



Michael Yankoski

General Bio:

Michael Yankoski is a writer, itinerate speaker, urban homesteader, and also an aspiring carpenter, musician, potter and sailor. He received his MA in Theological Studies from Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, is a (novitiate) Oblate of Saint Benedict, served on the Board of Directors at World Vision US, and is the author of three books: *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America*, *My 30 Days Under the Overpass: Not Your Ordinary Devotional*, and *Zealous Love: A Practical Guide to Social Justice*. Michael grew up in Colorado, adores the Pacific coast, and currently resides in South Bend, Indiana where his wife Danae is pursuing her PhD in History at the the University of Notre Dame.

Under the Overpass Specific Bio:

Several years ago Michael Yankoski took off a semester from college to do something a little uncanny: he was homeless.

For five months, in six different American cities, Michael and his friend Sam intentionally ate from trashcans and homeless shelters, 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 also to observe how everyday Christians were interacting with this despised corner of American society.

Michael's book *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* (Multnomah, 2010) captures this journey on the streets and relates the people, experiences and revelations that have forever changed his life. Today, Michael has a passion to help Christians live an active and out loud lifestyle—rooted in faith, built upon the Scriptures, and engaged with the surrounding world.

Living in South Bend, IN., Michael and his wife Danae—who co-wrote both *Crazy Love* and *Forgotten God* with Francis Chan—both earned their Masters Degrees from Regent College. When they aren't buried in books or writing on deadline, their hobbies include running, hiking, and backpacking. Their most recent 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.

Michael has also served on the Board of Directors of World Vision US and the Advisory Board of Kilns College.