

## AN UPDATE

## KENYA



Reports from Reach Out's Global Ministry astound and encourage us. Our Country Leaders are truly heroes! The price they pay to train others in the face of the incredible hardships is steep and is now compounded by the effects of Covid-19. The length of their reach is long in places like Kenya Their extraordinary disciple-making results from applying Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry training. Because of outreach into schools, churches, and communities, thousands of young people are following Jesus!

These are but a few of the numerous stories, pictures, and videos we have received telling of their victories and the Lord's faithfulness. Your investment gives our Kenya team the financial capacity required to carry out this ministry. Thank you for letting God use you in such a significant and wonderful way!

Country Leader

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Christopher Ochieng









We give glory to God for His kindness despite the pandemic of Covid 19. He is faithful to care for us and to give us health.

The last six months have been tough. We have had our share of unfortunate experiences attributed to the corona virus: deaths, infections, massive layoffs, and the increasingly high cost of living. Nonetheless, we did not tire serving the Lord in various capacities. JFYM was the best tool to reach the many souls of the young people, out of school, energetic and thirsty to use their youthful energy negatively. Through our network and series of trainings, the youthful energy has been directed toward serving Jesus Christ.

150 NEW LEADERS TRAINED

11 NEW CHURCHES IMPLEMENTING JFYM

125 NEW EAGLE LEADERS ADDED

400 NEW STUDENTS BEING DISCIPLED

5 NEW JFYM CHURCHES PLANTED

120 LEADERS ENCOURAGED

740 STUDENTS/ADULTS SAVED

In the month of March, schools, colleges, and universities closed. Crowds of youth roamed everywhere within our neighborhood. One local church in Homabay County, led by our regional leader Isaac Okoth, witnessed to about 20 youth. All of them were saved! They began to use the JFYM material to reach out to their peers. The following month, Okoth confessed that he had between 100-150 youth that needed his assistance to know Jesus more.

Joseph Omondi, our Western Kenya regional leader, equipped with the knowledge of penetrating the culture, went to different pool playing centers and shared the gospel. According to his report, "60 youth gave their life to Christ in the month of April."

Bishop Enoch ministered not only to the youth, but also to twelve parents of these youth. Like in 2 Timothy 2:2, he discipled and entrusted to the faithful men the ability to do the same. In the last six months, Enoch reached out to over 300 non-believers, and saw them turn to followers of Jesus Christ.

Our church, Ruiru Bible Baptist Church, is blessed with tools for creating outreach opportunities. Basketball attracts about 100 to 150 youth daily. Our spacious hall is also suited for many indoor games. In the last six months, Ruiru Bible Baptist church has been a pillar to the youth. After games are done, Allan, one of the Eagle Leaders and a basketball player, gathers the young people and shares with them the word of God using JFYM resources. Mark Juma, Africa leader for JFYM and Karate instructor, uses the opportunity and speak to his trainees. These efforts bear fruit; the group of about twenty that was saved in March, has matured and are discipling other new students. The formula has become so effective that now, about 250 youth have come to Christ. Many more are being discipled. Out of this number, 80 youth have been baptized. The JFYM booklet has been so instrumental in achieving this goal.

About a month ago, the government lifted the restrictions from March. Church meetings can commence. We thank God! JFYM KENYA has scheduled a series of activities. After a hiatus of about five months, our leaders have entered a period of more focused prayer as we discern where God is leading us in our work with the young people of our community. We have planned for regional Summits and Forums. We ask for your prayers. We sincerely thank you for the financial cushioning that you gave to our ministers. It indeed helped each one of us in a special way. We are very grateful to all who offer time, enthusiasm, kindness, financial support, and hard work so that ministry can flourish around the world and particularly in Kenya.

