

2020 Regional Report

ESWATINI



impact one. together we can impact many

OVERVIEW

2020 has been a year like none other. As government restrictions were put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, ministry has been impacted, and Young Life staff and leaders have had to adapt. New ways of reaching teens have been developed through online clubs, video call campaigner groups and old-fashioned phone calls.

While traditional Young Life camps could not take place once shutdowns occurred, Young Life leaders were still reaching teens in eSwatini, sharing the hope that Jesus offers.

THANK YOU for your partnership that spurs on this ministry. We are so grateful to have friends like you who are covering us in prayer and sacrificing time and treasure to impact teens in this part of the world! Read on to see how God worked in eSwatini during the past year.

FROM THE STAFF

2020 has been a blessing in disguise for eSwatini. COVID-19 brought our ministry to a halt, but praise God, we were able to reach kids through technology, had the opportunity to share the gospel with them and give them a chance to respond to it. In the four regions, we also focused heavily on leader care and development:

- Dedication and renewal of personal calling to Jesus and service to Him
- Area Prayer Walks
- Hearing God's voice on our Maps, Leadership Trees and Lists

We thank you for your support and prayers!

Liyandza Mnisi
AREA DIRECTOR, ESWATINI

THE IMPACT...

572 teens known by name



ESWATINI CAPERNAUM CAMP

221 campers gathered together for a Capernaum camp in eSwatini before COVID-19 shut down in-person ministry. Leaders were very impressed by how receptive each camper was to God. The teamwork between all the leaders, work crew and camp speaker was incredible and it was a very encouraging time for everyone who was there. Below are just a few of the testimonies from this camp:

"At camp I learned that God created us and when He did, He called it 'good.' I learned about and related to the prodigal son. When I am lost, God still loves me and takes care of me wherever I am. God accepts me even when I feel lost. I also enjoyed the people who were with me at camp. The leaders took good care of us. They listened to me and my problems and we had so much fun."
- Amelia, camper

"My experience was that I learned that I must know myself, who I am. The speaker said I must ask myself about my relationship with God and if I'm close to Him. I am now thinking about this a lot. Also, I enjoyed the food. It was so good. I enjoyed being with my friends. I also enjoyed being in a place where people can talk about God without making it boring for me."
- Lindy, camper

We praise God for the incredible ways He moved at this camp in eSwatini. 96 kids gave their lives to Jesus! Please join us in praying for eternal fruit from this camp and that the leaders would continue to be led by the Holy Spirit in how to disciple these new believers.



THE NUMBERS

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STAFF

55

VOLUNTEER
LEADERS

1,151

KIDS IN CLUBS/WEEK

212

KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP
GROUPS/WEEK



19

TOTAL MINISTRIES

SAYING "YES" TO JESUS

During the COVID-19 lockdown, Young Life volunteers and staff in eSwatini have continued to endure and still reach out to kids by phone and social media. We have thousands of stories of grace, endurance and victory.

Thanks to God, lives are being changed. By the end of September, 479 teens had been reached by phone and 10 of those accepted Jesus as their personal Savior after hearing the gospel.

IN HER WORDS

"At camp I learned that God has made a place for those who have faith in him."

- NIKKI, ESWATINI CAMPER