



2021 UPDATE

RUSSIA

Pasha Koryakin Country Leader

## Those discipled...

One student's spiritual journey:

Dasha was invited to a student club in the spring of 2019. That summer, Dasha (a self-proclaimed atheist), made the decision to accept Jesus into her heart. Later, she even joined the leadership team of that club. Fast forward, through the lockdowns and isolation of Covid, to 2021. Last year, she became a baptized member of a local church. Dasha: "I cannot imagine my life without God and without the church." One life changed...for His Glory!

Every country around the world has been affected by the pandemic throughout 2021, including our Reach Out communities.

Yet, Reach Out's global leaders reported again and again ways that God continued to move through their countries despite the challenges from the ensuing pandemic, newly implemented country regulations and restrictions, and some countries directly facing conflicts of war.

But God showed himself faithful through it all, with new JFYM certifications, thousands of newly trained JFYM youth leaders, opened up new countries, and hundreds of newly saved believers.

Many pictures provided to us revealed God's mercy and greatness throughout our nation and those we serve in other countries around the globe.

Thank you for your continued financial partnership and dedication to help us in preparing these leaders to be more ready than ever in 2022, and bring even more of Generation Alpha to Jesus in this coming year!





# Reaching Teams and Gen Alpha Where They Are



JFYM Special Needs Ministry



JFYM Club Leaders



JFYM Sports Evangelism



JFYM Team Meeting



JFYM Teen Outreach

## JFYM Activities and Outreach

Even in the midst of the pandemic, current tensions, and personal setbacks, our Russian team went above and beyond with coaching, training, praying, and leadership meetings. From soccer to bumpberball to JFYM Camps, we see God's hand extending to Generation Alpha in their nation through our leadership.











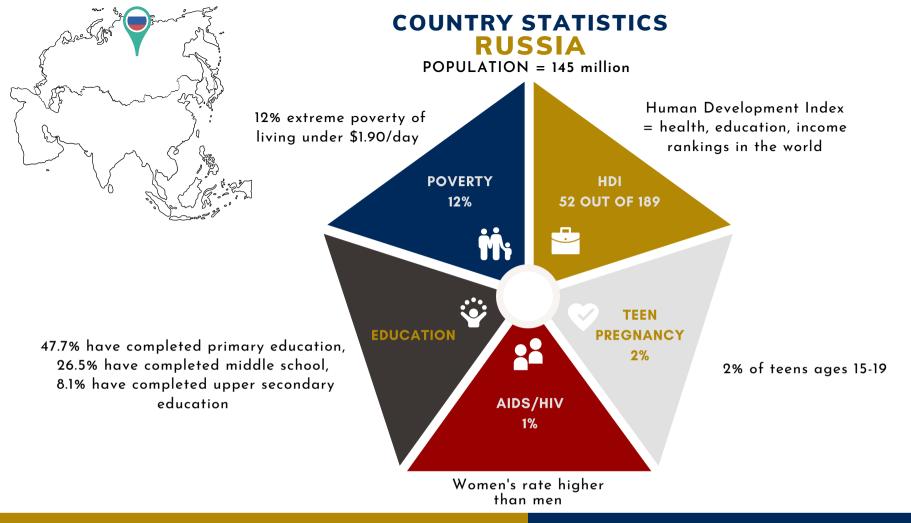
When the pandemic loosened up some of the constraints in Russia, our Reach Out Country Leader, Pasha Koryakin, took advantage of the timing and immediately met with his team to regroup and start moving, which seemed to propel their teams to see a tremendous amount of fruit from their efforts.

A leadership team in one Russian town took a new approach than before by beginning to work directly on their relationships with their families and with God. Their team immediately began working with 7 evangelical clubs, 60 JFYM leaders, and 350 teens/college-aged youth just in the first quarter of 2021.

Russia is one of our countries that began participating in the JFYM Sports Evangelism program. Earlier in 2021, we asked you to pray about sports clubs being formed in Russia, and God was so faithful in answering those prayers! Over the summer, 18 teens gave their lives to Christ at the JFYM youth camps! We also want to mention Anton, a JFYM graduate and a soccer team coach, who began discipling/mentoring a few of the boys on his team. By the end of the summer, seven of those boys also committed their lives to Christ!

Thank you for being a part of this journey and your contributions to what God is doing in Russia! Reach Out and our country team are very grateful for your dedication and service in making these things and more happen in this nation!

We look forward to providing you more of these stories and photos in 2022!



### **Challenges**

- War with Ukraine causing severe and rapid economic downturn
- Economic instability even before the war due to lack of overall economic growth, stagnant incomes with marginalization, limited opportunities to build job skills
- Government oppression, random fines, threats, imprisonment, forced to leave the country, torture, and other humanitarian acts
- Climate change has been severe, causing numerous natural disasters and forcing residents to evacuate their homes, such as forest fires, droughts, flash floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes
- 2% of the child population in Russian are orphans, and has a much higher record of neglect, abuse, separation, and child protective system
- 76% safe sanitation available, 61% safe drinking water services available

#### **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 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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