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Dave is one of the pioneers of the soccer ministry movement, dating back to his time as Men's Soccer Coach at Azusa Pacific University. Dave and the Christian soccer team's he has led have traveled to over thirty countries of the world, bringing hope to those they meet. Dave heads up the Surge's work from their US headquarters in Salem, OR. Dave and Susan have three grown children; Nathan Ryan and Hayley. He is available for sharing with your church or group. Contact him at: [dirby17@gmail.com](mailto:dirby17@gmail.com)



**Allen Lotz**  
**International Missions Strategist**  
 B.A. in Liberal Studies  
 M.S. in Christian Education

Allen played soccer at Azusa Pacific University (CA) and also with one of the first soccer ministry teams before entering the world of MK education overseas. During this time, he worked as teacher, coach and administrator in three different countries on two continents. Using soccer as a tool for outreach has been a common thread in these endeavors. Allen brings expertise in organizational leadership, multicultural settings and member care as well as a broad range of international experience and networking during his time as a consultant with MK education that will prove beneficial to expanding the impact of Surge International.

**VIENNA SURGE STAFF 2012—2013**

- Katey Gray** (Clemson University)
- Gillian McPherson** (Biola University/ CA)
- Stefan & Elizabeth Ostergren** (Univ. Akron/OH)
- Miguel & Brooke Benavides** (Grand Canyon Univ/AZ)
- Anthony & Karissa Whitlatch** (Grand Canyon Univ/AZ)
- Katelyn Ogle** (San Diego Christian College/CA)

## Why Soccer?

At Surge International we have seen first hand how sports, or in our case soccer can help bring change to the world - in jungle villages, schools, prisons, orphanages and national soccer stadiums. Read what Nelson Mandela and Tony Blair have to say about the power of sport.

*"Sport has the power to unite people in a way little else can it breaks down radical barriers, it laughs in the face of all kinds of discrimination. Sport speaks to people in a language they can all understand."*

**Nelson Mandela;**  
**former President of South Africa**

*"Sport has enduring qualities. It shows us how to participate in something that is bigger than ourselves, and teaches... how to set a goal and fulfill it. Sport brings people together; the self-worth and self-belief that it teaches are values that can last a lifetime."*

**Tony Blair;**  
**former Prime Minister of Great Britain**

## Surge International

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Surge tie Amazon Select 0-0 in front of 20,000 in Iquitos, Peru

*"You are part of the reconciliation process"*

*The Sudanese Ambassador to the US speaking to Surge President Dave Irby in Washington DC prior to the soccer team going to Sudan on a Peace Mission.*

**SALEM, OREGON**

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Based in Salem, Oregon and Vienna, Austria **Surge International** is a global soccer ministry, an arm of the local church and a partner with mission agencies around the world.

The purpose of **Surge International** is to bring together Christian soccer players and coaches for soccer ministry training and to equip them for local, national, and international outreach through the world's most popular sport.

**A few of the countries visited:**

Germany, Austria, England, Jordan, Israel, Thailand, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Indonesia, Mexico, Sudan, Uganda, Mozambique, South Africa, Honduras, Kosovo, Peru, and Guatemala.

*"My experience was life changing. I now have a full understanding of what it means to serve, worship, love, desire, hear, and follow God, and I will live my life seeking to know Him more."*

**Zach Patterson**

All American Soccer Player  
Mt. Vernon Nazarene University.

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**Surge International Projects**



**VIENNA SURGE**

(Primarily), from their base in Vienna, Surge Staff and Volunteers are involved in 12 ministries to 11 different countries. *Evangelism projects; small group Bible studies; outreach activities to: youth, students, homeless, drug addicted; and short term mission trips to other countries in Europe and Africa.*

**GLOBAL PLAYER INITIATIVE (GPI)**

The purpose of the GPI is for training, equipping and sending Christian soccer players to Vienna, Austria to use the platform of soccer to impact the world. There are two unique programs to choose from.

**GPI PRO**

**One Year**

Primarily for college graduates who want to minister through soccer while continuing their playing career. The program emphasizes spiritual growth and servant leadership. *Previous experience with Surge required*

*"I could have stayed in the US and continued my 'comfortable' life, but I wanted to be challenged spiritually, to serve and to be stretched as a soccer player."*

**Stefan Ostergren**

U. Akron/ NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Champions

**GPI AMATEUR**

**12 to 14 days**

Generally held in May. This is a soccer ministry experience for individual undergraduate collegiate players (men & women). Learn and participate in European soccer and missions.

*\*Some projects include other European or African countries*

**Project Dates**

**January**

- + National Soccer Coaches Convention
- + First ministry trip to Peru

**April**

- + Annual ministry trip to Kosovo
- Join us in Vienna and Kosovo (10 days)

**May**

- + Women's Select Team to Vienna (10 to 12 days)

**May/June**

- + Graduating Seniors join the GPI in Vienna Men and Women
- (Application Deadline March 1)*

**June/July**

- + Soccer Camp / Leadership Training in Mongolia; 4-6 players/coaches (10 days)

**September**

- + Hobby team tour to Vienna (10 days)

**October**

- + Charity Match & Halloween House
- RSJB Orphanage in Tecate, Mexico (TBA)

*All Surge International programs require participants to go through an application process, and develop a prayer and financial support team.*

**JOIN SURGE INTERNATIONAL**

- ◆ Internships in Sports Management and Sports Ministry available.
- ◆ Bring you team or church group to discover missions in Europe.

