



ELITE TEAMS

MISSION: ELITE TEAMS IS AN EXTREME DISCIPLESHIP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
DESIGNED TO IMPACT AT RISK INDIVIDUALS.

A REGISTERED 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

BACKGROUND

- ELITE TEAMS STARTED IN A LITTLE TOWN IN LANCASTER PA. WITH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE LIVING A LIFE DESTINED FOR DESTRUCTION BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION. THEY WERE AT THE STAGE OF DETERMINING RIGHT AND WRONG, AND CHOOSING DIRECTION FOR THEIR LIVES. FOR THE MAJORITY, THAT DIRECTION WAS LEADING THEM TO INCARCERATION.
- OUR METHODS HAVE OPENED DOORS TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA DESTINED FOR LIFE IN THE GANGS. ALSO, OUR MISSION HAS TAKEN US TO VARIOUS GANG PRISONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. OUR DESIRE IS THAT NONE WOULD PERISH, THAT ALL WOULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHT AND WRONG AND LEAD OTHERS TO FOLLOW THE SAME JOURNEY.
- WE HAVE SEEN THE POTENTIAL IN THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ARE EXCITED TO TELL THE STORIES OF LIVES COMPLETELY CHANGED.
- THIS JOURNEY HAS BEEN FORGED THROUGH THE FIRE AS A VIABLE PROCESS TO AFFECT REAL CHANGE. WE HAVE SEEN THIS THROUGH OUR MANY LEADERS, WHO ARE STILL WITH US TO THIS DAY.

NORTH AMERICA: HOMICIDE/CRIME RATE

- Youth violence negatively impacts youth in all communities—urban, suburban, rural, and tribal.
- 1 in 5 high school students reported being bullied on school property in the past year.
- Youth violence kills and injures. Homicide is the third leading cause of death for young people in the United States from ages 10-24.
- THE YEAR-OVER-YEAR INCREASE IN THE U.S. MURDER RATE IN 2020 WAS THE LARGEST SINCE AT LEAST 1905 – AND POSSIBLY EVER, ACCORDING TO [PROVISIONAL DATA FROM THE CDC](#). (FINAL DATA IS NOT EXPECTED TO DIFFER MUCH FROM THE PROVISIONAL DATA.) THERE WERE 7.8 HOMICIDES FOR EVERY 100,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2020, UP FROM SIX HOMICIDES PER 100,000 PEOPLE THE YEAR BEFORE. THE RISE IN THE NATION'S MURDER RATE LAST YEAR FAR EXCEEDED THE 20% INCREASE MEASURED IN 2001, WHICH WAS DRIVEN BY THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT. 11. (PEW RESEARCH CENTER)
- OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, HOMICIDES AND GUN ASSAULTS TRENDED UPWARD WHILE MOST PROPERTY CRIMES RECEDED. IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2022, CRIME PATTERNS PARTIALLY REVERSED, IN PARTICULAR, HOMICIDES AND GUN ASSAULTS DECLINED WHILE PROPERTY CRIMES ROSE.
- At year end 2020, an estimated 5,500,600 persons were under the supervision of adult correctional systems in the United States, 11% fewer than at the same time the previous year (adjusted for persons on dual correctional statuses). (Gramlich)

HONDURAS: HOMICIDE RATE

- **IN 2021, ALMOST 39 HOMICIDES WERE COMMITTED PER 100,000 INHABITANTS IN HONDURAS.** THIS IS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT THE MURDER RATE FALLS BELOW 40 PER 100,000 POPULATION SINCE 2014, WHICH WAS THE DEADLIEST YEAR IN THE INDICATED PERIOD, AT 66 HOMICIDES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS.
- COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, **HONDURAS IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST VIOLENT PLACES IN THE WORLD** WITH A HOMICIDE RATE OF 44.7 PER 100,000, IN 2019 VIOLENCE HAS LONG RULED HERE. THIS CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY ACTUALLY HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST MURDER RATES IN THE WORLD. **DRUG TRAFFICKING GANGS, CORRUPTION, AND EXTREME POVERTY** KEEP HONDURAS DOWN.
- IN 2021, A TOTAL OF **3,897 HOMICIDES** WERE REGISTERED IN HONDURAS, AN INCREASE OF AROUND SEVEN PERCENT COMPARED TO THE 3,623 CASES REGISTERED A YEAR EARLIER. THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN THE INDICATED PERIOD WAS RECORDED IN 2012, WITH 7,172 HOMICIDES.
(Homicide rate in Honduras 2021)

Extreme Mentorship Training Overview

Elite Teams uses a training style and methods that guide young people and train them to be leaders in their own environments. We use methods of team-building evolutions, physical training, verbal instruction, discipline, and character development.

Elite Teams hopes to become an important tool to tackle the problem of increased violence impacting the lives of our young people.

Elite Teams Key Prevention Strategies

Prevention efforts should aim to reduce factors that place youth at risk for perpetrating violence and promote factors that protect youth at risk for violence. In addition, prevention should address all types of influences on youth violence: individual, relationship, community, and society. Effective prevention strategies are necessary to promote awareness about youth violence and to foster the commitment to social change.

