



# Planting the seed

## Impacting the Next Generation

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### Special Points Of Interest

- SCM expands to include Tri-city homeless shelter
- Pastor Mike publishes the second book *Shattered People Journeys to Love*
- Ministry needs prayer support, warehouse and volunteers
- Church on the deck begins this summer



My name is Nicole Tancioco. During my high school years I have been very involved in extra curricular activities. One of the clubs I have been an active participant of is Hope Connections.

Hope Connections is a club in which the students organize various fundraisers and drives to raise money, clothes or food for families. These families are all in the local community and suffer from many different unfortunate situations.

I was the club representative the first year it was active, helping publicize the families' needs. In December, around the holiday season, I and a group of other students personally delivered the gifts that

had been prepared by Hope Connections. We had a list of each home with all of their specific details so we could personalize their gifts. At the time, I never would have guessed that delivering these gifts would make such a difference to my life.

When we arrived at the first house, I proceeded as if everything was normal. The family consisted of a single parent with 4 children. You could tell their living conditions were minimum and that there was no existence of financial luxury. The mother was explaining how one of her children could not go to school because they were needed to help support the family. She expressed loads of gratefulness for the clothes, money and food which she said the majority would go toward the baby's needs. Not too long after she introduced her other son who she told us attended James Logan.

I sat there, appalled that a student at my school, maybe even in my class, was going through problems like this. It's not that I didn't know they existed, I just never really thought about it. Seeing the thankful faces on the family helped me to realize the difference one person could truly make. My ignorant assumptions that there was nobody at my school going through such things was quickly erased and replaced. Through this I realized that especially teenagers in their high school years face many problems in which a trustworthy adult can give them life changing advice and guidance. It was on this day that I realized I wanted to be that trustworthy adult. I want to be able to help change someone's life. I want to open a non-profit shelter for abused women and children.

### Sunrise Shelter



On the display case in the hallway of James Logan High School a collage of pictures surrounds a butcher paper with drawings of bunnies and flowers. It is a thank you card from the children of the Tri-city homeless shelter expressing their appreciation to Hope Connections for the gifts brought by the students and SCM volunteers.

In March, the students and volunteers spent an hour with the children giving them gifts of coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals and candy. They played with the children as the SCM adults ministered to the parents.

“Many of the parents appreciated our words of encouragement”, said volunteer Linda Rodrigues. We listened to their stories and tried to offer

them hope for the future. Many of the families desperately wanted to get back on their feet. They appreciated our desire to help them and their children.



### Second Book Published

“Why is evil so adamant in attempting to break their relationship with God?”

**Journeys To Love** continues the saga of people being healed after a lifetime of abuse, as they discover and accept the truth about God’s love. Walk beside them over the next four years as they begin to learn the reasons for their survival and why God said to them;

**“I will love you with an everlasting love and I will heal you. Your wholeness will be found in Me...not as the world under-**

**stands wholeness, but as I give it. You will remain a multiple for My purposes because each of you will have a testimony to give about My power to heal and receive all who come to Me.”**

These people will struggle through life’s most imposing questions facing all of us. What is God’s definition of a person: body, mind, soul and spirit?

Does the soul exist in two dimensions simultaneously and live beyond the body’s death? Why does God save them, only to allow them to continue to suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually in this world? Why is evil so adamant in attempting to break their relationship with God? Can they trust God enough to survive in a world that doesn’t accept their realities in life?



### Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for this Isaiah 61 ministry as we begin our worship services in *The Church on the Deck* this summer. We are also in need of a warehouse for a nominal rent so that our disabled volunteers and students can assist in sorting and boxing the food. Presently we are working out of a single car garage and as the

ministry grows, so does our need for space.

Please also pray for financial support from people who believe in this ministry. Many books are given to broken people to help them learn about the love of Jesus. In order to continue producing these

books SCM needs money to publish more books.

As always, contributions to the ministry are tax deductible.

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