

**INFORMATION SHEET NO 1****Ubabalo eAfrica: Meeting the Compelling Needs of Africa**

“The Ubabalo **whole life coaching programme** not only offers an answer to the cry of a fatherless and orphaned African continent but it also provides the answer to a church that has lost its relevance to the Monday to Saturday life” says Rev. Cassie Carstens, South African Sports Coalition Board Member.

Our continent, because of the above, is faced with a huge leadership crisis. Many of our future leaders will not have had the benefit of father figures in their lives.

We need to ensure that the church becomes more relevant and plays an important role in meeting this need. The staging of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa is indeed a Kairos moment. Although it will only last for 32 days, it gives us an opportunity to embark on an initiative that could begin to change our continent. Usually outreach initiatives during major sporting events have an impact from 2 weeks before to 2 weeks after the event. We believe that through a sustained implementation of Ubabalo, we will be able to leave a legacy for generations of Africans.

Change will only come about in Africa if it is addressed at a personal, community and institutional level.

At the **personal level** Ubabalo uses sports training, in this case soccer, to focus on the player – coach relationship. Coaches fulfill the role of “**father**”, mentor and discipler to their players. Ubabalo coaches undergo a thorough training to ensure that they catch the vision, ethos and values of the programme. Although not limited to, soccer has been chosen as it can be played by boys, girls, fathers and mothers.

At the **community level**, Ubabalo strives to assist to make the church relevant in the community. It strives to bring about community change through effective youth development programmes. The **HUB church** in partnership with churches, schools, business, government and like-minded partners form the foundation for communal change. Churches and schools, through their networks, are effectively placed to mobilize and follow up programmes.

At the **institutional level**, Ubabalo strives to promote a **biblical worldview**. Institutional and systemic change will only result from systematic cultural review and transformation. It is imperative that people understand the role that the African and Western worldviews play in our lives. We need to realize that unless we actively adapt, reject or transform prevailing culture through the lenses of the Bible, we will continue to perpetuate the issues currently faced in Africa.

In conclusion, Ubabalo seeks to develop **leadership**, restore **families** and promote change amongst the **communities** of Africa.

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