



2021 UPDATE

UGANDA



Asher Kalema
Country Leader



Tony Muzasizi accepting Jesus!

Praying with *Passion*...

One top principle we teach through JFYM is drawing closer to Jesus by praying with *passion*...

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!



JFYM Sports Teams pray before every match ---->



Asher praying over JFYM disciplined youth

And many gave testimonies...

JFYM grads shared how they were impacted



Pastor Elijah [above left] made a video to share how the youth of his church are ready to go out and preach the Gospel, but have been lacking some of the tools to do it until he shared the JFYM principles with them. Now they are ready, feel the fire, and are going to put it into practice.

Sarah [upper right] shared that through the JFYM training, they learned how to handle people as they preach to them, lead them, and also help them create a relationship with Christ. She said they got deeper in relationship with Christ and now can leave a legacy for people to follow what they are doing. She said many people are yearning and to find their own ground where they can go and widen their ministry using what they learned from JFYM.

Pastor Jeff [right] said he joined JFYM, and then afterward studied the things he learned from it. Since then his life has not been the same! He said he was able to reach out to many young people, and then felt the Lord called him to start a ministry in the middle of the pandemic. They obtained a venue and began renovating it in October of 2021 (see behind him) which is a new church. He expressed this is all because of what he learned from JFYM!

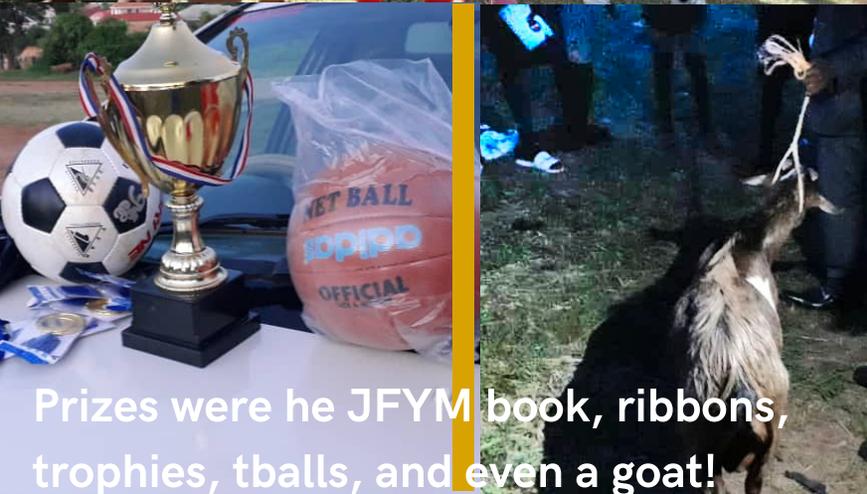
And many witnessed God's movement...



One of our JFYM Boys' Teams



One of our JFYM Girls' Teams



Prizes were the JFYM book, ribbons, trophies, balls, and even a goat!



Uganda Country Leader Asher Kalema with Pastor Emma, coach of one of the JFYM Sports Evangelism teams

JFYM Leaders Certified

At JFYM Forums throughout 2021, many youth pastors from over 10 denominations attended. Many of them hoped to have questions answered as to how to use JFYM principles. We received numerous testimonials from attendees after the sessions of how they felt equipped enough to implement JFYM in their communities.





Reach Out's leadership got creative this year and demonstrated indigenous sustainability by implementing newly formed Sports Evangelism throughout the districts. The goal was to reach the youth in this nation with their own interests right where *they* are. Two of the popular sports are soccer and netball, so our Reach Out team got to work over the summer to reach them for Jesus, and trained more leaders in JFYM Forums so they could extend their reach in more districts.

Country Leader, Asher Kalema, is a fine prayer warrior who demonstrates the JFYM concept of *praying with passion* in every part of his leadership. Whether before a Sports Evangelism game, a JFYM Forum, or just simply with the students he disciples, many have witnessed God's response by bringing many newly saved students and youth pastors to Christ, and instilling them back into their country's communities.

One of those accounts came when a brother of a JFYM graduate entered a JFYM Forum very unexpectedly and suddenly last summer. Reach Out leaders were unsure of what he was going to do, as Tony Muzasizi was known in the town as a notorious and dangerous criminal, disowned by his parents, but yet, he heard the call of God. He walked into the JFYM Forum, fell on his knees, and accepted Christ into his life. We never know when God is going to turn someone's heart towards Him, and these are the moments we are working toward in helping the younger generation come to know Jesus.

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

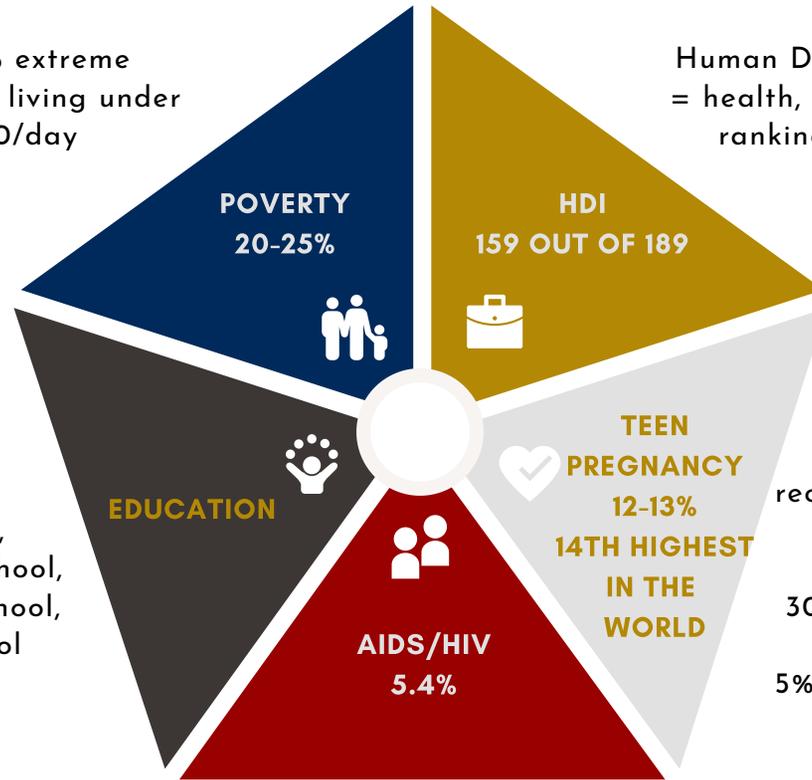


COUNTRY STATISTICS UGANDA

POPULATION = 47.1 million

20-25% extreme poverty of living under \$1.90/day

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



85% attend primary school, 19% attend lower secondary school, 8% attend upper secondary school, 41% complete primary school

650,000 teen pregnancies recorded for 2020/2021 for girls 15-19 years of age
5 million child brides 2021
30% of children stunted due to malnutrition
5% of children do not make it to their 5th birthday

Women much higher at 6.8 than men at 3.9%

Challenges

- Level 3 Travel Advisory due to bombings, armed robbery, home invasion, sexual assault are known to “occur at any time” and local police response are lacking due to resources
- Workforce reduction employed in agriculture and take-off in industrial production, and population increase, caused slowdown of national growth
- Permanent layoffs, urban activity slowing down, and moving labor back to farming caused household incomes to fall and not enough jobs for people
- 3% population increase each year, one of the highest in the world
- Largest host of refugees on the African continent
- Pandemic and Ebola 2020 outbreak
- 46% of population is under 14-years-old
- Only 20% have access to basic sanitation services with NO access to safe sanitation, only 17% have access to safe drinking water

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.

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