

SHEPHERD'S CARE MINISTRIES

Shattered People Journeys to Joy makes its debut.

It has taken Pastor Michael Chalberg, President and Senior Pastor of Shepherd's Care Ministries, ten years worth of research and study to complete his first of three books on the healing power of Jesus in the lives of severely abused and broken people.

It chronicles the journey of people with dissociative identity disorder and how they receive spiritual healing and renewed faith in Jesus Christ by discovering the truth about the God they thought had abandoned them long ago.

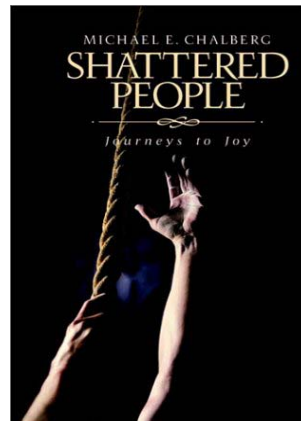
According to Dr. Malcolm, "Shattered People brings home the spiritual and relational devastation of lives torn by emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual abuse. It is a magnifi-

cent exposition of the spiritual dimensions of mental health...This is an amazing story of the healing power of Jesus Christ in mending the unmendable and using the brokenness of one willing servant to bring hope to a multitude. It speaks eloquently of the compassion that Jesus has for the wounded and His ability to bring wholeness, as He defines it, in the midst of tragedy and pain.

It invites one on a roller coaster journey, from gut-wrenching horror to hilarious laughter, but it is primarily throughout a message of hope and encouragement to all who feel broken. The story is powerful and gripping, painful and delightful; and as a true story

will challenge the reader to live up to all that it means to call oneself a Christian."

The book can be purchased online through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com



Spring Baskets bring smiles to the children of the barrio

On April 19th the trucks meandered through the streets of the old Decoto area in Union City. Inside, neatly stacked, were boxes of food and spring baskets for needy families in the area.

As soon as the back doors of the truck were opened, children began to come out from the homes and apartments eager to receive their special gift.

Each basket contained a book from Borders, and a stuffed animal and candy from

Shepherd's Care Ministries.

The 250 baskets had been lovingly made for the children by Hopeconnections volunteers. Each basket carried with it the love of Jesus bringing joy to the hearts of these children.

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- Shepherd's Care Moves to San Leandro
- Three more shelters added to the ministry
- Shepherd's Care joins the Interfaith Homeless Coalition of San Leandro

Cooking on a rusted grill

The spirit told us to stop the truck and serve these people. As we looked around, we saw some of the poorest of the poor. The small apartments resembled sheds weathered and worn with age.

We knocked on the first door and a young woman holding a baby answered "Quien es?"

As we told her who we were and the gifts we were bringing, she

cried with joy. Each of her children received a spring basket and the family was given some food and clothing. Soon we noticed other tenants who were equally as hungry and in need. One family in particular was cooking mussels the husband had caught in the bay. The small grill was old and rusted, but it was all the family had to cook their food.

As we gave them a \$100 food certificate, spring baskets and canned food the father bowed his head and softly said thank you.

As we moved the trucks on, we glanced back and saw the children laughing and running. We knew that we had just spread a little more of the love of Jesus in the Barrio.

Forgiveness not given

Maria* seemed depress as she took her math test. After the test, she asked to speak with her teacher. She had been kicked out of her home by her mother because she had been romantically involved with a young man.

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Maria's life had already been a struggle for her. Seeing her brother killed in front of her when she was twelve, abandon by her father as a toddler, Maria had no one else to turn to for support.

"She is a very hard worker and wants to

someday go to college?", her teacher said. She has two months more to graduate and then she has a job and shelter waiting for her in Modesto. Right now we are just trying to keep her fed so she can make her goal.

A Mourning Mother

For three years, Hopeconnections volunteers have been bringing love and encouragement to the Velasco family on 13th street. "We have developed a relationship over the years as we have shared with this family", volunteer Linda Rodrigues said.

But this year, as we drove up to the apartment, we noticed something

different. The children were not playing in the carport, but were peering out at us through the window. Next to the carport was a shrine of pictures and flowers in memory of little Eduardo.

The baby had been run over by a tenant who had no driver's license and had backed up his car onto the baby.

As the parents spoke to the students about their grief, the students chose to circle around them and pray for the family.



Meeting The Need One Person At A Time



The stories are the same that you would find in any shelter. A broken person

trying to survive; some of them having turned to drugs, some to alcohol and some to depression. But the end result is the same, that of hopelessness and despair.

Hopeconnections brings some hope and encouragement to the people of the transitional housing projects in Oakland. As we offer each of them a hygiene basket, we are showing in real terms that Jesus has not forgotten them and cares even for their smallest of needs.

It takes time to develop a relationship with a person who has lived through hard times. Most of them are bitter towards society and the church. We

try to show them Jesus' love in practical ways by giving them shampoo and toothpaste without expecting something from them in return.

Each year we come to the shelter, we gain more opportunities to speak with the people and talk about Jesus' love and care for them. It is exciting to see who has earned their way to having their own apartment and for us to be invited to memorial services for those tenants who have died.

Hopeconnections Club starts up at James Logan High School

This school year, students approached teacher, Linda Rodrigues, and asked her if they could start up a Hopeconnections Club to serve the community all year around. After approval from the administration, students met for the first time in October 2002.

They have developed a website at www.everyschool.org/u/logan/hopeconnections

and they have organized fundraisers to raise money for the food certificates, as well as helping Hopeconnections make hygiene baskets and food boxes for the needy families.

Students also help sort and deliver the food. Also, they help the community in many other ways like serving food at a local shelter.



Three More Shelters

This year, Shepherd's Care Ministries will be helping three more shelters located in Berkeley. Ema P. Harris Court, Martin Luther King Homes and UA Homes will be the new shelters added to our ministries.

Operated under Supportive Housing Program, a program of Lifelong medical care, the shelters bring health and



social services into subsidized affordable housing so that tenants can access services within their own homes. SHP helps to promote economic independence and self-sufficiency.

"The tenants in these housing projects are in need of hygiene supplies," says Keith Harrington, Clinical Social services at the projects when contacting us.

We need funds for shampoo and toothpaste donated to the ministry so that we can make the 500 plus baskets twice a year. Please help us serve these people in the love of Jesus.

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We are people trying to live the way of love. We do not just want to talk about love. We want to practice real love.

To us, words have no meaning if they are not lived out in action. The act of giving without expecting something in return is Hopeconnections.

It is our desire to bring Hope to those who are struggling, to bring love to those who are hurting, and to bring encouragement to those who are discouraged.

Shepherd's Care is moving to San Leandro, California

Answering the Lord's calling, we are in the process of moving our headquarters from San Ramon, California to San Leandro, California where we will be closer to the people we serve.

In San Leandro, we are joining the Interfaith Homeless Coalition of San Leandro to connect with others who are serving the broken and homeless.

Right now, our storage warehouse is in the garage of one of our volunteers. As we expand, we are in need of a larger

storage and sorting facility.

It is difficult to make the hygiene baskets and sort the food in the rain. The single car garage is not adequate to hold the number of volunteers who help with the ministry, or the donated items.

We are praying that the Lord will lead us to a work site large enough for our ministry that we can afford.

As we move to San Leandro, this will also afford us the opportunity to develop bible

studies in our home church and open our doors to the local community.



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