



2021 UPDATE

BOTSWANA



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Country Leader

# Seeds planted...

Reach Out's JFYM Forum harvested *fruit!*



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!



These two JFYM Eagle Leaders shared messages of fruitfulness and God's faithfulness---->



March JFYM Forum



JFYM Grads Get Food and...



Distributed Food to 26 Families!



And many felt  
God's presence...

Country Leader, Lawrence Kariuki

# Last JFYM Forum of 2021

Even in the midst of the pandemic and violence throughout their nation, our Botswana team persevered with coaching, training, praying, and leadership meetings. Ultimately, many leaders received their new JFYM certificates to reach even more of the youth with the Gospel!





Botswana had an incredible year through your generous contributions to Reach Out!

One group of JFYM graduates in June were so inspired that they immediately gathered and distributed food for 26 families in need in their community.

In August, 2 newer Eagle Leaders shared stories of what happened after the last JFYM Forum they attended. They first shared with us that they planted two new churches in communities close to the capital of Botswana. He said that because of attending the previous JFYM Forum, many of the young people returned after learning about JFYM principles he implemented. They were also able to build a stage in their main church building which was built ONLY by the youth of the new church. He said they were previously lost but started attending the church! The second Eagle Leader told us how he felt equipped enough from learning JFYM principles that his team was able to evangelize OUT into their community using the tools they learned in the JFYM training! He reported that some of the people they ministered to got saved!

Thank you for being a part of this journey and your contributions to what God is doing in Botswana! 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!



# COUNTRY STATISTICS BOTSWANA

POPULATION = 2.3 million

68% in rural areas and  
27% in cities of under  
\$1.90/day

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

**POVERTY**  
68% / 27%



**HDI**  
100 OUT OF 189



**EDUCATION**



90% attend primary  
71% attend lower secondary  
67% attend upper secondary

**4% OF TEEN  
PREGNANCIES**



4% of teens ages 15-19

**AIDS/HIV**  
20-22%



1 of the top 4 countries in  
the world with HIV/AIDS

## Challenges

- Botswana formerly was known as one of the top poorest countries in the world, but has made great advances over the last couple of decades. Employment, education, and health have gone up on a positive level overall in the nation, but the pandemic and high prevalence of HIV is still looming.
- #1 country of orphaned children in the world due to HIV
- 24.5% unemployment rate due to unstable agricultural conditions when almost half of the country is agricultural use
- 36% of the population is under 19-years-old
- Percentage of HIV much higher in women ages 15-49 at 25% and men at 15% HOWEVER Botswana has become the first high-burden country to be certified for achieving an important milestone on the path to eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV by the World Health Organization

## 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.