

Reach Out™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



BURUNDI

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

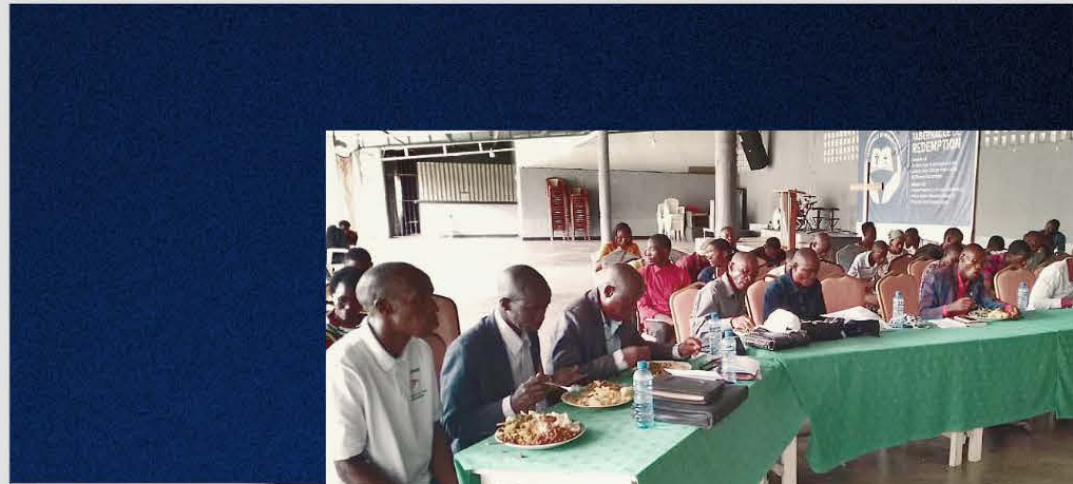
210 Students saved
234 Adults/parents saved
330 Leaders trained
8 Churches planted
35 New Eagle Leaders certified

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!**



Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry empowered more than **46 youth leaders** from the surrounding areas to be trained of how to reach and disciple the youth in their communities. They *separated into groups to work on group activities, and prayed over the youth they currently serve in helping them to understand more about their meaningful relationship with Jesus.* Despite being among the **top five poorest countries** on the Human Development Index, we are amazed by the resilience and faith of the people in Burundi as they continue to receive blessings and support from God.



DESPITE ADVERSITY

TESTIMONIAL



Meet **Bishop Ciza Adrien** of **Rugombo** - an Eagle Leader who has dedicated his life to empowering and training young people in his church. He now has a large team of young evangelists who have been trained in JFYM. They split into groups to ***go up into the mountains and down into the valleys to look for young people who are lost to bring them to Jesus!***





FROM MENTEE TO MENTOR

They broke bread together, worshiped and prayed together, at our team's June JFYM Forum in the **Bubanza Province**. Several of those previously certified were able to demonstrate what they learned and *taught part of the training* as they were overseen by our trainers. This is what Jesus also did for us - demonstrated ministry and discipleship to us (*"I do it," then "I do it and they are with me," then "They do it and I am with them," and finally, "They do it and I am in the background to encourage."*)

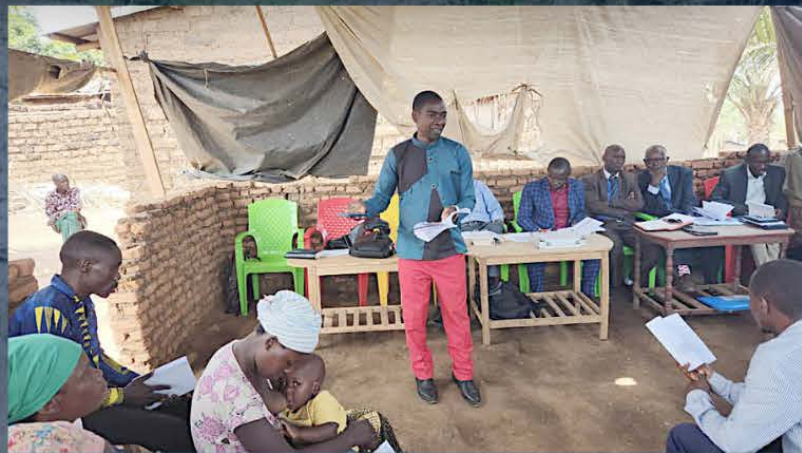




GOD PROVIDED

In June, our team held an **unexpected indigenously funded JFYM Forum** at the **Church of Nuru Buterere in Bujumbura** after their regular second quarter Forum they held a few weeks before! **Rev. Mugisha Pierre** of the church taught alongside **Mama Béatrice Cizungu** and **Makulata Mshimirimana**. They also shared that youth leaders who attended previous JFYM Forums are **beginning to see the fulfillment of what they learned and implemented in their churches.**

BRIDGING FAITH AND LEADERSHIP



The August JFYM Forum held in the picturesque town of **Nyamitang** was a success, bringing together over **35 emerging leaders** eager to enhance their faith and equip leaders with tools they need to make a significant impact of empowering their communities to reach the youth for Christ.



60 youth leaders came together at the last JFYM Forum in **Bubanza County** in November! They had only expected approximately 40 leaders, but so many more attended, wanting to be trained as to how to have tools to reach the younger generation in that area!



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



COUNTRY STATISTICS



Population = 13.2 million

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



63% living on less than \$2.15/day

POVERTY
63%

HDI
187 OUT OF 193

TEEN PREGNANCY
5.8%

of ladies ages 15-19

for ages 15-49, with women higher at 1% than men at .6%

AIDS/HIV
.8%

EDUCATION

82% attend primary school, 24% attend lower secondary school, 12% attend upper secondary school, 50% complete primary school

Challenges

- 46% of the population is under 18 years old
- one of the most densely populated countries
- in the top 10 poorest countries in the world
- severe rain and flooding affected 298,222 people, and forced 47,915 to abandon their homes
- malaria [4.1m, 741 deaths], cholera [848 cases, 12 deaths] and measles [15,050, 149 deaths] outbreaks
- highest rate of stunting in the world at 52.8%
- almost 80% of children under 5 living in food poverty
- pupil-to-classroom ratio was 75
- 90% of children under 14 experienced violence or exploitation
- 33% of children under 18 were in child labor
- 0% safe sanitation is available, 46% have access to at least basic sanitation, 0% safe drinking water is available, 62% have access to at least 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 discipled 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.