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Reaching Out... Staying Connected

Friends,



ANGOLA

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 in the life of Reach Out this month . . .

Come and See What the Lord Has Done!

Psalm 66:5



MOZAMBIQUE



BOTSWANA



CUBA

Moving Forward

Recently I came across notes I took from a talk given by evangelist, Ron Hutchcraft in 1999. He told a crowd of youth leaders, “We are living in a defining moment... we have been given a decisive position... and we have been entrusted with a desperate mission.” Those words are certainly as true today as they were twenty-two years ago!

As Reach Out Youth Solutions enters 2021, we are in a **defining moment**. We are about to launch an online platform that will exponentially expand our training capacity. And since COVID has opened the world to online opportunities more than ever before, this is the perfect time to provide resources, training, mentoring, and encouragement through that medium. This platform will use Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry to equip and multiply younger generation leaders to reach and disciple teenagers so that they become disciple-makers... like Chismo Banda.



RO Country Leader
Iwell Phiri +
Chismo Banda

Chismo lives in Chifombo Village in Mozambique. He grew up in the traditions of his village – practicing Nyau dancing, witchcraft, and many other evil practices. In August of last year, Chismo was saved and baptized during a JFYM Forum. Pastor Iwell began discipling him this fall. Since becoming a Christian, God has used Chismo to bring a spiritual awakening to his village. Over the last 5 months, his mother, father, and 25 family members are all believers, as well as 180 villagers who have given their lives to Jesus. They are all now meeting together as a new “church” of over 200 newly baptized believers! The salvation of Chismo was certainly a “defining moment” for the people of Chifombo!



RO Country Leader
Christina Oleksyuk +
the Ukrainian team

A decisive position?

Historically God has chosen to use Reach Out in ways that have prepared us for this moment. Over the last 45 years, Reach Out has faithfully trained and multiplied over 100,000 youth leaders in more than 30 countries around the world. 1,000 of those leaders have taken the next step to become certified as “Eagle Leaders” (leaders of leaders). From those leaders, we now have Reach Out country leaders in 16 countries who oversee networks of youth leaders who are introducing, implementing, and multiplying our training. The results to date: over 1 million young people have been individually reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Reach Out moves into this new season of ministry, there are key church leaders in India, Nigeria, and Guinea who are asking us to begin training in their countries in 2021! **AND, as of this month, we can now add the country of Angola to the list of those who have requested training to begin in their country. (More on that story in next month’s newsletter!) Thankfully, we already have J FYM materials translated into Portuguese...one of the primary languages spoken in Angola!**



RO Country Leader
Billy Banda teaching,
distanced in Malawi



RO Country Leader
Lawrence Kinuthia
teaching, distanced in
Botswana



Bishop Omphemetsi



Molefi Senior
Secondary, where
Bishop O. ministers
to students

And finally... we are humbled that God has invited us to join Him in this "**desperate mission**." A mission that involves rescuing the remaining 2.3 billion young people in our world who don't know Jesus as Savior. Youth rescued from lives of emptiness, hopelessness, and eternal separation from God. Youth rescued to lives of purpose, hope, and an eternal relationship with the God who created them and loves them like no one else ever will...

Youth rescued like those in Botswana this fall when Bishop Omphemetsi, a youth leader trained by ROYS, followed God into this **desperate mission**. He started ministering to students in 7 schools in his area. Over the last few months, 61 students have given their lives to Jesus Christ. Most of these students had been placed in these particular schools for disciplinary reasons and had been labeled as problematic. Now they are new creations in Christ (II Cor. 5:17) and are being disciplined to become disciple-makers within their generation.

Thank you for supporting Reach Out Youth Solutions with your prayers and financial gifts, as we continue to follow God on this "desperate mission" to reach the youth of our world who have yet to accept Jesus as Savior and King. Your commitment to Reach Out equips youth leaders around the world as they use principles found in JFYM to reach the "Chismos" of the world.

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Beginning this month we are 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.

Praise + Prayer

Join us as we thank God for...

1. ...being one step closer to launching JFYM Online Training!

We are close to having all content finalized for our online training! ALL videos on the platform are now completed – editing, translation, transcription, and subtitling in all four languages...DONE! Next week the videos will be given to Ingenium to be dropped into the platform...one step closer to launching! Praise God!

2. ...those who sacrificially gave toward our Fall Funding initiative in 2020. We have the funding necessary to complete the launch of JFYMO and fund training in all the countries where we are currently training youth leaders.

3. ...how He worked in the lives of youth leaders, pastors, students, and families during the last six months of 2020. Although we are still awaiting the final stats from six more countries, here is what we know so far...

New Leaders Trained: 1,255
New Eagle Leaders Certified: 162
Students Saved: 1,620
New Churches Planted: 24
New Churches Implementing JFYM: 68

Join us as we pray for...

1. ...those who currently have (or are recovering from) COVID. This includes those who are in ROYS leadership (not only in the US, but in various countries around the world).

2. ...our country leaders in Cuba, Russia, and Kenya as they finalize the written content for their language versions of JFYMO.

3. ...new donors for whom we are praying will financially support new training opportunities in India, Nigeria, Guinea, and Angola.

4. ...our Cuban leaders who are faced with a new significant financial challenge, now that new changes to the country's currency and economic structure have been initiated. The change has increased the average Cuban's pay five times (from \$30 to \$150 per month). Unfortunately, the new devaluation of their currency has resulted in inflation causing the cost of living for Cubans to increase sixteen times (groceries costing 30 Cuban pesos in December are now almost 500 Cuban pesos.)

5. Pasha, as he continues training in Moscow this month and prepares for a national meeting in March with our leadership throughout the country.

Jesus is Lord,

Landy Riggins

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