



ReachOut™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



**Country Leader
Zemen Endale**

2023 UPDATE

ETHIOPIA



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 discipled 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!**

Our team kicked off the year by bringing together 78 pastors and leaders, from 8 different denominations, in Chancho for the JFYM training



**God's
favor...**

**on our team began
the year strong...**



The Addis Center pictured here is the venue our team opened to train pastors and youth leaders in JFYM. They equip over 100 new leaders each month. Many are now Eagle Leaders and are training others throughout the country.



**for our team to train
both youth and
leaders...**

**God provided
a venue...**

God training students...

preparing students for their future...

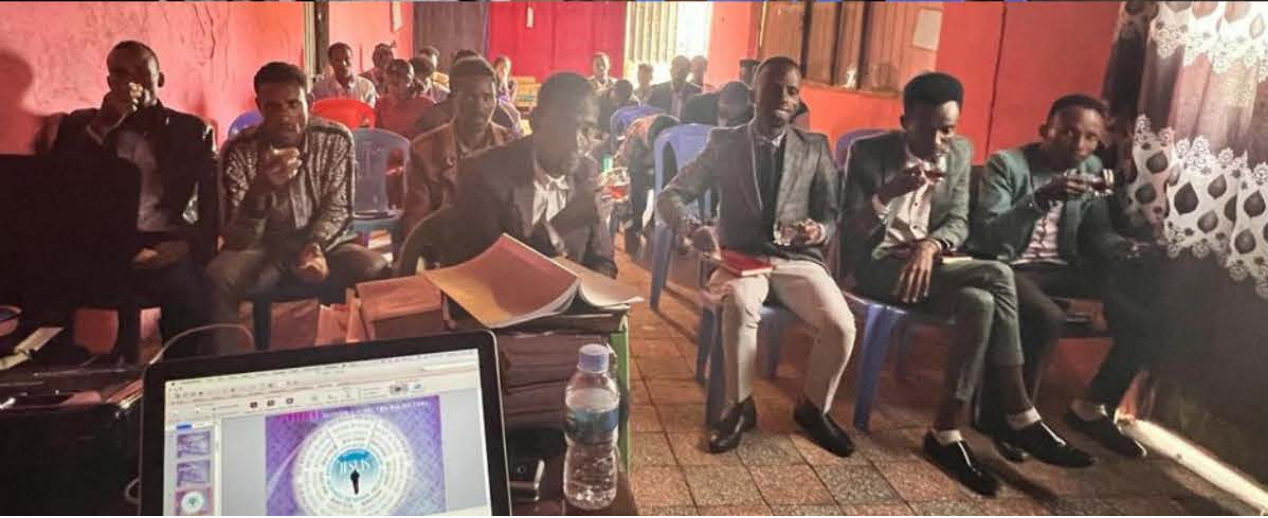
Reach Out's Country Leader Zemen Endale did school ministry with over 60 students learning JFYM principles at the Addis Center in July. This was the first time that students were able to come to the Addis Center for this type of training and our team was excited to share the gospel with them.





God's Sovereign Hand...

they worshiped, broke bread, and were trained together



30 youth leaders attended the last JFYM training of the year

As one of the top 20 poorest nations in the world at 176 out of 193, and with 27% of the population living on less than \$2.15 per day, Ethiopia seemed like it was going to become paralyzed during 2022, after experiencing their **worst drought in 40 years**. Additionally, the country saw a major increase in child marriages and severely malnourished children. 13 million children were affected by conflict and were still not back in school almost until the end of the year. But God had a bigger plan!

Our Ethiopian team pressed forward in answering God's call when they continued inviting pastors and youth leaders, who also invited more pastors and youth leaders, to attend a JFYM Forum. The result? A filled Addis Center room with leaders every month for training as they seek to reach more of the younger generation in their nation.

Despite **conflict** in numerous areas of Ethiopia, as well as **natural disasters that have displaced millions of its people**, our team still presses forward to share the kingdom of Christ in some of the same ways they have for **over two decades**. And now students are coming for the students' training.

We give God all the glory for everything He is doing through our team in such a difficult country. We would like to provide more support to our team who are the hands and feet of Christ on the ground, and minister to the IDPs who have suffered at the hands of conflict, drought, or disease.

We appreciate your kindness, support, prayers and gifts to help 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 Ethiopia as we follow His lead!

