

Youth pastor of 252 Underground Launches New Book for Street Smart Teens

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(Lansdale, PA - Oct. 4, 2012) Rob Cook has worked with teens for over 13 years, meeting them on the street, lending a hand, buying a lunch, sharing his life and faith.

"I just want to do for others what someone did for me when I was a teen," Cook says. "When they go to church, they're afraid to speak up about certain things they struggle with, so I am reaching out and writing to that market, letting them know they're loved just as they are."

In his book *Regener8: Straight Talk for Street Smart Teens*, Cook writes and talks to youth in their language. "I don't sugarcoat it. I tell it like it is." But Cook's take on pornography, drugs, evangelism, the Bible, religion, spiritual regeneration, giving and prayer, can be controversial, especially with adults. "I have parents come up to me and say, 'My child is a good kid, he doesn't watch porn,' but I know different. I hear what they're whispering to their friends. Our ministry is designed to help young men kick those secret addictions."

For example, in "Teen Takes" Cook includes raw comments from teenagers who have come through battles with drugs, alcohol and porn. Cook calls *Regener8* "a fast, in your face read. It's an eight week blueprint for real life. It's definitely not your parent's devotional!"

In 2006, Cook rented and created a place where teens could come, be accepted, hang out, hear good music, play games, meet mentors and hear the gospel story that changed the lives of millions. They've since outgrown their Lansdale storefront space. Now, they are meeting in a temporary location while searching for a new larger home.

Like the book, 252 Underground is an edgy urban ministry. "We call it 252 Underground because in Luke 2:52 it says, Jesus 'left the Temple and grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.' That's our goal with 252 and this book – to help teens grow in favor with God and others."



Cook will be signing books Friday, October 5 at the Berean Christian Store in Souderton, Pa. from 6-8 and Saturday, October 6 at the Berean Christian Store in Lancaster, Pa. from 11-2.

For more information about the author, to schedule an interview, book Cook for an author event or to request a review copy of *Regener8*, please contact Diana Flegal at Hartline Literary Agency, 412 915 1790 or diana@hartlineliterary.com.

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