

2019 Regional Camp Report

MOZAMBIQUE/SOUTH AFRICA/ESWATINI



impact one. together we can impact many

OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Mozambique, South Africa and eSwatini hosted 22 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!

FROM THE STAFF

Mozambique

After weeks of prayer we identified potential young leaders who were trained in Young Life leadership and this year we held our Leaders Camp in Maputo with more than 80 participants, emphasizing discipleship. We taught the fundamental principles of Young Life and how God is using ordinary people like each of us to grow this ministry.

JOSÉ TAYOB, AREA DIRECTOR

FROM THE STAFF CONT.

South Africa

This year we had teenagers from Mokopane, Tsakane, Masakhane, Hammanskraal, Olivenhoutbosch, Bela-Bela, Vingerkraal, Dikebu, Mamelodi and Johannesburg. 78.5% of these teens said yes to the Jesus. It was heartwarming to witness the joy in the eyes of the leaders as they saw their friends standing up to receive Christ as their Lord.

EZRA MATTHEWS, AREA DIRECTOR

eSwatini

2019 has been dedicated to leader development and care. Our country is divided into four regions and this year was focused on empowering an area team leader in each region to raise up a team of leaders to do ministry with. In March we held a leader's retreat at the Young Life office where these team leaders invited their teams for a time of prayer.

These leaders took kids to camp this August - some of them for the first time. We feel blessed and honored to serve the Lord in this special way.

STHE NSIBANDE, AREA DIRECTOR



THE IMPACT...

2,075 teens went to camp



MOZAMBIQUE OUTREACH CAMP

After a tumultuous season following Cyclone Idai, the leaders in Mozambique hosted amazing camps this year. Many beautiful transformations, including Lisa's, took place and God was glorified!

Lisa has been attending Young Life club since the beginning of the year. She recalls that growing up she had been asked several times if she wanted to accept Jesus in her life as her Lord and Savior. Her answer was always “yes”, but it was never from her heart. Lisa was challenged that there is a need not only for Christ's sacrifice, but also for genuine repentance and faith in Jesus during the Bible Exposition at camp. It was only then that that she realized the decision to accept Jesus should come from her heart. During the time of reflection after the message, Lisa made the decision to truly follow Jesus with all of her heart for the first time. She joined and consistently attends a Bible study at which she is growing in her understanding of the Bible and in her relationship with Christ.

We praise God for the hundreds of transformations that took place at Mozambique camps this year! Join us in praying for a continued pursuit of wholeness in Christ for each camper who accepted Jesus as their personal savior.



ESWATINI WYLDLIFE CAMP

Middle-school aged students gathered together for a day long WyldLife camp in Eswatini where they heard the gospel and experienced life transformation. Below is one of the incredible testimonies. We praise God for what He has done and continues to do in Eswatini.

“My name is Alice and I am in 6th grade. My story is about my mother that is sick at home. That's why I write this story because WyldLife helped me. This team of leaders taught me to believe in Jesus. I now have hope because of Jesus even though my my father died when I was just a baby and my mother is very sick.”

We pray that the fruit of this camp would last until eternity. We also pray that hope would continue to spring up in Eswatini.

SOUTH AFRICA CAMPAIGNERS CAMP

Both black and white teenagers attended this Campaigners (Bible study) camp, which is a powerful image of the Kingdom in the midst of a country that continues to struggle with racism. Campaigner kid Ray shares: "I've made many new friends, black and white...I've found myself a second family at camp...I have grown...and I thank God for Young Life."

THE NUMBERS

874
FEMALES

33
MUSLIMS

327
ORPHANS

89
MUSLIM
COMMITMENTS

155
KIDS WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

TRANSFORMED LIVES

1,039
TEENS
ACCEPTED JESUS

IN HIS WORDS

"I started going to Young Life Campaigners and my life changed so much because I came to believe that God does exist."

- SAM, SOUTH AFRICA CAMPAIGNER CAMPER