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**Dear Friends,**

Every morning Rachelle wakes up, she thanks God for a place to call her own. Conflict, abuse, and neglect at home forced her to drop

out of high school, abandon her dreams, and spend years living at the homes of relatives and staying at local homeless shelters.

The 18-year-old's future looked grim – until she stood at the doorstep of Bronzeville's Teen Living Programs in Chicago. The staff showed kindness and took her in. Rachelle was provided with a fully furnished bedroom, along with counseling services. She has since re-enrolled in high school and found a career path to pursue. Once she graduates, she can receive the training she needs to be successful in her occupation.

Each year, Teen Living Programs provide nearly 500 youths ages 14-24 with a second chance at life and the opportunity to make their career dreams come true. Rachelle is one of many young people who are grateful for an opportunity to have a fresh start.

Can you imagine where Rachelle might be if no one offered her a second chance? Think about where you might be if Christ had not given you a similar opportunity to start over.

The Bible says we were “dead in trespasses

and sins” (Ephesians 2:1b), “having no hope, and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12b). As spiritual dropouts, we were forced to abandon the dream of finding favor with God. The devil locked us up and put us under a yoke of bondage.

But when we stood without hope—at the brink of death in eternal Hell—God sent Jesus to die in our place. Galatians 4:4 tells us, “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son...” He shed His blood, died on the cross, and rose again so all who believe in Him could experience a fresh start.

Each of us has struggled at different times of our lives. We've experienced the deep hunger of necessity. But just like the staff at Teen Living Programs, Jesus will take you in and supply all your needs.

January marks the beginning of a new year with new goals and challenges. It can also mark the beginning of your fresh start with Jesus. If you've never known for sure whether or not you would spend eternity in Heaven, why don't you [put your trust in Jesus](#) today?

Because God gives second chances,

Rev. L.W. Edwards

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# What's Happening

- We invite you to join us Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> as we host another exciting Youth Day Service! Cameron Edwards will be sharing a special message from God's Word. Stay for a potluck dinner following the service.
- Join Pastor Edwards as he continues his exciting, verse-by-verse study of Romans on Tuesdays at 7pm. [Get Directions](#)



- This gift basket was among the gifts the members of Bibleway Ministries

donated to a needy family in Wauconda, IL last Christmas.

- Read January's [Sermon of the Month](#)

## 2009 in Retrospect



Looking back over another year, we thank God for proving His faithfulness yet again.



**Did you know . . . ?**

**Bibleway Ministries is all about sound Bible teaching. . .**

\* Over the course of 2009, Pastor Edwards finished teaching verse-by-verse through the insight-filled books of Thessalonians and Colossians,

and he completed character studies of Jacob and Joseph.

**Helping others grow in Christ . . .**



**Having fun . . .**



Pastor Edwards and Cameron get a bird's-eye view atop a camel in Israel



Kids play basketball at the conclusion of a Youth Day Celebration



**. . . And enjoying great food and fellowship!**

## What's New for 2010:

\* [Listen](#) to select sermons from Pastor Edwards online.

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