

2019 Regional Camp Report

GREAT LAKES:
Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo,
Rwanda



impact one. together we can impact many

OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Rwanda* hosted 24 camps.

Teens from all walks of life came with their leaders, played games, enjoyed family style meals, felt loved and were able to hear the life-transforming news of the gospel.

THANK YOU for your partnership that helped to make these camps possible.

Keep reading to see the impact your gift had on teens in this part of the world!

*Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi did not host camps this year, but God is faithful and ministry is growing in these countries.

FROM THE STAFF

Rwanda

"We had an amazing year and completed all camps as planned. More than 5,000 kids were taken to camp and more than half of them committed their lives to Christ while at camp. It was such an amazing and exciting time for both the volunteer leaders and teenagers. We thank God for these new believers as we pray for them and disciple them."

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him." - Colossians 2:6

**GEORGE BATARINGAYA, ASSOCIATE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

THE IMPACT...

5,059 teens went to camp



RWANDA OUTREACH CAMP

Of the 413 campers who attended this outreach camp in Nyamata, Rwanda, 23 of them were Muslim. Here is a small testimony from one of these campers: “I come from a Muslim family, so they were very upset when they found out that I was attending Young Life. My parents made it very clear that they would not accept me if I became a Christian. Because of this, they did not want me to go to camp and asked me to stop attending Young Life entirely. I was very saddened by this, but since they had seen the positive influence the leaders were able to have on my life, they reluctantly allowed me to continue going to Young Life and even said yes to camp. Camp was amazing! I made so many new friends and learned about the transformative power of Christ’s love. Thanks to Young Life I decided to give my life to Jesus Christ and now know that no matter how impossible it may seem, my parents too can accept Christ into their lives.”



TRANSFORMED LIVES

3,252

TEENS
ACCEPTED JESUS

RWANDA YOUNGLIVES

In April, leaders hosted a three-day YoungLives camp in Kilgali, the capital city of Rwanda. It was incredible to hear the testimonies of these mothers about how they first got pregnant and what they have learned since then. The camp speaker was a teen mom herself and was able to share her story of how she came to Christ after having her baby and how she is now married with three kids, one of which is the child she had as a teenager. All of the teen moms were inspired by her transformational story, as they feared not finding a husband due to their early pregnancies. Of the 43 moms at camp, 14 of them came to accept Jesus into their lives. Please join us in prayer as we seek to reach more teen moms and share the gospel with them. Please continue praying for these new moms in their faith journey.

THE NUMBERS

1,642
FEMALES

307
MUSLIMS

9
ORPHANS

77
TEEN MOMS

18
KIDS WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

IN HER WORDS

"Before camp, I did not have any friends. I used to not talk to people or try to make friends. When I joined Young Life I started making friends. I became so happy that my parents actually started to ask me what was going on. Because of Young Life I learned to pray and I have now seen Jesus. I thank my leaders for helping me get this far."

- MERCY, RWANDA CAMPER