

Reach Out™  
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



# DRC

2024 UPDATE



Country Leader  
Bertin Mwema



# 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

436 Students saved  
170 Adults/parents saved  
450 Leaders trained  
8 Churches planted  
52 New Eagle Leaders certified

God moved mightily through our Reach Out team in 2024, more than we ever could have imagined! **Investing in 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!

## WHAT BRINGS YOU HOPE?

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!

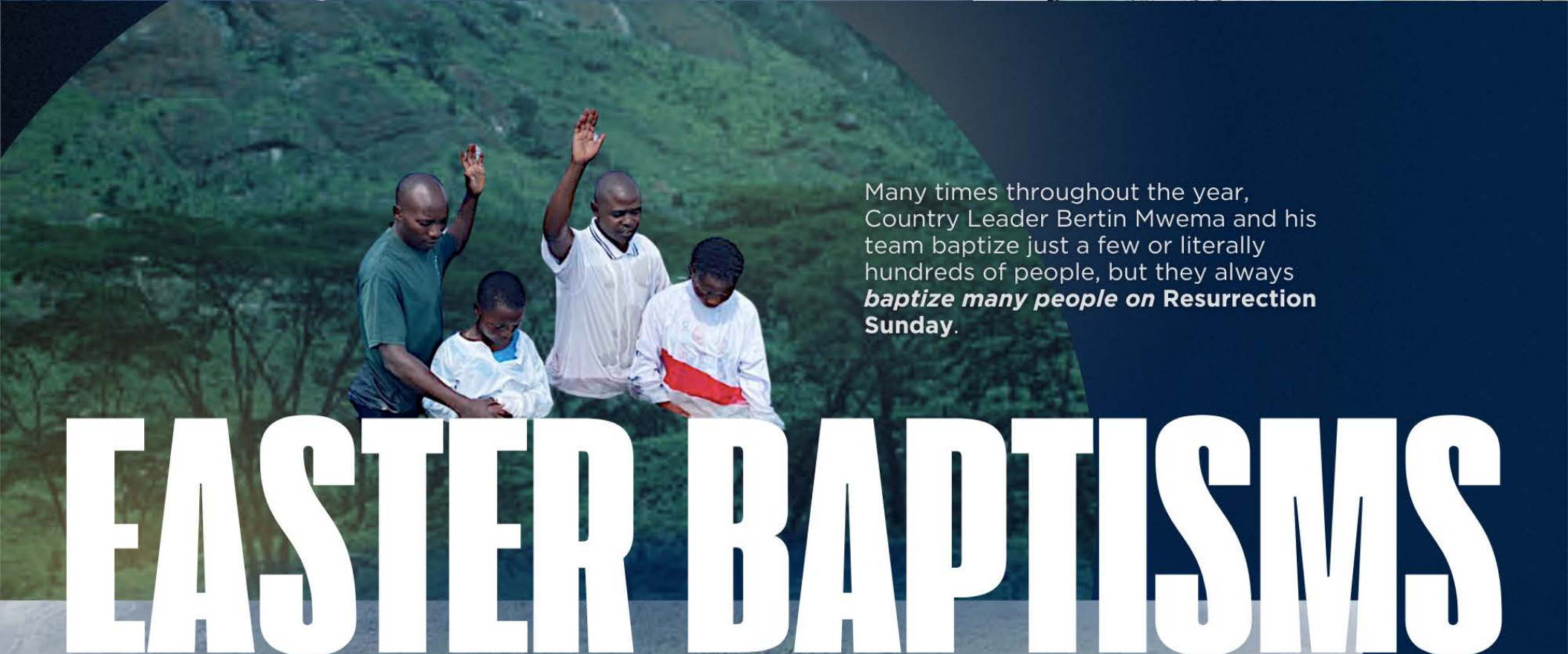
Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers throughout 2024 to help us extend God's love to the countries we serve. We would not be able to do it without you and your faithfulness in coming alongside us. **Thank you!**



**48 passionate leaders** gathered together at the February Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry Forum to ignite their faith and gain tools to spread the gospel. Newly trained leaders **sought divine intervention in this troubled region**, and during their group time, **prayed for the unsaved youth they will be ministering to.**

# EMBRACING HOPE





Many times throughout the year, Country Leader Bertin Mwema and his team baptize just a few or literally hundreds of people, but they always ***baptize many people on Resurrection Sunday.***

# EASTER BAPTISMS





Our team almost didn't make it to their May JFYM Forum after **tremendous flooding** from the previous day **wiped out** many of the roads, created **mudslides**, their **van getting stuck**, and **immovable trucks blocked roads**. But God still had a plan. Over **40 leaders went through the training**, and **immediately after many were baptized before the team headed back home.**

# GOD'S INTERVENTION



**45 students** came together from a variety of churches and denominations to work through the JFYM curriculum in July. At the conclusion of the event, they committed themselves to **reach their siblings and peers with the gospel of Jesus Christ**.

The **two leaders of the training** were fruits of Country Leader Mwema Bertin's mentorship who have been trained and mentored under his wing, as **he stood back and watched God help them lead the training**.



