

ReachOut™  
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



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2023 UPDATE

BOTSWANA



# A world in need of a Savior...

## Reach Out's global impact in 2023



Reach Out Global Map

God moved mightily through our Reach Out team in 2023, 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 **5,000 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 **18,000 students were saved** through the ministries of those trained in **Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry**. And thousands more are currently being disciplined into disciple-makers for their generation!

JFYM Forums have sparked the establishment of **85 new churches in just one year**. These churches addressed crucial needs in areas where JFYM Forums were held. Thousands of students also participated in biblical training when our teams were allowed to enter schools in certain countries. Students were given the opportunity to participate in activities that impacted their spiritual, emotional, and relational growth. One of our Country Leaders has even been invited by their government officials to create such a program in their nation!

New opportunities were plentiful in 2023. Youth leader training started in **Pakistan** and **Belize**. Translations were completed in **Hindi** (India) and **Kirundi** (Burundi). And, we were able to add **Ukrainian** as an additional language to our JFYM online training platform! We also trained Links International missionaries from multiple countries in JFYM.

Reach Out hosted its First Annual Golf Tournament early in 2023, which was a great success and was enjoyed by all who participated. We were also able to highlight Reach Out Youth Solutions and Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry at the Southern Baptist Convention, the Texas Baptist General Convention, and Movement Day at Dallas Baptist University.

Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers throughout 2023 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!**



# 4 New Churches because of JFYM...

After a JFYM training, the surrounding areas were in need...



New churches planted in Mmanoko, Suping, Gamodobu and Letlhogonolo in the vicinity of Molepolole [see next page]

**Pastor Chimombe Kabuoru from Molepolole (previous page, bottom left), shared that JFYM helped him in several areas of the church and its leadership. After the JFYM training, they planted 4 new churches in Mmanoko, Suping, Gamodobu and Letlhogonolo in the vicinity of Molepolole, about 59 km from Gaborone, Botswana's Capital! They plan to use the same principles in the JFYM book and the training they received. The churches are doing very well. They trained the leaders in taking care of the people in the church. Others have been attracted to their ministry because of the training they received. Pastor Kabuoru said he also wants to use JFYM because it helps establish the church's leadership. (By the end of 2023, the 4 new churches had over 240 new believers!)**

## **Meeting a need in the communities...**

### **Testimonials of 2 pastors on how JFYM transformed their ministries...**

**The pastor of Kingdom Restoration Church in Molepolole (previous page, top right) shared that their church was started because of the education they received from a JFYM training Gabarone. They use the JFYM strategies in their church. They focused on the youth, and they brought other youth to their church. They have even “penetrated the culture”. One of the things they did was to organize a football (soccer) club and challenge other teams in the area. They asked the youth to listen to a speaker, have lunch, and then play a soccer game. After they played the game many of the challenged teams gave their lives to Christ. They believe that the strategy of JFYM is going to take them to another level. The youth attend the high school, and the goal for them is to invite other students to church so that the Word of God can be spread throughout Molepolole.**



# The Least of These...

to train many Christian leaders this year!

Here are Eagle Leaders in Molepolole at a Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry Forum where over 25 leaders attended. Our team also invited drug and alcohol addicts to have a meal with them before the training. After the outreach, SEVEN of them gave their lives to Christ!





## These leaders had a lot to say!

The young leader at the top shared that as a student, she was looking for ways to impact other children's lives. She said now, after the JFYM training, she knows how to disciple other students. She said the kids go through so much social trauma, abuse, and other things that are hard to handle. She enjoyed the idea of creating a platform where students can come, they can learn life skills and self-awareness, and incorporate evangelism into it.

Thabiso is a youth pastor shared that after being trained in and implementing JFYM principles, God began to grow their youth ministry. He challenged his students to meet in groups of 3 and pray 3 times a week for 3 friends who did not know Christ. Prior to the challenge, they had 9 students in their group. Since his challenge, their youth ministry added 21 new students! He said that the students he is discipling are being used by God to reach their friends who are also now being saved and delivered from alcohol and other addictions.

This couple shared that from the JFYM training they learned how to build leaders and equip them for the current generation. Those leaders can then train and equip the next generation, and so on. The lady then shared that she learned how to disciple students by getting them involved in clubs or activities, then teaching them how to be Jesus-focused by inspiring them to learn service and come to Christ. .

