



# Mike Yankoski

## **General Bio:**

Mike is an Author, Speaker and Photographer. He and his wife Danae live in Vancouver B.C. and are graduate students at Regent College. Mike spends much of his time speaking to audiences across the United States and Canada, presenting a Christ centered response to our world's great needs. When he is not studying, speaking or writing, he loves spending time outdoors. Mike also serves on the Board of Directors of World Vision US, the Advisory Board of Kilns College, and is the author of *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* (Multnomah, 2010) and *My 30 Days Under the Overpass: Not Your Ordinary Devotional* (Multnomah, 2006). He and Danae are the executive editors of *Zealous Love: A Practical Guide to Social Justice* (Zondervan, 2010).

## **Under the Overpass Specific Bio:**

Several years ago Mike Yankoski took off a semester from college between his Sophomore and Junior years to do something a little uncanny.

He was homeless. For five months, in six different American cities, Mike and a friend named Sam intentionally ate from trash cans and Rescue Missions, slept under bridges, and panhandled in order to survive. They chose to do this not only in order to better understand the plight of the American homeless, but more specifically to observe how the Church and Christians were interacting with this despised corner of American society.

Mike's book *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* (Multnomah, 2010) captures his journey on the streets and relates the people and experiences that forever changed his life during that five month journey. Today, Mike has a passion to push Christians to live an active and out loud lifestyle of faith, directed by God's will, centered on His Word, and engaged with the surrounding world. He is excited to use the story of Christ's love and calling in his life to captivate and motivate Christians into deeper faith and bolder action.

Living in Vancouver, B.C., Mike and his wife Danae are studying for their Masters Degrees at Regent College. When they aren't buried in books or writing papers, their hobbies include running, hiking, and backpacking. Their new book, *Zealous Love: A Practical Guide to Social Justice* (Zondervan, 2010) helps readers respond to eight areas of global need in light of Christ's great love.

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