



Steve Haas

Expert in engagement around the world's greatest humanitarian issues, and the role of relief and development work, biblical advocacy, and the church

Steve is a gifted and dynamic spokesperson for World Vision. His role as Catalyst includes working with church leaders, contributing to strategic planning on major humanitarian initiatives, and communicating about global issues that affect those living in poverty. While few of us may be called to relief work, Steve believes that “Christians are called to live out loud.” It is this conviction that fuels his exhortation to action on the part of believers.

While pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Kansas, Steve temporarily suspended his studies to work in youth ministry in the Philippines. His life was never the same. After graduating, he labored along the Thailand border as a relief worker aiding Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees. His career has included serving on the staff of Willow Creek Community Church, one of America's best-known megachurches, where he developed small group ministry and then local and international ministries. He joined World Vision in 2001.

Steve is known as a motivator and a visionary with a passion for making things happen. His leadership has helped to engage and mobilize congregations across America on the global HIV and AIDS crisis. Steve was also one of the driving forces behind the launch of World Vision's work to engage college and university students in advocacy for people living in poverty.

He has addressed audiences of virtually every type, size, and denominational background. His expertise and zeal have won him interviews with CNN, *Christianity Today*, *The New York Times*, and a host of radio stations.

Steve lives in Tacoma, Washington. He has three adult children—Erin, Ben, and Andrew—and one daughter-in-law, Eliana.

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