

**INFORMATION SHEET NO 2****Ubabalo eAfrica: Cassie Carstens**

Ubabalo eAfrica is a program which aims to **transform African youth through biblical whole life coaching**. Every soccer skill is related to biblical values and life skills which are taught as part of the bi-weekly soccer training. The soccer coach is trained and provided resources to enable him to conduct Bible-based discipleship with his soccer team.

The immediate strategy for South Africa is to enlist Hub Churches from across the country. Each Hub Church mobilizes 10 Partnering Churches, and each Partnering Church identifies 3 coaches who will in turn train 3 youth soccer teams. Through the Hub Church strategy, we aim to **facilitate partnerships for 1000 churches in South Africa and 25,000 churches across Africa; with 75,000 coaches equipped as whole life coaches to impact 1.3 million African youth**.

The expansion of Ubabalo has been phenomenal. Since January 2008, **25 African countries** have implemented Ubabalo with many more realising the transformational impact it brings to local church discipleship across the world.

The impact of Ubabalo is real. Below are 2 excerpts from letters we have received from parents expressing their gratitude for the behaviour change in their children:

"Mario, 20 years old, had no relationship with his father and never talked to him. He did some wrong things in life and was also a drug addict that went on numerous occasions for rehabilitation, but came back home the same as he left ... Then one day he started playing soccer ... His involvement in the soccer made him a better person and the life-skills he learned made a positive impact on his life." (Mother, Cheryl Vries)

"My son Tyron was a very aggressive boy and had a very disruptive way of life. I had tremendous problems with him. One day he told me that he wanted to kill himself. I was shocked ... One day he came home and told me he wanted to play soccer ... I then started to notice that he's changing. A BIG CHANGE had happened. Tyron was calm and I had no more problems with him. He is a different child now ... The soccer that he is playing has definitely changed him and I want to thank all the role players involved within the soccer that gave Tyron a chance with all my heart ... I praise the Lord for all of you and trust that you will continue with the good work." (Mother, Vaneesia Adonis)

The **average age of Africa is 17 years old!** If the church wants to impact Africa, then it has to speak the language that 10-17 year olds speak in Africa. This language is 'SOCCER'! The Ubabalo program not only offers the **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. We envision that Ubabalo will be instrumental in **planting numerous youth churches through soccer** in Africa and beyond, thus taking the church to the soccer fields and the everyday struggles of the youth!

Can you dream with us for 1.3 million fathers for the future?

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