

ReachOut™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



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2023 UPDATE

MOZAMBIQUE



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.

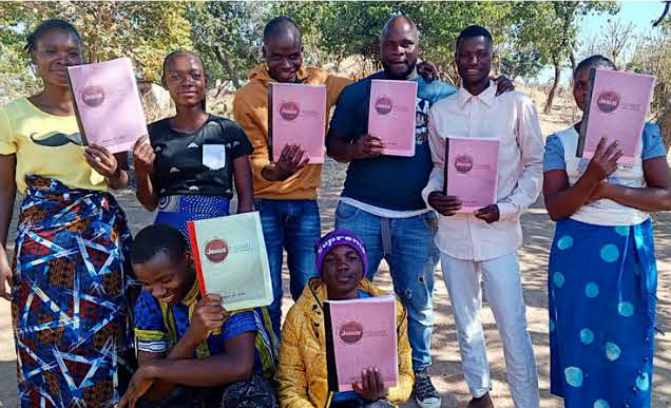
Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers throughout 2023 to help us extend God's love to the countries we serve. We would not be able to do it without you and your faithfulness in coming alongside us. **Thank you!**



In recent years, the landscape of Mozambique has been undergoing a significant shift with the emergence of a growing need for church planting. This phenomenon has been particularly prominent following JFYM trainings. While church planting may not have initially been the primary focus of Reach Out's initiatives, it has become an integral part of the mission work in Mozambique. Our first training of the year brought 25 leaders, and **10 new churches were planted in the first 3 months of the year to meet this need!**

after JFYM trainings ignited a fire...

God met their needs...



And God enabled us...

to do so much more than to only train Christian leaders in such a short time!

285 Baptisms: Baptism is a sacred and symbolic act of faith, representing a new beginning and a commitment to a life guided by spiritual values. Because of JFYM Forums, our team also had the joy of baptizing 285 individuals, each person embarking on a new chapter of their spiritual journey. Their decision to publicly declare their faith is a testament to the power of community and the transformation of their faith walk..

In the second quarter, our faith community had the honor of witnessing incredible milestones that speak to the power of unity, dedication, and faith.

42 Leaders in Attendance:

The foundation of any thriving faith community lies in its leadership. Through the training they learned, and through their guidance and commitment their communities are continuing to flourish and grow.

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...and more...

21 New Eagle Leaders:

Leadership is a calling that requires dedication, perseverance, and a deep sense of purpose. This quarter, we had the honor of witnessing 21 new pastors receiving their JFYM certificates, symbolizing their commitment to serve their communities with passion and integrity.

These individuals are not just leaders, they are beacons of hope and inspiration for those around them.

4 New Churches Planted: The impact of faith extends far beyond the walls of a single community. Through the power of collaboration and shared vision, we were able to plant 4 new churches, creating spaces for individuals to come together, worship, and find solace in a supportive community. These new churches are not just buildings; they are symbols of hope and unity.

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Many answered God's call...

beginning with just *one* JFYM Forum

In a world often plagued by chaos and uncertainty, stories of light and hope shine through, offering a beacon of inspiration for many...



Such is the case in Mozambique where 27 youth leaders were trained at our third quarter JFYM Forum, and as a result, ***three churches were planted!*** 23 pastors, graduated from Bible school, were also certified as JFYM Eagle Leaders. Our team brought school ministry to ***seven schools***, and each one now has an active ***JFYM study group!*** And that's not all...

Evangelical rallies are making a profound impact on the lives of its people.

