

“Teen Challenge Latvija” information letter

Greetings to all the followers and supporters of the rehabilitation program for people in addictions “Teen Challenge Latvija”. With this article, we would like to give a review and let you know about some of the challenges we have met lately in one areas of the program connected with employment. The goal of the employment area is to help the students in the program to renew their working skills; starting with basic things and finishing with the ability to work as a part of a team. In addition, this is a way we can get some income to solve part of our financial needs.

During the time the program has been working, we tried to solve this employment question in different ways. We used to co-work with the local farmers to get additional income, but most of the times, these were only seasonal jobs. Recently, our field of work was connected with the forest management – to plant and to care for the forests, which led us to the professional lumbering level. However, to stay in this area and to be competitive is very difficult for us – firstly, it is because the specifics of the schedule of our program, (there are two days a week set aside for spiritual studies) and secondly, because of the risks, connected with the specific problems our students usually have.

At the beginning, in all of the works we were doing, we needed to conform to the employers. But then, we got a small truck, which opened the way for a new area of work together with the forest company – to prepare and to sell the firewood. This area has significant benefits. For example, it is easier to plan the work conforming to the rhythm of our program. There is another fact that brings us joy, despite the little time we are working in this field; we already have enlarged the number of services we can provide. For example, we started to pack the dry firewood into bags, which gives us the possibility to stay in this work all year, not only during a specific season.



Firewood delivery to a client



Men taking-down the building

Not long ago, we received advice to add another product to our services, which we called ‘a firewood product’. This is a product we get in the result of taking-down the old wood buildings. This product is drier and cheaper than the firewood from the forest. Altogether this gives us hope that we are on the right track and that we will find our own constant place in the market.

But we think that the most precious thing in this area of preparing and selling firewood is the possibility to be in contact with the people. This is the place we meet different groups of people, those who are in addictions and those who have different needs and this slowly opens the door for us, together with the church, to serve the society and to preach the good news about Jesus Christ. Although there is a lot of work to do yet, we believe that God has prepared many other things.



The ministers of the program in the marketplace

In these days, we realized one problem and we understand we cannot manage it by ourselves. Our small truck, which has been a good help by opening a completely new area of work, is too old. It breaks down often and there is little chance to find spare parts for it. That is why we need a newer truck, which would have some additional options, for example, it could be a dump truck and it could have a manipulator to make our work more productive. Also we assume that a truck with the “Teen Challenge Latvija” logo could become something personal for our neighborhood. People would associate it with the firewood that brings warmth and with the people open to talk about life and to help if it is possible. To fulfill this vision we need about 20,000€, which, we believe, we can collect together through offerings!

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DONATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE TRUCK



The old truck



The future truck

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