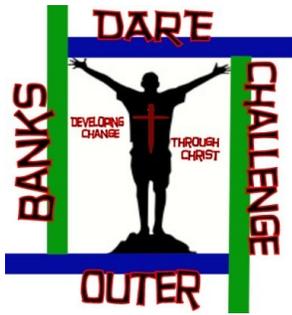


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# OBDC News

## From The Director's Desk....

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

God is so amazing! First of all, we wish to thank all those who participated and came to Raise The Praise Higher held on March 30th. We appreciate the time and talents of all who helped to make it a great success. Also, as most of you know, on March 22nd, we signed the paperwork that enabled us to become owners rather than renters of the Dare Challenge Men's Center in Wanchese. Again, gratitude to all of you who gave and prayed to make ownership a reality. Of course, we also own the mortgage and that leads me to my next announcement, The Dare Challenge Grand Club. Our goal is to pay off our mortgage completely within three years so that we can continue to expand the ministry of Dare Challenge. Our goal is commitments from 50 individuals or businesses each year to give \$1000 then we can realize that goal. There are additional benefits as well (see article on page 3). We already have three charter members who have signed on and are seeking 47 more for this year. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a member and in doing so ensure the future growth and expansion of the Dare Challenge ministry. Renovations at the center are well under way and already the upstairs has been converted into the dormitory setting needed to house twice the number of men than possible before. In addition, please keep us in prayer as we are considering opportunities sooner than originally planned, for a Women's Center.

God Bless....

*Dustin Daniels*

Executive Director

Etc....

This picture here speaks more than words can say about why we do what we do. This is what Dare Challenge is all about. Not only saving souls for the Kingdom but making disciples out of the men who come through our program. As each one of these men goes out into the world after graduation, his impact on others cannot be measured with earthly means. Again, thank you for your support of this ministry and doing your part in creating these on-fire disciples for Christ.

If you haven't checked out our website lately, take a minute and do so. We now have the ability to take donations securely online via PayPal. We also have a YouTube channel now with videos of the men and their testimonies. You can view them at [www.youtube.com/obxdarechallenge](http://www.youtube.com/obxdarechallenge). Of course, if you prefer, the enclosed envelope will get your donation to us as well.

We have some exciting events coming up this summer and fall. If you haven't already, become a fan on Facebook or sign up for our email newsletter and get the latest news delivered quickly to your inbox.



## A Life Transformed....



My name is Michael Hooper and I am 20 years old. I was born and raised in Avon, NC. Growing up as a kid I had a normal life and great parents. I wasn't raised in church but my parents had high expectations of me. Right before my first year in middle school, my mom's brother was murdered and it threw my whole family for a loop. I became somewhat paranoid knowing that on that small island I lived on, someone would do such a thing for no reason out of the blue. Later on in middle school I began experimenting with smoking pot and drinking. I quickly realized that it seemed to help with the paranoia, depression and stress. But what I did not realize was that it was all momentary and the symptoms just got worse after the high wore off. By the age of 17 I had tried every street drug that I could get my hands on. I was completely bound and addiction to prescription pain pills and Xanax. My use was all day, every day. At age 18, I had been to three different inpatient psychiatric treatment centers for my depression and to also help me detox off the drugs. Every time I got out, I went straight back to using. Something was just missing...there was a void I was trying to fill but the drugs weren't filling it. I had hit rock bottom, I was using heroin and could not escape the darkness I had entered years ago. I had been to numerous doctors to get help with my psychiatric issues and all they would do was prescribe even more medication, which in the end, worsened my addiction. There seemed to be no way out. Until one day a childhood friend, Cody Harris, who is also a Teen Challenge graduate, came and told me what God had done in his life. Then and there I knew I had to surrender my life to God. But it wasn't as easy as I thought. He began to help me out and disciple me but I still struggled. With him behind me and a push from God, I decided to enter Dare Challenge. God has done an incredible amount of work and

transformation in my life. He has delivered me from my addictions and through His perfect work on the cross and His shed blood I have life redeemed and the forgiveness of all my sins. I am no longer condemned to death and hell even though it is what I deserve. I am no longer "Mike, that lost cause, drug addict from Avon". My identity is no longer in the drug culture but by the grace of God I have a new identity in Him. I am now Mike, a son of God, adopted into a royal priesthood. I am a blood bought son of God.



## The Epidemic Walk Project Begins April 14th!

Please keep Brent in prayer as he ventures out on this journey on Saturday 4/14/12 starting at 8 am from the Dare Challenge Men's Center. He will be walking 25 miles each day to Sandhills Teen Challenge and then on to Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge. 350

miles, raising awareness of both the drug epidemic and the saving power of Christ through the Teen Challenge programs. All money raised will go to benefit the Dare Challenge and Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge Ministries. If you would like to support EWP, you can visit the website at [www.epidemicwalkproject.com](http://www.epidemicwalkproject.com).

Donations may be made through Multitudes Church at:

Multitudes Church, 15301 Jim Calhoun Rd, Laurinburg, NC 28352. Make sure to mark your check EWP.



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## What is the Grand Club?

A group of dedicated supporters committed to donating a one-time gift of \$1000 in 2012 to be applied to paying down the mortgage note on the Men's Center for Dare Challenge.

### Benefits:

Becoming a member of an elite club of supporters dedicated to the ownership and expansion of OBDC and future sister ministries.

Membership in a private, advance notice mailing list of all news and events related to Dare Challenge.

A certificate of membership for your home or business.

A banner with your name/business at our annual Partners & Friends Banquet

Advertising/acknowledgement on our website with direct links to your website.

A "members only" end of the season sunset sound cruise with Dare Challenge staff and students.

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