

Reach ut™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



UGANDA

2024 UPDATE



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GLOBAL IMPACT

49+ Years
30+ Countries
4+ Continents

Reach Out Global Map

MISSION

To equip and multiply leaders globally who influence the younger generation to follow Jesus.

VISION

To influence as many teenagers as possible to follow Jesus.

2024 STATS

290 Students saved
45 Adults/parents saved
430 Leaders trained
9 Churches planted
50 New Eagle Leaders certified

God moved mightily through our Reach Out team in 2024, more than we ever could have imagined! **Investing into the training and equipping of youth leaders is crucial in spreading the message of the gospel to the younger generation.** Our Country Leaders witnessed God's hand in allowing our team to train and equip more than **8,000 youth leaders this past year** who are now implementing the six essential characteristics taught through **Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry** into local churches in countries all over the world. Accounts were received about the impact of our JFYM Forums that brought newly certified Eagle Leaders (leaders who are now equipped to train other leaders), churches planted, and onlookers saved. **Over 22,000 students were saved** through the ministries of those trained in Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry. And **thousands of students are currently being discipled** into disciple-makers for their generation!

JFYM Forums have sparked the **establishment of 182 new churches in just one year.** Thousands of students also participated in biblical training when our teams were invited to enter schools throughout many different countries.

New opportunities were plentiful in 2024. A JFYM translation was completed in **Urdu (Pakistan)**. Many of our Kenya leadership team gathered for additional **biblical training hosted by two Bible colleges.** This training provides them with the educational credentials needed to continue working in local schools and churches. We completed our **21st year of ministry in Cuba** during 2024. Our team of trainers worked with **youth leaders from two churches in Rostov, Russia** who are serious about reaching the next generation in their communities!

Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers throughout 2024 to help us extend God's love to the countries we serve. We would not be able to do it without you and your faithfulness in coming alongside us. **Thank you!**



24 youth and youth leaders gathered at Passover Church in the Nakyenyi village, Lwengo District in March to be equipped and inspired as they impact the lives of young people. After the training, they **prayed over the newly trained students** who are about to embark on their journey of **sharing Jesus with their peers**.

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

TESTIMONIAL

An unexpected testimonial from a former JFYM graduate!

In eastern Uganda, **Pastor Isaac Mbolele** is a young, charismatic pastor who was *trained by our Africa Director Charles Juma in Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry several years ago*. He recently shared a testimonial with our team:

*"Thank you man of God for **investing in me**. I'm truly **grateful to Reach Out Youth Solutions for preparing me to reach my young generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ**. When I attended your JFYM meeting, I was just a youth, an usher, and a church cleaner. Yet, **the Lord called me to youth ministry and burdened my heart to reach my generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ!***

*Today, my youth choir **travels with me to share the gospel** with hundreds of youth. I also get **invitations from churches to speak to young people** along with other speakers. I also **teach JFYM too and mobilize leaders to reach and disciple their youth**.*

*You may not know the full **impact of your ministry on me and others in Uganda**, but God knows. **JFYM has impacted thousands of young people in Uganda through the years**. I'm grateful to you and your team. I'm grateful to Reach Out for their belief and investment in us, the younger generation. Please don't get tired. **Keep loving us and partnering with us to reach the youth of Uganda.**"*






In June, 25 eager attendees gathered to enhance their youth leadership skills under the guidance of **esteemed Eagle Leader, Pastor Barnabas!** They split up into groups to do teamwork exercises that helped them focus on the youth they will be ministering to and sharing their faith with from what they learned at the training.

TRANSFORMING LIVES




This student who attended the June JFYM Forum said she was **very humbled to be a part of the JFYM training**. She said she **learned how to help her team reach more students for Christ**.




A pastor who attended the June Forum stated that during the JFYM training he was greatly impacted by the discussion on **Matthew 9**. The passage **convicted him to pray**, as there are still so many people in the harvest, yet so few laborers.

TESTIMONIALS



This youth leader said that he was very excited to be a part of our JFYM training. He believes that if they **use the information they learned and share it with their youth, the church will grow, and become better**.



This pastor said that **ever since our team stepped into their district in Jinja, they have seen the goodness of God**. He said they can see that **their youth have not remained the same**. They have learned **how to preach the gospel**. The youth showed this by going out, sharing the gospel, and **they saw miracles happen**. He also learned from the training that in general they have "sat" a lot. **They became convicted that people are suffering and yet, they have not gone out to preach the gospel**. He recognized that we need to teach them, then send them, and repeat, to sweep the whole world.

MIRACULOUS HAND OF GOD



Our team in Uganda went door-to-door to preach and share the gospel with residents in **Nakabango, Jinja** during their JFYM training. God gave them a divine appointment with **a Muslim girl and her friend who accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior right on the road!** Then an older lady who referred to herself as Catholic **also accepted Jesus for the first time.** After that, another woman suffering from physical issues **accepted Jesus after hearing the gospel and was instantly and miraculously healed!** Our team then finished up their JFYM training with the more than 20 youth leaders who attended.





BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED FUTURE

God's fire has been igniting our team's desire to reach more and more of the local communities when hosting their JFYM Forums. At their November Forum, they **separated into 5 groups during the Forum and went door-to-door, bringing the gospel and praying for the people in the local community!** More than 30 youth leaders were also trained, equipped, and are on their way to reaching the younger generation for Christ!



COUNTRY STATISTICS

UGANDA

Population = 48.5 million

42.1% living on less than \$2.15/day,
71.8% living on less than \$3.65/day,
91% living on less than \$6.85/day

ages 15-49, with women higher
at 6.4% than men at 3.4%

POVERTY
15.4%

AIDS/HIV
4.9%

HDI
157 OUT OF
193

Human Development Index =
health, education, income
rankings in the world

TEEN
PREGNANCY
11.1%

of ladies ages 15-19

EDUCATION

85% attend primary school,
19% attend lower secondary school,
8% attend upper secondary school,
41% complete primary school



Challenges

- 13% of the population is Muslim as declared by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics for 2024, however, thought to be highly underestimated by the U.S. Dept of Gov at 37% in 2021
- minimum wage remained unchanged at the 1984 level of 130,000 Ugandan shillings (\$35.50) per month
- school fees are unaffordable for many parents, being 200x higher in urban areas than rural, causing many children to drop out or not keep up
- flooding in May killed 49 people, 28 are still missing, and 296 others have been injured, almost 18,500 people have been displaced and 39,185 affected across more than 15 districts of the country
- flooding in November killed 28 people, 100 people are still missing, 125 homes were destroyed, and thousands were displaced
- 18% have access to safe sanitation, 3% have access to basic sanitation, 19% have access to safe drinking water, 41% have access to basic drinking water

Reach Out

- A gift of \$1,000 helps indigenous leaders train 50 youth pastors through an “in-person” forum in their country.
- A gift of \$500 helps provide scholarships to train and mentor 20 youth pastors online.
- A gift of \$200 (\$3.85 per week) helps us equip 1 leader for 1 year, with the goal of that leader moving from being introduced to JFYM to implementing and multiplying JFYM. As a result, that new leader will begin training 3 additional leaders, so that from those 4 new leaders, there are a total of 12 young people disciplined and praying for opportunities to influence 36 of their friends to follow Jesus.
- A monthly gift of \$100 helps us continue current ministry to leaders around the world who are trained and resourced through Reach Out.

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