

2019 Regional Camp Report

ZIMBABWE



impact one. together we can impact many

OVERVIEW

In 2019, the Young Life staff and volunteer leaders in Zimbabwe hosted 54 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

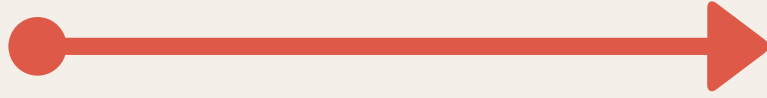
"We had an amazing, humbling and surprise-filled camping season. Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for His grace during this time. We celebrate the thousands of lives that have committed themselves to walking the rest of their journey into eternity with Christ. We welcome them into God's family with gladness and commit to continue walking with them in their newfound faith as far as God will allow us. Now begins the journey of discipleship and walking with those whom the Holy Spirit is still ministering to.

I am excited for our nation and the Kingdom, to see how far the Lord takes these kids."

**NKOSI SAMPINDI,
SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

THE IMPACT...

4,269 teens went to camp



ZIMBABWE OUTREACH CAMP

For three days there was an outreach camp in Gwanda, a mid-sized town just southeast of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city. In this short time, 204 of the 310 campers committed their lives to Christ. Sixteen-year-old Jaya reflected on her three days at camp very fondly. "Before coming to camp, I didn't allow myself time to connect with God. I lived my life ignoring the law that God has set before us and treated people very poorly. Then I got invited to come to Young Life camp. I loved the atmosphere at camp! The food was delicious and the assignment team was hilarious. Most importantly, the messages shared with us changed the way I understood the gospel. Cabin time was super helpful for me, as I was able to share and process what I was learning. It was here that I decided to receive Jesus as my Lord and personal Savior. I pray that I am able to grow spiritually as I head home and that I am able to share the Good News with my family and friends."



ZIMBABWE OUTREACH CAMP

162 teenage campers gathered to hear the story of Jesus. 154 of these campers went home accepting Jesus as their very own! Camp was packed full of crazy games, hilarious entertainment and a newfound relational depth. The transformation that took place is undeniable. Below is just one of the many testimonies from this outreach camp:

"Formerly, knowing God, reading and understanding His Word was not of importance to me. Alcoholism was the major problem in my life. Furthermore, because of the desires of my flesh, I did not take into consideration that sleeping around with different women and girls was just pushing me away from God. At camp, I came to the realization that these things create a rift between God and I. In a nutshell, camp has transformed me and brought me closer to God. I will therefore pray more in Jesus Christ and invite and encourage other young people to have more time in God." - Nicolas

We praise God for the healing and transformation that took place at camp. Please join us in praying for these campers as they return home and continue to replace old, unhealthy patterns with new and heavenly ones. We also pray for strength for their leaders to walk alongside them at this time.

TRANSFORMED LIVES

2,036
TEENS
ACCEPTED JESUS

THE NUMBERS

2,183
FEMALES

12
MUSLIMS

1,094
ORPHANS

49
TEEN MOMS

22
KIDS WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

IN HER WORDS

"There's no greater joy that I have ever experienced than Christ Himself."

- JAYA, ZIMBABWE CAMPER