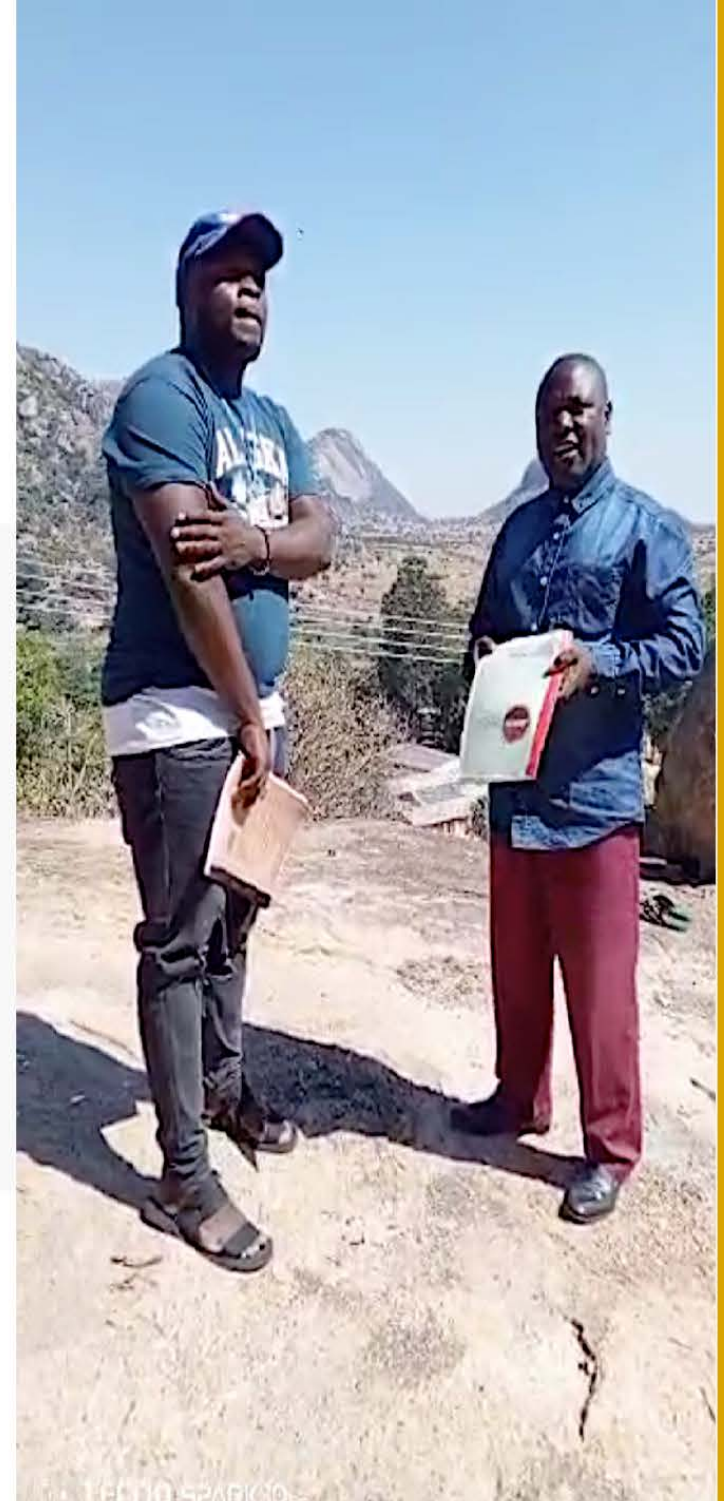
Following the localized JFYM Forums, these rallies have become a powerful platform for transformation, leading to an astounding ***315 baptisms in this quarter!***

Pastor Tim (pictured in baseball hat with Country Leader Iwell Phiri) shared his insights on the goodness and impact of his ministry after being trained through JFYM, shedding light on the ***transformation it brings to the lives of young people***. From the time they started, the youth had many challenges, and their lives were not fully transformed. But one of the principles they focused on was **“Going Deeper with Christ.”**

The youth never knew the difference of why they should believe in Jesus, or the works of the Holy Spirit. Now the leaders can see that the youth have been transformed after implementing JFYM principles. Their passion is for Jesus. Some of them never knew how to pray or how to worship God. Now they are ***able to pray for themselves, their friends, and the younger generation***. Through JFYM they believe that God will bring further transformation among their youth.

Pastor Tim shares how God provided the tools...

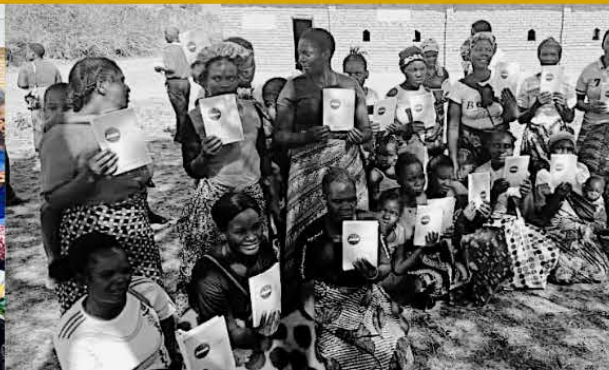
God’s work shines in the darkness...



God planted new hope...

by establishing new places
to build their faith...

