

# 2020 Regional Report

MOZAMBIQUE



**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 Mozambique, 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 Mozambique during the past year.

## FROM THE STAFF

The ministry this year has been in a constant state of reinvention. We reinvented how we reach young people. We reinvented training patterns. We reinvented the way in which we disciple and help young people grow in their faith.

2020 has been a year of challenges and overcoming. We are adapting our mission and vision to this “new normal”. The clubs are happening through Facebook and YouTube. Bible studies and trainings are taking place through WhatsApp and voice calls. At all times we have experienced the grace and favor of our Lord Jesus as young people and leaders continue to have the opportunity to be together and strengthen one another.

**José Tayob**  
**AREA DIRECTOR, MOZAMBIQUE**

# THE IMPACT...

3,904 teens known by name



## A NEW APPROACH TO REACHING TEENS

When normal ministry operations shut down, leaders took a new approach to reaching teens. They started a virtual program through WhatsApp and Zoom calls that they call "Special Studies" in which they share topics of social interest. This program draws both young Christians and non-Christians. It has been an excellent tool for reaching non-Christian teens and developing relationships with them, with the hope of introducing them to Christ.

The theme of one special study was "Loving Rationally" where the leaders shared with more than 50 teens how to prepare for a serious relationship. They shared that starting a relationship is something serious and it is very important to make those decisions rationally. They chose this theme because unfortunately many young people get into relationships for the wrong reasons and then when it doesn't work out, many struggle, especially with depression, and even some commit suicide.



## THE BIG 5 CHALLENGE

During mandatory social distancing, Young Life leaders have been working on a challenge called "THE BIG 5 CHALLENGE". This was born out of the desire to reach young people who have the potential to become future Young Life leaders. The challenge for each key leader is to choose a maximum of five potential leaders that they are discipling. They then host a series of activities that to help them grow spiritually and learn Young Life's vision.

## FOOTBALL GAMES

Teens in Mozambique love football (known as soccer in the U.S.)! So during the school holidays in January, Young Life leaders organized a day filled with football matches to have fun and deepen in friendship with those that attended. So many young people came that it was not possible to put them all on the field at once, so smaller teams were formed and took turns playing. This gave leaders a chance to have conversation with teens between games.

## THE NUMBERS

9  
STAFF

297  
VOLUNTEER LEADERS

1,801  
KIDS IN CLUBS/WEEK

801  
KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP  
GROUPS/WEEK

50  
TOTAL MINISTRIES

## IN HIS WORDS

"In the midst of this pandemic, it was not easy to continue with contact work from home and virtually. But I thank God for technology that allowed me to keep in touch with many kids from my neighborhood and other provinces. I am now discipling many of them."

- JÚLIO GUTA, VOLUNTEER LEADER

