

ReachOut™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



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2023 UPDATE

RUSSIA



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!**



God opened a new JFYM door...

into a new region of
Russia -- **SIBERIA!**

Pasha spoke at a conference
in Siberia where there were
over **800 youth and youth
leaders in attendance.** He will

be returning there in
September to continue the
training he began with leaders
who were introduced to JFYM
at the conference. The result?

Eight new regions of Siberia
will soon have leaders who
have completed their training
in Jesus-Focused Youth
Ministry! And, there are leaders
in **Kamchatka** who are now
being trained!





Pasha traveled with his eldest son to Moscow in August to attend a youth leader conference for approximately **150 leaders from all over Russia**. Pasha had been asked to conduct a JFYM training for leaders at this conference. This opportunity was a HUGE answer to prayer, as we were asking God to open doors to train more leaders, and also introduce our JFYM online platform in Russian. With this introduction, Pasha and his team are poised to reach a wider audience and make a national impact. By breaking language barriers and making the training accessible to Russian-speaking leaders, JFYM is expanding its reach and influence in ways that were previously unimaginable. Pasha was able to highlight many aspects of the JFYM training, conduct breakout groups, and introduce them to the online platform! Many of these churches are now implementing JFYM principles into their ministries.

**God
expanded His
reach...**



God opened a door from the past...

to reconnect and equip new leaders...

In October, a significant number of youth leaders participated when Randy and Pasha collaborated via Zoom to facilitate a JFYM training session at Pasha's former church, "On the Stone," located in **Novokuznetsk**. Pasha had previously served as an assistant to Bishop Andrey Alexandrovich Khoroshchenko at this church. Upon reconnecting, Bishop Andrey expressed his desire for Pasha to lead a JFYM training for their leaders. This initiative was particularly timely as the church had recently begun to emphasize outreach to the next generation, having successfully hosted a large youth conference in May. During the session, Pasha and Randy took the opportunity to present an **overview of JFYM, illustrating how this ministry model equips leaders to cultivate a vibrant ministry that engages young individuals who are unfamiliar with Jesus.**



Throughout the year, our Russian team pursued God's call to different areas, different people groups, and different ministries when He opened new doors and new people for this new season. Our team followed His lead, and many new connections were made in very unexpected places and with very unexpected people.

June brought a new face to Randy's Zoom call with Pasha Koryakin. Pasha had a different translator on this call named **Dasha** [left]. Pasha shared a bit about Dasha's story with Randy on the call. It all started a year and a half ago, when she was **not a believer**, and the idea of stepping into a world of faith was foreign to her. She received an invitation to join a Christian club on her campus, and something inside her urged her to give it a chance. Little did she know that this decision would **alter the course of her life forever**. As she attended the club meetings, she heard the story of Jesus for the first time. The message of love, redemption, and salvation resonated with her in a way she never expected. It stirred something deep within her soul, sparking a curiosity and a hunger for more. But it wasn't until she attended an evangelistic camp hosted by Pasha's team that everything truly clicked into place. Surrounded by a community of believers, she experienced a profound spiritual awakening. It was there, in that moment of surrender and revelation, that she **gave her life to Christ**. The next step in her journey was a powerful one - she chose to be baptized, publicly declaring her newfound faith and commitment to following Jesus. And now, she is **serving as a college leader in a Christian club** through her church.

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



COUNTRY STATISTICS RUSSIA

POPULATION = 144.4 million

4.1% living on under
\$6.85/day, overall
poverty at 9.3%

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

POVERTY
9.3%

HDI
56 OUT OF 193



EDUCATION

TEEN
PREGNANCY
1.34%



AIDS/HIV
1%

of girls ages 15-19

76% attend primary school,
86% attend lower secondary school,
13% attend upper secondary school

2.6% of pregnant women just in the
Irkutsk Region are HIV positive

Challenges

- UN intervened when 2022 was the worst year recorded for crimes against children, and Russia was at the top of the list, bringing it to light and they remedied some of the issues in 2023
- Typhoon Khanun affected over 10,000 homes in August
- By August more than 4m hectares had been burned by wildfires since the beginning of the year
- Over 315k soldiers have lost their lives in the Ukraine/Russia war so far
- Hundreds of teens arrested after refusing to fight Ukraine
- Teens age 14 and up are now working due to employee shortages from those who have gone to fight war
- Children will be receiving military training now starting at 9 years old

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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 discipled 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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