....\$150/month

\*Mad House activities needs \$200 for the rest of the year(for supplies we use at Mad House weekly)

**How can we pray for you?**

**Let us know. Email Carole at [CJN560@aol.com](mailto:CJN560@aol.com)**



In Twin Lake, MI

On June 6, 2016 we will kick off our 3rd year as "Make A Difference Ministries". Thru this tournament you have helped us minister to thousands of Muskegon teens. It's too early for golf in Michigan, but we wanted to let

you know that the plans are in the works for this years tournament. Info will be available soon. **QUESTIONS? Email us at [clmadhouse2000@aol.com](mailto:clmadhouse2000@aol.com) or [www.facebook.com/madhousemuskegon](http://www.facebook.com/madhousemuskegon), also [www.madministries.net](http://www.madministries.net).**