

Testimony



I met Jennica's mom and step dad at the Mission almost 3 years ago. They chose to move their family of six from their home in Portage into the Family Life program because they knew they had a drug problem and needed to become more intimate with the Lord.

Jennica came to TOL and grew by leaps and bounds in her relationship with the Lord as well as academically. She grew in her leadership abilities. She was a powerful force on street ministry in the neighborhood with her classmates.

When Jennica graduated from TOL, the staff and her parents were convicted she was to continue in Christian education. We pursued HCA and within one week of sharing the prayer request for tuition assistance, God provided \$3800- the tuition needed for her entire year!

"Not only did TOL prepare me for leaving and changing schools, they raised the tuition money so that I could continue to receive a Christian Education. Thank you guys!" —Jennica

"Praise God! Adam, I can't explain what this is doing not just for my faith but for Jennica's." —Sarah (Mom)

Jennica has had a very successful year at HCA earning mostly A's and B's. She is an asset to the community and desires to continue at HCA. Her family is praying that God will again provide resources through His people.



Tree Of Life is here to Stay!

- **2010**—TOL opens its doors in the Edison neighborhood at St. Joe's Catholic Church. 12 students in K-3. \$100,000 budget. Average donation \$400.
- **2011**—25 students in K-5. \$125,000 budget. Started \$800,000 building project for state compliant school building.
- **2012**—40 students in K-5. \$155,000 budget. Started year in brand new facility. Building completely paid for.
- **2013**—50 students in K-5. 20 students turned away. \$190,000 budget.
- **Dozens of students and parents have given lives to Christ!**

Projected need for Scion Fund

- 2014—5 students, \$20,000
- 2015—10 students, \$40,000
- 2016—20 students, \$80,000

Tree Of Life School

Renewing young minds.
Transforming young lives.



Scion Fund

On each side of the river grew a tree of life...The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

Revelation 22:2



Tree Of Life Scion Fund

Vision

Continuing Christian Education for Tree Of Life Graduates.

Mission

The TOL Scion fund exists to alleviate tuition discrepancies between TOL and local Christian schools so that TOL graduates can continue to flourish in a Christian school through 12th grade.



“And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God’s special olive tree.” Romans 11:17

Why graft trees?

Grafting can increase the speed to fruit production, consistency, hardiness, sturdiness, and disease resistance. It can create new hybrids, repair damaged trunks, and ease propagation.

What is tree grafting?

A tree with a healthy root system is cut down exposing the cambium layer—the growing part of the tree. The scion is then spliced into the Cambium layer of the rootstock.

What is a scion?

A healthy young tree is selected for its stems, leaves, flowers, or fruits. A scion, containing three or four buds, is cut from the desired tree.



What’s the plan?

- Heritage Christian Academy, Saint Michael’s Lutheran, and Kalamazoo Christian desire TOL students to join them after graduation.
- These Rootstock schools will give maximum scholarships to TOL students. They will also connect each Scion family with a Cambium family .
- TOL will work with Rootstock schools to commune with Father, Son, & Holy Spirit in unique ways.
- The Scion family will continue to pay 5% of their family income towards tuition at the Rootstock school.
- The estimated tuition need per student after Rootstock scholarships will be \$4000.
- Currently we have five students and their families desiring to continue in Christian education. The need for the school year 2014-15 is \$20,000.
- TOL will pursue churches and individuals to fulfill the Lord’s desire for our community. TOL will prayerfully manage and distribute monies specifically designated to the Scion Fund.