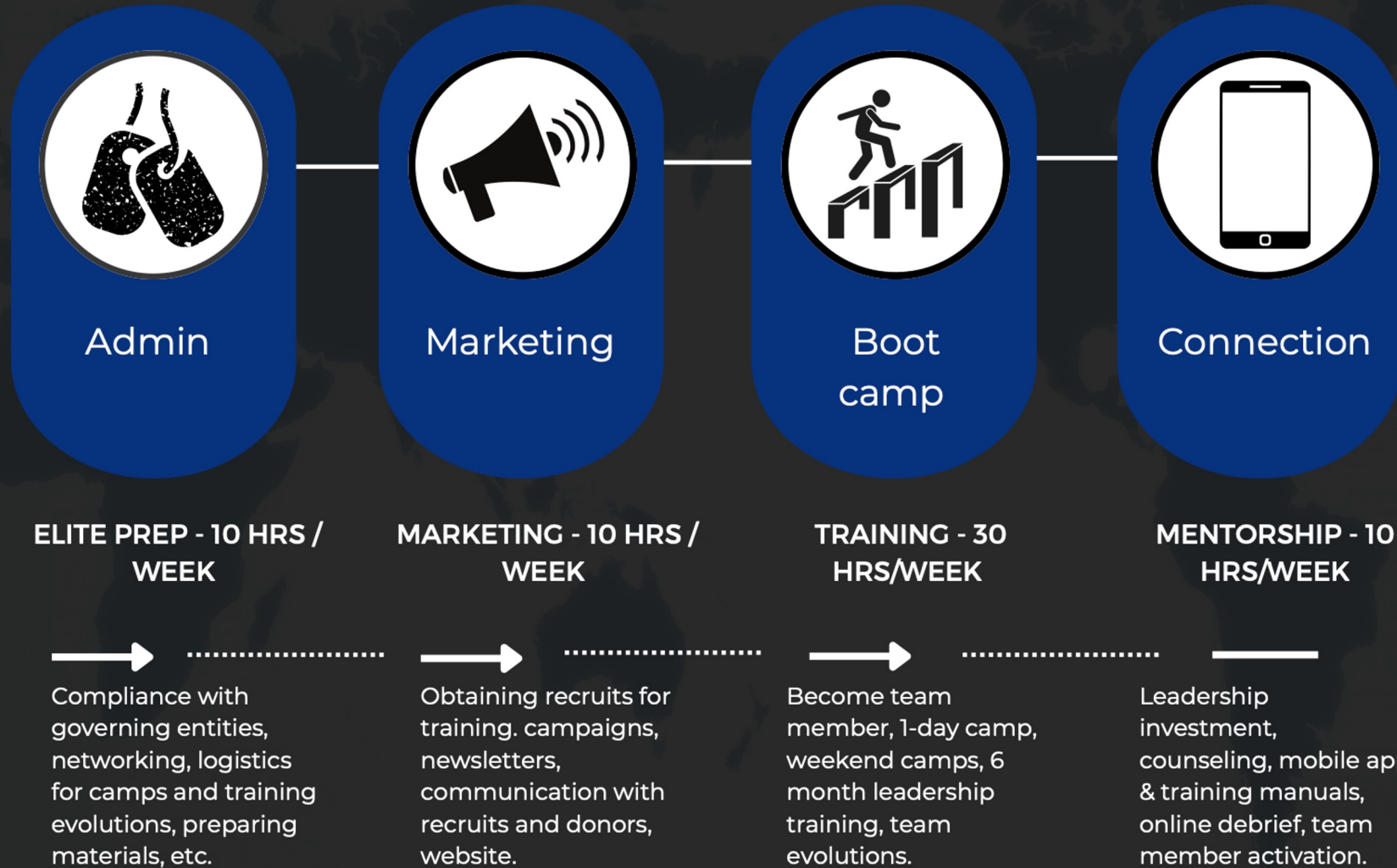
Youth violence prevention continues to advance rapidly. Our prevention tools have been developed and implemented; many of these prevention programs and strategies have been evaluated and **found to be effective** at preventing violence and related behaviors among youth.

Evidence-based programs have shown positive effects in rigorous evaluations.
(Prevention strategies)

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GROWTH PROCESS

Time and effort invested per 100 recruits



ELITE TEAMS TRAINING/STATISTICS

(YOUTH TRAINED FROM 2012-2022)

- COUNTRIES/ YOUTH TRAINED

- EL SALVADOR- 5500
- NICARAGUA – 1356
- HONDURAS- 1500
- UNITED STATES- 55
- COSTA RICA - 15

LEADERS TRAINED

106 LEADERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

65% FEMALE

35% MALE

ELITE TEAMS TRAINING SCHEDULE

(With current funding)

- ENGAGING 300 YOUTH PER MONTH (3600 YOUTH PER YEAR).
- RUNNING 2 TEAMS OF 12 STRONG LEADERS THROUGH LEADERSHIP TRAINING YEAR ROUND.
- NEXT YEAR GOAL (2023): INCREASE TO 450 YOUTH PER MONTH, AND RUN 3 TEAMS OF 12 STRONG LEADERSHIP TRAINING ALL YEAR ROUND

CURRENT PROJECTS

- MOBILE APP
- ELITE SAN MANUAL CORTES HONDURAS ROOF PROJECT (TRAINING AREA FOR 300 YOUTH)
- OKEECHOBEE, FL ELITE TRAINING CENTER
- SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE
- COSTA RICA TRAINING CENTER
- ELITE TRAINING PROGRAM IN CENTRAL AMERICA @ \$1,000.00 EACH
- UNIFORMS/TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Impacted thousands of young people!



