



Mike Yankoski

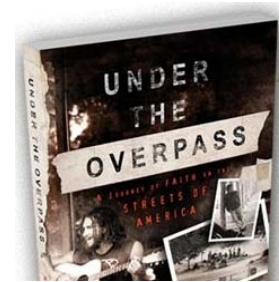
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Now in his late-20's, and a graduate from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, Mike Yankoski took off a semester from college between his sophomore and junior years to do something a little uncanny.

Mike was homeless. For five months, in six different American cities, Mike and a friend named Sam 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* captures his journey on the streets and relates the people and experiences that forever changed his life during the 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 stronger action.

Living in Vancouver, B.C., Mike and his wife Danae have just begun studying for their Masters Degrees at Regent College. When they aren't buried in books or writing papers, their passions include road biking, running, hiking and backpacking. In early 2008, Mike and Danae spent three months in Ecuador and Uganda learning first hand about the grave needs people without clean water face.

Mike also serves on the Board of Directors for World Vision U.S.

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