

Dan's Report

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I'm sure some of you have heard of the amazing event that just happened in March at New Horizons. We were contacted by Tom Morello, an incredibly talented Rock musician formerly with the band *Rage Against the Machine*. Tom tries to use his talents to advocate for social justice and equitable treatment for the poor. He planned on bringing together an incredible array of world-famous Rock musicians for his 2009 Justice Tour and Seattle was one of the places he intended to play. Tom dedicates the proceeds from each show to one local charity. Because of the work we do with homeless and street-involved youth, he asked if he could do his entire Seattle show in support of New Horizons Ministries.

I have to admit that my first question was, WHY would a world-famous Rock star call us up out of the blue and ask if he could support our ministry, not with a Christian performance, but with a loud, edgy Rock concert? As I lifted this up to God, I felt a bit like Peter who saw the sheet descending, filled with prohibited foods and heard God saying, "When I provide for you, don't call it unclean..."

Last month our ministry at New Horizons was talked about, not on our local Christian radio station, but on the Hard Rock station in Seattle. The Crocodile Lounge opened its' doors for an all-ages Rock concert and 500+ people who had never heard of New Horizons before brought warm socks and donations to a sold out performance in support of our work with homeless and street-involved young people here in Seattle.

Events like this are dazzling, but like shooting stars they are quickly over and gone. The next morning when we awoke, the concert was over, the Rock stars were gone, and it was again cold, gray and rainy outside. Our kids were still dealing with the day to day harshness of street life and I heard God telling me that YOU, the people who consistently bless us with your prayers, service, and support are the REAL Rock stars in their lives. It's your love and care for the young people we serve that allows us to keep our doors open to show them Christ's Love year in and year out – a Rock on which they can build a sure foundation!

And I just wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You.

Rock on with Jesus!

Dan