Our November JFYM Forum brought together a diverse group of individuals with a shared passion for spreading the message of Jesus. 45 people gathered, not knowing the profound impact it would have on their lives. Through workshops, discussions, and fellowship, attendees were equipped with the tools and inspiration to ignite change in their communities. The participants returned to their respective villages with a renewed sense of purpose. Seeds of transformation planted at the Forum began to take root, leading to **establishing 3 new churches.** And...
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...God planted new hope

As a result of the fourth quarter JFYM Forum and the formation of 3 churches, **308 people were baptized!**

These churches have become beacons of hope and love, drawing in people seeking spiritual guidance and community.



In the face of adversity, our team in Mozambique delivered exceptional results in 2023. Despite the numerous challenges they faced, from economic instability to logistical hurdles, our team's resilience and dedication was apparent, leaving a lasting impact on their local communities.

Mozambique is one of the **top 10 poorest nations in the world**. More than 74% of the population lives in **extreme poverty**, living on less than just \$2.15 per day. Less than 3% of teens attend high school, creating massive income barriers for success. Talking about “future” to the younger generation can seem like hypocrisy when so many circumstances can be overwhelming. But God still had a plan!

When **Cyclone Freddy** struck in February–March, it left a trail of destruction in its path, massive tent cities were formed to escape the aftermath, cholera outbreaks threatened the health of the people, and over a million people were affected. Our team still pressed on with the vision of God’s mission. Knowing that God was with them every step of the way, they let Him guide their efforts and use them as vessels to minister to those affected, bringing light to those who had lost hope in their nation.

In 2023, our team **planted 45 new churches** due to the need after a JFYM Forum took place. Over **13,000 teens accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior** through our team’s efforts. And of those, more than **500 of them are being disciplined in their faith**. Now those are things to celebrate with us as our team continues to press on with what the Lord wants to do through them.

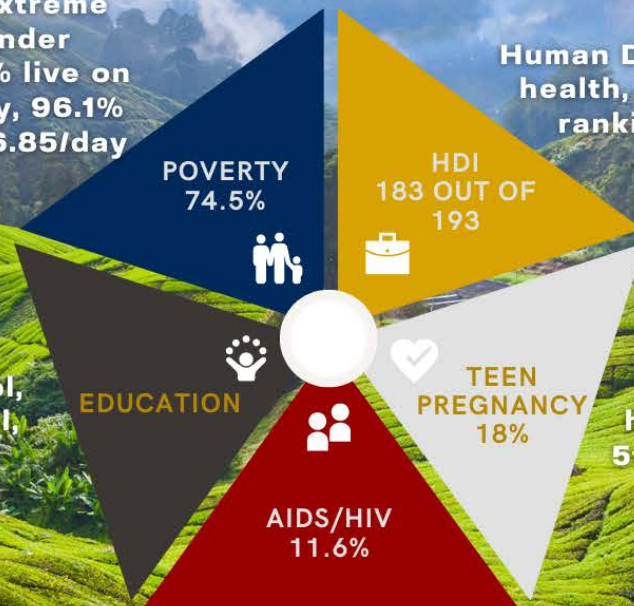
We appreciate your kindness, support, prayers, and gifts in helping the impossible happen in a nation that is facing great trials. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us and for all that God is going to do through our team in Mozambique as we follow His lead!

COUNTRY STATISTICS MOZAMBIQUE

POPULATION = 33.9 million

74.5% live in extreme poverty of under \$2.15/day, 88.6% live on under \$3.65/day, 96.1% live on under \$6.85/day

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



72% attend primary school, 16% attend lower secondary school, 3% attend upper secondary school, 41% complete primary school

of girls ages 15-19, how ahead of Niger as 5th highest in the world

of adults ages 15-49, with women higher at 14.8% as compared to men at 8.3%



Challenges

- 184,000 displaced due to Tropical Cyclone Freddy in Feb-March, killed over 180 people, and affected 963,000 acres of land
- Cholera outbreak after Cyclone Freddy affected more than 30k people
- 2.2 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance due to environmental shocks, disease outbreaks and armed conflict in northern provinces
- 53% of girls are married before 18 years old, and 48% experience at least 1 pregnancy before 18
- 9th highest for income distribution inequality in the world on the Gini Index at 50.5
- 43.5% of the population is under 14 years old, and life expectancy is 62 years old
- 73.6% of children living with under \$0.84/day
- ZERO people have access to safe sanitation, 37% have access to at least basic sanitation, ZERO safe water is available, 63% have access to at least basic drinking water
- One of the top 10 poorest countries in the world as 183 out of 193
- 5th highest country in the world for teen pregnancy

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- 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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