

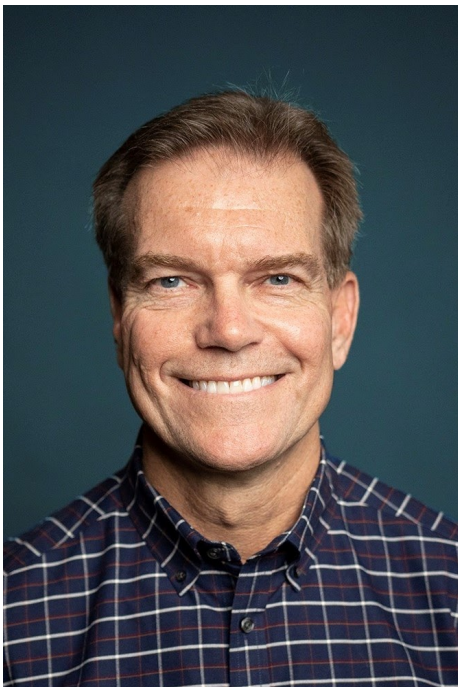
Global Teen Challenge Announces New Chief Executive Officer

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Dr. Jerry Nance, President of Global Teen Challenge, is pleased to announce that Steve Trader has joined our team as Chief Executive Officer. “His passion, gifts as a leader and team builder, along with his business background in the pharmaceutical industry makes him uniquely gifted to lead Global Teen Challenge into the new decade,” says Dr. Nance.

Steve is from Wilmington, Delaware where he graduated from Widener University. He spent the next 23 years representing a large international pharmaceutical company, until 2005 when God called him and his wife Barb to plant Trinity Community Church near Wilmington. They served the community together for the next 14 years. During that time, Steve became very active within the Adult & Teen Challenge U.S.A. network, serving on the advisory board for seven years, then as Chairman of the Board of the AT&C USA national office for nearly 4 years.

Late in 2018, as Steve was completing a 26,000 foot building project for his growing church, he began to sense God had another calling for his life. Steve said, “throughout much of 2019, I had been serving as the liaison between the US and global offices in beta testing the new Sober Peer recovery software platform. I began to see the remarkable impact that this new digital platform could make in the addiction recovery process. It wasn’t long before the Lord made it clear that I was to go and work for Global Teen Challenge. I answered that call in February 2020, and accepted the position as C.E.O., headquartered in Columbus, Georgia.”



Steve’s position as C.E.O. includes overseeing all programs and initiatives being implemented in 129 nations, and the 1400 affiliates in every continent of the world (except Antarctica). He is also responsible for the domestic and foreign implementation of Sober Peer.

When asked about his 2020 vision Steve responded, “our global vision remains laser focused, to put hope within reach of every person struggling with a life-controlling issue.” He added, “with the Sober Peer mobile app to be released this spring, we will be able to reach those seeking immediate help and connect them to a peer coach or counselor, giving them hope when they need it the most”.

Teen Challenge has been helping teens and adults find freedom from life-controlling addictions since 1958. The organization has seen hundreds of thousands of people rehabilitated, tens of thousands of families restored, and thousands of communities strengthened. In 1995, Global Teen Challenge was formed as a fellowship organization and in 2007, aligned its focus to bolster existing affiliates and help develop new programs around the world.

Steve and his wife Barb have been married for 31 years. They have two grown daughters, Hannah and Stephanie.

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