

"Dale DePeel has a real skill connecting with people"

-Dave B.

"I've known Dale for almost eleven years. He's been there in many situations...and he's been a real great friend, him and Paula. They've been there for us for so many things. He is a wonderful teacher. He's great with children, and I feel like he's my brother."

-Brenda R.

"What I see about Soul Harbor, I guess what's attracted me to it, is that in our community there seems to be people who are falling through the web; people that are getting lost in huge churches...and I do have to give it to Dale, that he is a pastor that has been working, we'll use the word: pro-bono. He's been a great guy in my life and I talk to Dale frequently. I've went through some struggles...but before everything was all over, said and done, we sat there and we praised Jesus because we knew that regardless, Jesus was going to take care of us."

-Craig B.

"As a leader of the church, Dale turned my life around...He guided my wife and I to the point of marriage with wonderful counseling, and he actually married us last New Year's Eve."

-Chad W.

On the Mend

Brothers and Sisters,

We are excited to be a part of launching this mission in the heart of southeast Minnesota.

At Net Mender Mission, our desire is to show Jesus to all people with the compassion and patience He has granted us. People need Jesus with "skin" on. You and I are given the most awesome opportunity to allow Him to be real to us and through us.

Thank you for partnering in prayer, and being aware of where God is at work.

Sincerely,

Dale



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Net Mender Mission

an introduction

-  Nurturing quality relationships
-  Evangelistic-based counseling
-  Training churches as tear catchers of compassion

Net-Renders

- ♦ Addictions
- ♦ Alcohol
- ♦ Torn relationships
- ♦ Failing marriages
- ♦ Prejudice in the church
- ♦ Ignorance
- ♦ More...



There are many net renders in our midst; not just in the lives of troubled strangers, but in our churches as well. The Church is charged with reaching out to these people, both within and beyond her walls. Sadly, in many urban areas, we are just not equipped to effectively touch those who need help the most.

The disenfranchised and sometimes ostracized from society slip through the nets for two primary reasons:

1. The church is unaware of these deeply hurting people.

Many times these people feel that the church is the last place they would turn to because of past experiences and for fear of additional rejection. Others individuals are present, but hide out in the fringes and nobody asks the deep questions to get to know their struggles.

2. The church does not know how to confront the issue.

When someone desperate for hope does finally turn to a church member, both the lay person and the minister are at a loss on how to properly respond, and many times the best they can do is push the individual off to a secular program that the congregation has no real ties to.

MENDING the NETS

Net Mender Mission (NMM) exists to change the culture of relational outreach: *one individual* at a time and *one church* at a time. We believe this starts by casting the vision in terms of *Mission* (with a capital M), and not focusing only on a ministry program.

This two-pronged approach aims to educate and partner with churches, while at the same time modeling the *down-in-the-trenches* mission work needed to turn despair into hope and plug vulnerable souls into a caring body of Christ.

1. Tend the Hurting

- Mend the tearing nets of lives and families by meeting the specific relational and spiritual needs critical to victorious living. Break the predatory cycle of sin and isolation.

How?

- ♦ one-on-one relationship building
- ♦ compassionate listening
- ♦ personal evangelism
- ♦ counseling
- ♦ mentoring

2. Train the Church

- Mend the ruptured nets of congregations that want to support and reach out, but lack the training and resources.

How?

- ♦ a joint partnership with NMM
- ♦ develop a tailored educational strategy
- ♦ congregation-wide presentations
- ♦ provide Christian referrals and trusted community resources



Dale DePeel is a missionary pastor in Rochester, MN. He currently shepherds Soul Harbor Christian Fellowship (SHCF) and is uniquely gifted as a relationship specialist and spiritual growth consultant.

As a counselor with the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors, Dale has had key training that complements his 25 years of pastoral ministry. He is part of the Rochester Evangelistic Association and has spent 7 years as a police and fire chaplain.

He has dedicated his life to the mission field of those lost and despairing. It is the hope of Net Mender Mission to be an extension of the heart of Christ, which has progressively burdened the heart of Dale.

"So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, mature in their relationship to Christ."

Colossians 1:28 (NLT)

Why Rochester?

We believe in starting where God has placed us and where He has opened doors. Rochester is often quoted as being one of the best places to live in the country. But the renown Mayo Clinic and booming economy veils the real anguish in a community of strangers. Rochester has:

- 1.5 million visitors annually
- a large immigrant population
- increased drug abuse
- a growing welfare segment