# PEER-TO-PEER

# THE HAND OF GOD



In just one month, **68 students prayed to receive Christ as Savior, 3 churches were planted, 36 students were baptized, and 12 leaders were certified to lead others in Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry!**

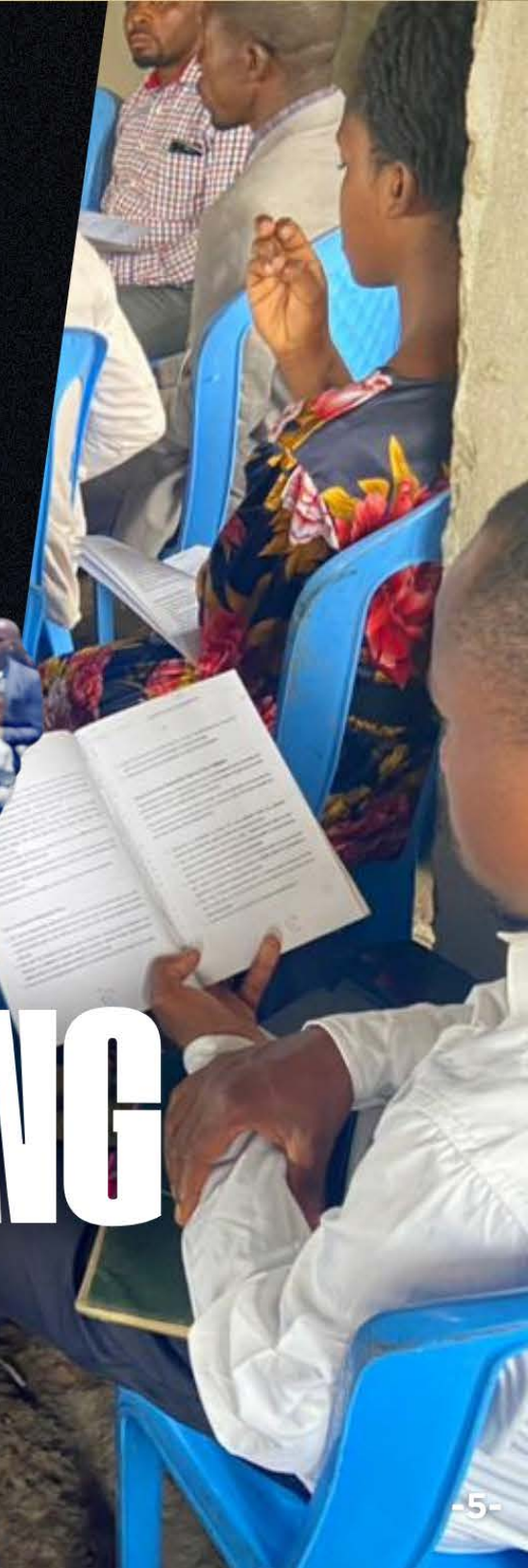
Simultaneously, a prayer request came from our DRC Country Leader Bertin Mwema:

“We need more forums... more books. Continue praying for Eastern DRC where many have **lost their properties and others are dying each day**. But I thank God, despite all the challenges that DRC is facing, **we continue to do our best and reach the youth for Christ.**”





Initially planned for 50 participants, our team's September JFYM forum attracted **80 passionate youth leaders from various churches and denominations**, all eager to deepen their understanding of youth ministry and strengthen their faith. The **youth** who attended made a decision to go and put into action what they learned and **tell their siblings about Jesus**. Also, **an apprentice of Mwema Bertin helped to lead the forum**, which modeled "multiplication of leadership"... a key component in the JFYM strategy!

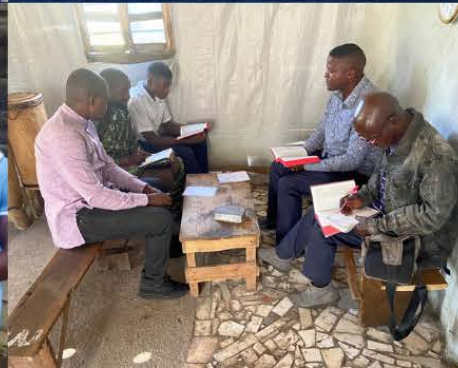


# MULTIPLYING LEADERS



# IMPLEMENTATION + MENTORSHIP

Our team worked with leaders who previously attended a JFYM training on how to implement JFYM principles in their ministries, resulting in **31 newly certified Eagle Leaders, 74 youth who received Jesus, 52 people who were baptized, 2 churches that were planted, and 4 new Bible studies that were formed just in the previous 3 months!** It resulted in new believers disciplined by youth leaders. Then they trained students to share the gospel in their schools. One of those new church builds is below.



# COUNTRY STATISTICS

## DRC

Population = 102.2 million

76% live on less than \$2.15/day,  
90.6% live on less than \$3.65/day,  
97.2% live on less than \$6.85/day

**POVERTY**  
15.4%

ages 15-49, with women higher  
at .9% than men at .5%

**AIDS/HIV**  
.7%

**HDI**  
171 OUT OF  
193

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

**TEEN  
PREGNANCY**  
10.9%

of girls ages 15-19

**EDUCATION**

78% attend primary school,  
32% attend lower secondary school,  
34% attend upper secondary school,  
67% complete primary school



## Challenges

- 26 million people required assistance due to humanitarian crisis in 2024, one of the most severe globally
- 6.9 million became displaced due to ongoing conflict by M23 Rebels
- over 1,000 schools closed or repurposed as shelters for displaced populations
- food insecurity affected 25.8 million people
- early 2024 floods displaced thousands
- Monkeypox outbreak, cholera cases spread, and a rise in measles fatalities
- recruitment and use of children by armed groups increased by 60% in 2024 compared to the previous year
- sexual violence more than doubled
- 13% have access to safe sanitation, 3% have access to basic sanitation, 12% have access to safe drinking water, 24% 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 equipped 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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