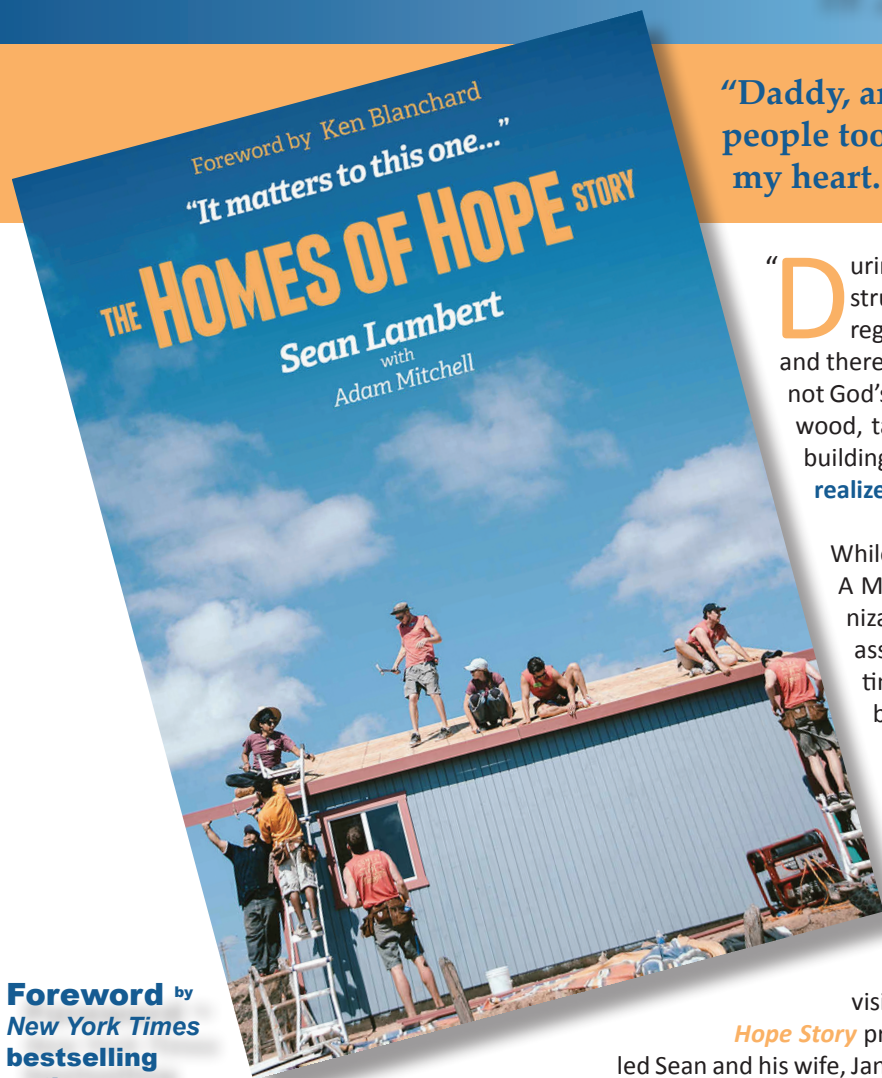


Over a quarter century of transforming lives for the poorest-of-the-poor in 24 countries...& counting



**Foreword** by  
New York Times  
bestselling  
author  
**Ken Blanchard**

“Daddy, are you going to build a house for the bus people too? My daughter’s question deeply touched my heart. . . .”

**D**uring my many trips to Baja, Mexico, I had been continually struck by the lack of adequate shelter and sheer human need regarding the basics of life. All of us are created in God’s image, and therefore every individual inherently has great value. I knew it was not God’s intent for people to live in ramshackle shelters made of scrap wood, tarps, and cardboard. . . and through this one-time action of building/donating a modest little house for a family in need, I soon realized God was calling us to something much bigger.”

While still a teenager, Sean Lambert left college to join Youth With A Mission (YWAM), now one of the world’s largest mission organizations. His first overseas mission was to Thailand, where he assisted thousands of Cambodian and Laotian war refugees. His time there taught him how to minister to people by addressing both their spiritual as well as practical needs.

After joining the staff of YWAM Los Angeles, Sean traveled with a team to Tijuana, Mexico, to build a home for a poor family. At the project’s conclusion, Andrea, his young daughter, pleaded for one more home to be built for a nearby family living in an abandoned bus, leading Sean to mobilize a second group to build and donate another home.

Spurred by that early experience, the Homes of Hope vision has continued to expand since 1990 with *The Homes of*

*Hope Story* providing a candid behind-the-scenes account of how God has led Sean and his wife, Janet, in engaging the poor, and how thousands have joined with them in discovering the joy of giving. It’s also an insightful guide to leadership, chronicling both the successes and the failures in the journey of founding a ministry and trusting in God for its growth.



**Sean Lambert** is the President and Executive Director of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in San Diego/Baja, which he and his wife, Janet, launched in 1991, founding the **Homes of Hope** program in Tijuana, Mexico – a program which has now expanded to 24 nations in building more than 7000+ homes donated to needy families.

As a speaker and community development leader who also serves on various boards, Sean travels extensively each year, both domestically and internationally, to share information about the poor and teach leadership principles.

In celebrating Homes of Hope’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their mega build-a-thon of 25 donated homes in 2 days by 500+ volunteers, Sean was named “**Hero of the Week**” by **People** who also featured the organization in their special “**American Heroes**” issue in honoring their quarter century of transforming lives. **CM** also subsequently filmed one of their builds on-location in Mexico for their “**Impact Your World**” series.

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