

# 2019 Regional Camp Report

HORN OF AFRICA:  
Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia



**impact one.** together we can impact many

## OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Ethiopia\* hosted 33 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!

\*Due to security reasons, this report does not include stories and statistics from Somalia and Djibouti, but God is faithful and ministry is growing in these areas.

## FROM THE STAFF

### Ethiopia

"Over the previous three years we were struggling to run our clubs and camps because of the ethnic conflict, the government command post, and the lack of peace in our country. However, through all of those hardships and struggles, God's word is not chained and we continued sharing the good news through one on one relationships.

God has given fuel to our fire by opening unexpected doors, igniting passion in the staff and volunteers to reach more lost teens, and spurring on intercessors to pray for us and for peace in our country. Fortunately, God opened our eyes to reach teen moms, street kids, college students, and football teams. All of these ministries opened during the time of ruin. We believe that there is always hope beyond the trials and chaos. Even in the shadow of despair the God of hope restored our strength. He gave us the opportunity to bring thousands of kids to camp this year."

**WONDEMANEH BAYE, REGIONAL  
DIRECTOR**



# THE IMPACT...

## 6,357 teens went to camp



### ETHIOPIA YOUNGLIVES CAMP

At 14 years old, Hariot was pregnant. Her mother, a prostitute, had forced her down the very same path, and yet when she became pregnant, Hariot found herself all alone. She decided to go to "Adama Elilita YoungLives," a ministry that supports teen moms and was started by Young Life Area Director Addis Tafesse. Through her involvement with this ministry, Hariot was invited to YoungLives camp, where she joined 19 other teen moms and their young kids. On the last day of camp, Hariot shared with Addis that her mom had started going to church to seek healing from her HIV/AIDS. While there, she was also convicted to pray for Hariot to be freed from the bondage of prostitution. At camp, Hariot understood the gospel in a whole new way, and this experience plus her mom's prayers led to her decision to follow Jesus. "This is the day that the Lord has made to save my life, I am sure. I will give my life to Jesus today because He healed me from every bondage and struggle...Today is the day, praise God!" We too, praise God for Hariot's salvation, and for the 16 other young women who gave their lives to Him at this camp!



### ETHIOPIA OUTREACH CAMP

The three major religions in Ethiopia are Protestant Christians, Muslims and Orthodox Christians. Kids who come from Orthodox families are not always encouraged to attend Young Life events. Kofi is a young man who comes from one of these families but came to Young Life camp because of his friendship with his leader. At camp, Kofi was particularly interested in the cabin time. Kofi participated in cabin time seriously, asking many questions and looking for answers from leaders and peers. Through his leader's patient guidance, he decided to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord of his life. When asked why, Kofi said "because God loved the world and He gave his only son to save this world." Join us in praying for the love of God to continue transforming Kofi and the 74 other kids who chose to follow Christ at this Young Life camp!

### TRANSFORMED LIVES

2,112

TEENS

ACCEPTED JESUS

### THE NUMBERS

1,511  
FEMALES

753  
MUSLIMS

177  
MUSLIM  
COMMITMENTS

30  
TEEN MOMS

108  
KIDS WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS

### IN HIS WORDS

"The message given here was different and uplifting...I am loved by God and chosen by God. This taught me to reflect on past failures in my life. I will now make known to all who hear me about the redemption and truth of Christ. I also look forward to growing deeper in my faith and joining a church."

- AMADI, ETHIOPIA CAMPER