

ReachOut™
YOUTH SOLUTIONS



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RWANDA



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!**



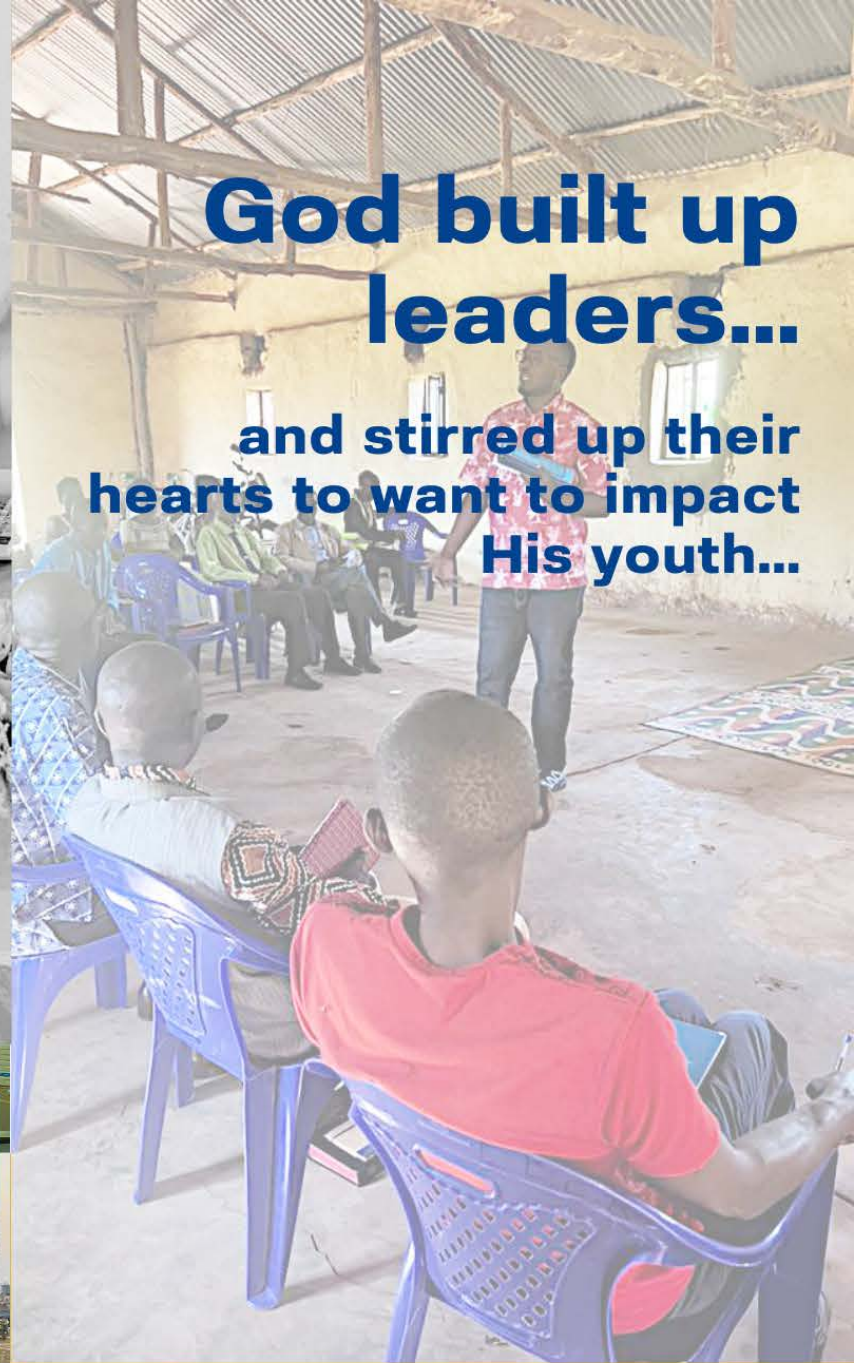
In the heart of Mutura, 39 leaders from 11 different local churches gathered for a transformative experience at the first quarter Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry Implementation Workshop. This event brought together individuals who share a common goal -- to empower and guide the youth in their communities toward a life centered on Jesus.

The workshop was more than just a gathering, it was a platform for collaboration, learning, and growth. Through interactive sessions, group discussions, and hands-on activities, these youth leaders were **equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to effectively lead and mentor the younger generation.** Many even expressed how they are going to focus more on discipling youth when they return to their churches, implementing the tools they learned at the Workshop.

God empowered many...

equipping them with the tools they need...





**God built up
leaders...**

**and stirred up their
hearts to want to impact
His youth...**



**May JFYM Forum brought 41
Leaders Determined to Make a
Difference**

God is accomplishing much...

through these champions in a poverty-stricken country...

Over 40 youth leaders gathered for the JFYM Forum in November. One of the highlights of the Forum was the emphasis on **empowering leaders to step into their God-given potential and make a lasting impact in their communities.** Through mentorship, networking opportunities, and inspirational talks, leaders were encouraged to dream big about what God wants to do through them and those they serve. They learned to think creatively and take specific steps Jesus demonstrated in their ministry.



Over half of the population in Rwanda is living on less than \$2.15 per day. This shocking statistic sheds light on the harsh reality faced by many Rwandans who daily struggle to make ends meet. The impact of such extreme poverty is especially evident in the education sector, where only 15% of the youth in Rwanda complete high school due to a lack of funds. In some classes, the ratio of students to teachers can be as high as 120:1!

Our team moves forward in faith for what God wants to do in their nation. They spend time with the youth at various social gatherings. They invite the young people to worship events. As a result, ***students are being saved, disciplined, and the course of their lives is being radically changed forever!***

At Rwanda's JFYM Forum in May (p. 4), 41 dedicated youth leaders gathered to share their experiences, learn from each other, and be inspired to continue their mission of reaching out to the youth. The excitement in the room was visible, as these youth leaders shared stories of ***how God has been using them to impact the lives of teenagers in their communities.*** From leading worship services to organizing outreach events, these young leaders are truly on fire for Jesus and are determined to make a difference in the lives of the younger generation.

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