## Testimonials galore...

Pastor John learned two main things at our JFYM Forum. He said it helped him personally to reevaluate his relationship with Christ and review his prayer life to see where he can improve. Secondly, he learned how to transition their Sunday School into a youth ministry, knowing what they need to do to prepare them as they grow up. Also, considering the transition of the youth ministry into the eldership in the church. It will help them to evaluate the progress of each child from Sunday school age up through the elders' [top].

This teen named Colorful shared that in the JFYM Forum he learned that youth are often influenced by other peers and then can become separated from God. But as a Christian peer, they can help bring others closer to God. He learned that they need to hear from Jesus so that God can be revealed in their hearts, open their hearts, and then he can give them restoration [center].

This youth leader learned that God has a heart for the youth and that they are the center which God is focusing on. The culture in the church today doesn't recognize youth. They miss the point. Kids don't feel "seen" at church, so they feel like they have been rejected and stop going to church. Then they get involved with substance abuse. Kids don't have the patience to go to church (bottom).

**...and more  
Testimonials!**



**November Testimonials**

# God made a way...

**In an area that has been difficult for our team to enter, God made it possible...**

In December, Eagle Leader Reverend Jacob Madisa held a JFYM Forum in Magoriapitse, which is in the Southern District. About 15 youth workers and pastors attended. Since it has been such a difficult location to reach, they are planning to hold another JFYM Forum there so they can reach even more youth leaders and extend God's impact in this region.





Let's celebrate with our BOTSWANA Country Leader, Lawrence "Lamaz" Kariuki, on his recent ordination from Nairobi Chapel! Please continue to pray for him as he ministers to so many in his nation.



Here's a snapshot of the 38+ youth leaders that attended our JFYM training in the spring that fueled numerous testimonials of how the Lord spoke to them and equipped them to create Action Plans for reaching the younger generation in their areas.

We appreciate your kindness, support, prayers and gifts in helping the impossible happen in a nation that is facing poverty, and lack of education and jobs. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us and for all that God is going to do through our team in Botswana as we follow His lead.

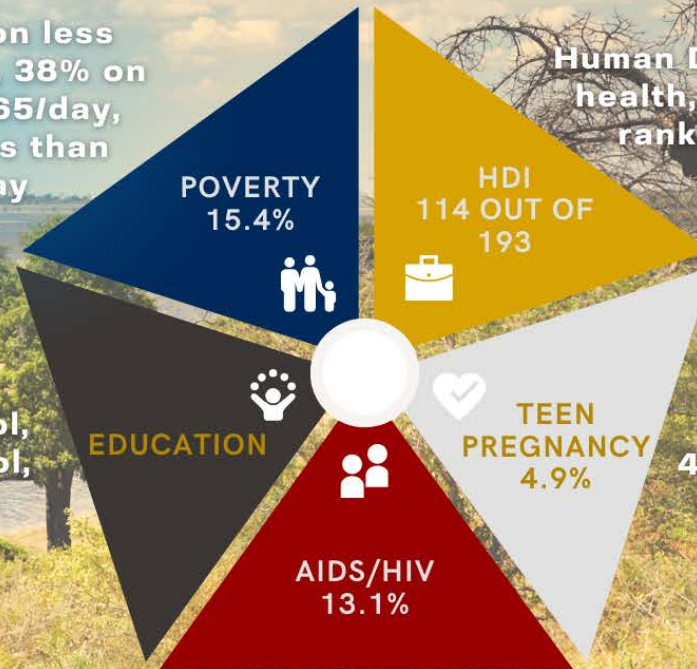


# COUNTRY STATISTICS BOTSWANA

POPULATION = 1.4 billion

15.4% living on less than \$2.15/day, 38% on less than \$3.65/day, 63.5% on less than \$6.85/day

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



4.9% of girls ages 15-19

very high percentage based on population

## Challenges

- though Botswana has always relied on their exports of diamonds for more than 60% of their GDP, they made a huge shift and obtained more work diversity options by 2023 and brought it down to under 40% BUT
- 25.9% unemployment rate due to low-labor-intensive sectors yields fewer jobs
- poor learning outcomes, skills mismatches, and infrastructure deficiencies in transportation, communication, energy, and water services have negatively impacted productivity and competitiveness
- inequality (Gini index of 53.3) is among the world's highest
- 53% experience food insecurity
- high physical violence among boys at 46% and 28% experienced by girls
- 9% of girls under 18 experience sexual violence
- credit pass rates in education for the Junior Secondary Certificate are as low as 35% and 13% for Senior Secondary, and the curriculum is outdated and not responsive to the requirements of the labor market in the 21st century

## 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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