



JFYM Sports Evangelism Team

2021 UPDATE

BURUNDI



Pastor Dr. Gérard Cizungu  
Country Leader

# Those disciplined...



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!



Some of the JFYM disciplined teens showed "praise to God" at a summer JFYM Forum ->





JFYM Leaders Holding Forums and Introducing Sports Evangelism



JFYM Sports Evangelism Ensued



December JFYM Forum Filled



**And many witnessed  
God's movement...**


**Over 100+ Youth Accepted Jesus!**



# JFYM Leaders Certified

Even in the midst of the pandemic, human rights violations, and surrounding violence, our Burundi 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!





Our Burundi leaders took JFYM principles a step further in reaching the youth of their nation by implementing JFYM Sports Evangelism! This is another method our JFYM teams use in reaching the younger generation where they are, instead of waiting for the younger generation to find Jesus. The team reaches out to them in the streets of their communities and offers for them to participate in sports.

Over the summer, a youth evangelistic event happened at BAGF Gatumba Church, where 100+ youth received Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Country Leader, Gerard Cizungu, shared a beautiful photo of this occurrence with us, as well as pictures of teen girls who “dance for Jesus” and shared one of their dances at a JFYM Forum to show praise to God.

During a November JFYMO forum in Burundi, youth pastors stood up to share how JFYM changed their vision for life and ministry. Six Eagle Leader graduates also received their certificates!

We invite you to celebrate with us the 40 people who attended the recent December JFYM training, and to pray that they continue to grow in their efforts in reaching more youth for Jesus.

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

POPULATION = 12.2 million

75-80% live in extreme poverty of under \$1.90/day

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

**POVERTY**  
75-80%



**HDI**  
185 OUT OF 189



**EDUCATION**



**TEEN PREGNANCY**  
13%



**AIDS/HIV**  
2.9%



82% attend primary  
24% attend lower secondary  
12% attend upper secondary  
only 50% complete primary school

Women have on average 6 children by 49-years-old, more than 50% of children are stunted due to malnutrition

Women's rate higher than men

## Challenges

- Government itself committing unlawful torture, killings, attacks, forced disappearances, violence against women, see the list at U.S. Dept of State
- Droughts and flooding highly affect the agriculture, and 52,000 people were displaced from flooding in 2021
- 80% of people work in the agricultural sector
- Population is highly condensed in one of Africa's smallest countries
- 45% of the population is under 14 years old, and only 2% are above 65 years old
- 46% of the country's population has access to improved sanitation, 39% of the country using unimproved sanitation facilities, 62% have basic drinking water, 38% have limited or unimproved drinking

## 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 disciplined 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.