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Reaching Out... Staying Connected

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Ukraine



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Malawi

A Kenyan
Christmas Eve



With your investment in this ministry, great stories are being written and told. We invite you to hear and pray about the things that are happening throughout the ministry of Reach Out this month . . .

Come and See What the Lord Has Done!

Psalms 66:5



MALAWI

When our kids were little (I'm in denial that our youngest is nine now!) they were so excited about giving a present to someone that they would often end up "helping" the recipient open it. That's the way I feel as I send you this latest edition of our newsletter! I wish I was sitting right there next to you, helping you unwrap each of these stories by telling you the amazing "backstory" behind each one. Through videos, pictures and words, you will see this month's story of God's continual, amazing work through this

ministry . . . stories of students reached, leaders trained and multiplied, and tangible needs met. But most of all, it points to the bigger story . . . the story of our Redeemer . . . the One who invites each of us to join Him on this journey of rescue, restoration, and renewal.



Billy Banda with young children



Billy and Moses baptizing students



Widows receiving aid in Kenya



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Mentoring in Malawi . . .

Billy Banda is the Reach Out Country Leader in Malawi. **Billy's testimony** speaks to several men that God used in his life to lead and mentor him to the place where he eventually began leading the Reach Out training in his country. Now, mentoring has become ingrained in Billy's life. One of the men he has been mentoring is Moses. In our training material, we teach "The Progression of the Leadership Team" (I do it. I do it and they are with me. They do it and I am with them. They do it and I am in the background to encourage.) Thank you, Billy, for leading by example!

Charles Juma + A Christmas Eve Like No Other . . .

On December 24, Charles Juma led an effort to minister to people in one of the poorest villages in Kenya. He was able to gather together 19 widows who are HIV positive, who also have children under their care. These women were unaware as to why they were being brought together, but our team on the ground had discovered that they were without any food to provide their families for Christmas. We threw a party for them, shared the Gospel, and gave them baskets of food and gifts. As they were handed the food, they lifted their baskets up and thanked God for giving them and their children a reason to smile on Christmas Day. Ten of the widows were saved during Charles' time with them. Several children also asked Jesus into their hearts as Lord and Savior. Here is a short video of the response of one of the widows that day.

Amazing Testimonies from Ukraine . . .

Christina, our Country Leader in Ukraine, shared a variety of Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry experiences with us... through the eyes of those impacted.

After Ukraine's "National Reach Out Leader Retreat":



Repentance Prayer at Event



Click **VIDEO** of this Evangelical Event

Nastya: *"God provided for me, covered my transportation expenses, and my heart has been set on fire for the ministry again."*

Cler: *"Now that I grasp the whole idea of being equipped in this strategy, I would like to be trained on how to build an effective discipleship-oriented youth ministry."*

Andrey: *"I came so exhausted from doing ministry, to be in the atmosphere of prayer and encouragement and great knowledge was so refreshing."*

Lena: *"The JFYM strategy was an eye-opening moment for me."*

Upon completing JFYM while online with several others during quarantine:

Olya: *"I was amazed at how big the community of youth leaders is..it is great to become a part of it."*

Following an evangelistic event for students in December where many were saved:

Sasha: *"We felt so strongly the presence of the Lord from the very minute we started the event, and a big part of that was the prayer strategy and two months of praying and preparing for the event. The Holy Spirit is stirring in the community and teens are hungry for God."*

Thank you for fueling this ministry with your prayers and financial provision. As you can see through the stories this month, you have not only been an integral part of displaying "pure and genuine religion" (James 1:27NLT), but of also fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) all over the world!

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We are now combining our monthly newsletter with the monthly prayer letter, providing even more people the opportunity to join us as we pray over the needs and thank God for the blessings throughout this ministry each month.

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Praise + Prayer

Join us as we thank God for . . .

. . . the latest report from Zimbabwe. The following took place during the last six months of 2020:

4 Leader Summits were held

3 Training Forums were taught

19 New Eagle Leaders (leaders of leaders) were certified

13 Evangelistic Youth Services were held in public schools

263 New Youth Leaders were trained

Reuben Zivagwe, our National Director for Zimbabwe writes:

“We thank God for our supporters back in the USA...The trainings are transforming young people not only to say that they are Christian but to live out their Christian values to those around them. Even though things haven’t been easy...particularly with the Covid-19 pandemic... JFYM has remained constant and for that we pray that God blesses you abundantly.”

. . . continual movement toward the completion of JFYM Online. This month we will begin “beta testing” the experience with several of our leaders. Once that data has been received and used to refine the “product,” we will begin to release it to our country leaders for review. There really is a light at the end of this tunnel!

. . . how He used Barry and Lawanna St. Clair, Dava Aul, Gordon and Ellis McIntyre, Patty Martin, and many others to create a legacy at Reach Out of integrity and excellent stewardship. The fruit of that labor is on display in our office this month, with a newly received certificate showing that Reach Out is once again “ECFA Certified!”

Join us as we pray for...

Charles Juma, ROYS African Leader . . . He asks that we pray for his renewed strength, both physical and spiritual. Also, that God protects Him and our team there as another wave of Covid-19 continues to impact that country. He asks that we pray for those who are vulnerable and under the care of our leaders throughout Kenya. Charles reminds us to join him in praising God with the psalmist...“A Father of the fatherless and a defender of the widows, is God in His holy habitation,” Psalms 68:5.

Pasha, our Country Leader in Russia, is asking that we pray for them as they seek the funding necessary to begin four new clubs in Kaliningrad as a way to reach out to non-believers:

-A club for children with special needs

-A social football club

-A cyber sports club

-A club for those who work with orphans

Typically, new clubs/outreach initiatives would have been funded by those who support the ministry in Kaliningrad, but due to COVID, they received less financial backing for 2020 than in previous years.

Praying for those who have attended or will attend our upcoming Forums this month:

KENYA--Narok- February 6, Kitui – February 26

ZANZIBAR--Kiyanga – February 5,

TANZANIA--Shinyanga – February 13, Iringa – February 20

DRC--Nyabushongo – February 5-6

ZIMBABWE--Bulawayo – February 10

BOTSWANA--Thamaga – February 13

ETHIOPIA--Kajima/Sululta – February 5-6

UGANDA--Kamwenge District – February 12-13, Jinja City – February 26-27

MOZAMBIQUE--Kasomekera/Lukas – February 10

Jesus is Lord,

Landy Higgins

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