

MESSAGE FROM KEN BRUCE, DON THOMPSON, AND STAFF

ATTENTION: All Members of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit

We are fortunate to have an organization like Teen Challenge helping us as a group to fight the ongoing battle against Drug Abuse. As our local Bar is aware, the drug epidemic in our circuit and in the surrounding areas account for most of the criminal cases on every criminal jury trial calendar during each term of Superior Court. Approximately two years ago, I learned of a facility located in Hurley, Mississippi, known as the Mercy House, that is run by an individual by the name of Danny Pierce. Mr. Pierce truly has a talent for working with troubled youths and has been responsible for helping cure many clients of mine, as well as others from this circuit, who suffered from methamphetamine addiction and other life-controlling problems. There are two primary reasons for this success. First, the program is a Christian/Faith-Based program that gives individuals hope and a reason for living outside of the realm of drug addiction. Second, the program is miles away from the neighborhoods and friends that often compound and prolong the defendant's drug problem.

Teen Challenge is a resource that can help our society for generations to come. However, people like Danny Pierce are instrumental in getting individual defendants into the program quickly and for preparing them for the 15-18 month program they are facing. The Mercy House is a "half-way house" that needs your help through food and money donations because the facility is supported solely on the generosity of others. Please take the time to make a donation to help this program grow stronger and to keep this program as a valuable resource for our community.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact our office at 84 West Washington Street, Summerville, Georgia 30747 (706-867-6596) or you may contact Danny Pierce at the Mercy House, P. O. Box 1128, Hurley, Mississippi 39555 (228-588-2093 or 228-990-2114). Thanks.