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BIOS



Mike Brown – Founder and Executive Director of Elite Teams

Mike is an ordained Pastor with the Assemblies of God. Mike has spent the last 10 years along with his family of 5 serving in various countries including El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Central America. His passion is discipleship and mentorship. Mike is also a Ministry Chaplain and aspiring psychologist. Mike served in the United States Navy and is honored to take his experience in discipline and leadership and invest in the next generation. Mike is also the communications Director for JAG Ministries. A father of 4 and a husband to an amazing wife who is also a part of this growing ministry team. Mike's experience is in gang ministry, prison ministry, leadership development, team building, and construction.

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Jessica Brown
Elite Teams Treasurer

Jess is a wife and mother of 4. She is also a credentialed pastor with the Assemblies of God. Jess has spent the last 10 years in ministry engaging young people in mentorship in El Salvador and Honduras. Jess was the Director of Specialties programs in El Salvador including horticulture, greenhouse management, food programs manager, English Teacher, and food preparation instructor. Jess is also the Elite mother. She has been in gang areas , children's ministry and involved with Elite from the beginning.

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Bonnie Komo Elite Teams Secretary

Bonnie enjoys researching and learning about new businesses and Nonprofit organizations in order to keep up with industry methods. She has over 20-years' experience working with IBM executives and customers in many areas of business working with diverse people and cultures. This experience provided her a deep level of understanding in contract management and processes such as: contract deliverables, issues, risks, management, communications, and business controls/audit support.

Her biggest strength is flexibility and she's ready to take on new responsibilities. She also listens to what people like and need, and works with them to achieve their goals. She can work and get along with anyone, especially after traveling to Brazil working in a culture that was new to her. In addition, she has traveled to Central America on Mission trips, Israel, and Spain. On a personal level, she has a MBA in Business Administration & Management. She likes to stay active by walking and swimming. She has competed in over 15 marathons and in triathlons for 10-years, as well as finishing two Ironman competitions. She loves being around positive people and energy! Her goal is to help ELITE Teams be successful in their mission.

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Gonzalo Anael Cárcamo Mejía, Commander Elite Central America

Anael is the commander of all of Central America which includes Honduras, EL Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama, and Costa Rica. Anael was born in a small community dedicated to growing corn and beans. He grew up under the direction of a pretty hard father figure. Anael learned principles and values rooted in discipline, courage and good value was basically instructed since young to be a soldier. His dad is a combat veteran, because of his dad's character and commitment to the military, Anael would travel and never have the opportunity to finish a full year of school. Anael wanted to be a soldier, because of the example of his father .

Anael entered the ranks of the Honduran army at the age of 14. Anael was trained (LICOM) COMBAT LEADERS a special operations unit. Anael was made a sergeant and has fulfilled several missions. After military service Anael would go on to be a bull rider ..It was a chaos. Anael met his wife and she was the starting point for knowing Jesus Christ. Anael was baptized and began to serve in a congregation. Anael and Mike met while serving as missionaries in Honduras. Anael would assist Mike in missions and construction as a foreman. This would forge a relationship that would see Anael as Commander over Elite's Central American Branch. Anael is an Assemblies of God locally credentialed pastor. All teams report to Anael and Commander Anael reports to Mike as General and Director.

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Paul Heisey
Board Member

Paul has been involved with the Elite program since its conception 15 years ago. Paul and his wife Deb have a strong interest in the Elite program, turning young men and women toward the Lord and away from gangs, drugs and violence. Paul has experience in the mentorship of youth and children for the past 50 years, through the local church and outside of the church. Paul retired from his job as a fisheries Biologist after 52 years faithful service. Paul loves to garden and serve others where needed. Paul is a servant leader and a great mentor. Paul's desire is that his life will reflect Jesus and draw others to a greater understanding of their purpose. He is thankful for his wife and growing family which includes 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Dan Komo
Board member

Dan has been an entrepreneur and a project manager for over 20 years and has owned his own business, and he has also mentored many others in starting their own business. He likes to be behind the scenes supporting the leadership. Dan and his wife Bonnie have also started their own non-profit and served as board members on other non-profits. Dan is a close friend and ministry partner. He is a humble servant, leader, and driven to make disciples. Dan's professional background is marketing, technology, and product development. He has been a major part of the building of the Elite ministry.

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