

2019 Regional Camp Report

MALAWI/ZAMBIA



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OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Zambia hosted two outreach day camps. Malawi took a sabbatical from outreach camps and focused on leadership development through various retreats.

God is raising up faithful leaders that are reaching more and more teens with the gospel.

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

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

FROM THE STAFF

Zambia

"The Zambia outreach camp was a one-day, eventful harvest. Incredibly, more than half of the campers that came were female. We praise the Lord for the commitments teens made to Jesus and the lives that are being transformed in our country."

BANJI SIMASIKU, AREA DIRECTOR

FROM THE STAFF CONT.

Malawi

"This year the Lord led us in an unusual direction. As we prayed, the Lord told us to slow down, to take steps back and to go deeper. We had expected God to call us to do more. We have learned through listening though, that sometimes less IS more!

Ministry grew, but the little things were beginning to slip through the cracks. Our desire is to have a ministry that stems from deep, authentic relationships with God, each other and kids. It was a hard decision to make and we worried how it would affect our ministry, but we knew that obedience to God's leading was the best way forward.

We decided this year to focus instead on leadership. We hosted various camps for all leaders, team leaders, women, Developing Global Leaders and staff. At each of these camps we focused on time in the word, listening to the Lord, praying, singing, reflecting, dreaming and team building. Each one has sparked a new passion in the leaders!

We are taking on the next year in a posture of obedience, guided by Isaiah 6:8" - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

MPHATSO STILES,
ASSOCIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

THE IMPACT...

813 teens went to camp



MALAWI LEADER CAMP

Over 20 leaders from four different regions of Malawi (Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe and Mzuzu) came together at this camp for fellowship, encouragement and spiritual growth. Through Young Life, these leaders continue to grow in both their leadership and their personal walks with Jesus. One of these leaders is Chengetai. Chengetai lives in Chibavi, Mzuzu, an area of northern Malawi. Before he got involved with Young Life, he had been praying for ministry opportunities in his city. “Young Life has really opened up opportunities to do God’s ministry,” Chengetai shared. “I have been praying for revival in my life and an overflow of grace. I can say that at this leaders camp, God has really met all those requests.” Chengetai feels revived, renewed and excited to continue in ministry and make disciples.” I am here for the kids and for my fellow leaders, but ultimately I am here for God. With this renewed energy and zeal for the great commission, my expectations are to go even harder for Christ and to never give up. I want to teach better, love better and give better, for I am a vessel.”



ZAMBIA OUTREACH CAMP

Young Life leaders in Zambia do ministry in all sorts of neighborhoods and are friends with kids from all kinds of backgrounds. They are friends with the wealthiest kids in the most beautiful neighborhoods and they are friends with the poorest kids in the most dangerous neighborhoods. They believe and exemplify that love has no boundaries!

Dre is a volunteer Young Life leader in Zambia. While doing contact work he always saw these identical twins, James and John, from a distance. He had trouble approaching them at first, but he always noticed them. These brothers had a reputation of being some of the toughest kids in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods.

Eventually Dre became friends with them. In December last year, the brothers attended camp and their hearts were totally opened to the gospel. They are still learning and growing. They ask difficult and thoughtful questions about Jesus. Dre says, “I know God is coming through for them with answers. And I am helping them to know who God is and His love for us. All the glory to God for my friendships with James and John.”

We praise God for paving the way for Young Life leaders to walk boldly into the most dangerous and most difficult places. We praise God for the friendships that have been built with the kids that seem the furthest away. We trust Him. Please join us in praying for continued boldness and increased faith for the Young Life leaders in Zambia.



THE NUMBERS

363
FEMALES

450
MALES

1
ALL FEMALE CAMP

276
TRAINED
LEADERS

TRANSFORMED LIVES

109
TEENS
ACCEPTED JESUS

IN HIS WORDS

“I have seen Jesus in a special way through the camp. He has been able to strengthen me in many areas that were failing in my life.”

- DALITSO, MALAWI VOLUNTEER LEADER

