

**ESTABLISHING
SELF-SUSTAINING
MISSION
CENTERS FOR
HUMANITARIAN AID
& DISCIPLE MAKING
IN THIRD-WORLD
ENVIRONMENTS.**



TO GET IN THE GAME...

The task ahead is large and there is need for many partners. We are so thankful for every person who helps make our vision a reality and we invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us. We offer three main ways to get in the game:



12TH MAN

Our #1 financial need is for dedicated monthly supporters. In soccer, the 12th man helps get the job done even though he may not be one of the 11 players on the field. For Vapor, 12th Man partners provide the critical and consistent financial support we need to accomplish the mission. The task ahead will take the combined efforts of many people, businesses and churches. These contributions help every aspect of the cause. A commitment form is attached.



HASMIN'S FRIENDS

Hasmin's Friends is the name of our sponsorship program, created to fight illiteracy among the poorest children at our centers. This partnership allows a donor to provide monthly support to a child at a particular center. You can find more information on our website at vaporsports.org.



THRIFT STORE

Vapor Thrift Stores generate resources that provide direct support for the work of our centers in the Third World. You can help by donating to, purchasing from and volunteering at these stores.

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Life is a vapor. Don't spend yours on the sidelines.

LIFE IS A VAPOR.

A near-fatal surfing accident in 1995 shattered the early dreams of Micah McElveen. Life-flighted to a Florida hospital with a broken neck, the aspiring athlete awoke as a quadriplegic in intensive care. The years of rehabilitation that followed restored to him much of the use of his arms and legs – but the accident set him on a new journey.

Returning to school with some lingering paralysis in his arms, McElveen turned to a new sport that depended on footwork: soccer. And, consumed with the idea of spending, not wasting, his life, he sought to develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ — a relationship he wanted to share with others. “We’re not guaranteed a long life,” he says. “The truth is, our time on earth is like a vapor. When you realize that, you learn to live it differently.”

In college, he played soccer and the idea of using sports as a platform for ministry began to develop. He spent time in an African slum among people whose intrinsic poverty became his struggle, too. In him, God’s heart for the poor and neglected also began to beat.

“I felt like I had come to a crossroads, and I would either waste the rest of my life trying to forget what I saw, or spend it by doing something about it,” McElveen says. An idea began to form, ultimately becoming a vision and, within a year, he moved to that African slum to establish the first Vapor center.



WHAT VAPOR DOES

Vapor engages some of the world’s poorest places and establishes centers for poverty alleviation and disciple making. We use the vehicle of sport to connect and share the gospel. Partnering with local faith communities, we build fields, set up leagues and initiate organized humanitarian projects. The center’s indigenous staff serve as coaches and spiritual mentors, trained to meet both the immediate basic needs of the children and to introduce them to the love of Christ. We design our centers so that each can become indigenously led, financially independent and self-perpetuating.

Our centers are the cornerstones of our mission and through them we achieve our three main goals: **equipping the unequipped, alleviating poverty and multiplying disciples.**

EQUIPPING THE UNEQUIPPED

In the third-world environments in which we work, we meet local people of evident potential, who lack opportunity. We equip them to operate their own centers through a process of intense spiritual formation, leadership development and “specific-to-job” training that precedes their employment. We ensure their success and accountability through ongoing collaboration and personnel development. We consider these proven representatives uniquely positioned to solve problems in the most appropriate way, to make the best decisions on the sustainable development of their center and its further expansion.

ALLEVIATING POVERTY

We establish our centers, intentionally, in the heart of intrinsically poor environments. They are the bases from which we systematically



fight poverty. From them we provide access to clean water, combat illiteracy, support disease-prevention training, fight hunger, facilitate economic development and offer basic assistance through various means at our disposal.

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Disciples make other disciples. They take the initiative for spiritual formation in their own lives and become leaders for others. At our centers, we intentionally form disciples with multiplication in mind. We utilize the local sport of choice to introduce the hope of Christ, teach the truths of His Word, equip participants for missional living and empower local people to carry out the cause of Christ.

The lives that we see impacted at each Vapor center remind us of the importance of the work at hand.

The urgency and magnitude of the issues our world faces, and the clarion call of Christ to engage, stir in us a passion to effect significant change in our world. It is our aim to establish 40 centers in 40 third-world environments, by 2017.

V12TH MAN

We invite you to cross the line, join the team and help establish self-sustaining centers for humanitarian aid and disciple making in third-world environments.

“Being a 12th Man gives us the opportunity to direct resources God has entrusted to us to benefit children and families around the world and grow His Kingdom.”

Dave Stampfl, M.D.
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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