

2020 Regional Report

TANZANIA/ZANZIBAR



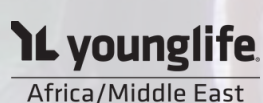
impact one. together we can impact many

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 Tanzania and Zanzibar, 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 Tanzania and Zanzibar during the past year.



FROM THE STAFF

This year has been very different for ministry. Once COVID-19 hit, we panicked and didn't know what to do until we listened to the Lord through Psalm 91. The Lord assured us of His love, protection and benevolence. We trusted in Him and knew that we cannot leave our Young Life kids without a "shepherd". We started calling them every single week, using their parents, guardians, and older sibling's phone numbers.

True to His word, the Lord has been with us, protected us and continues to watch over us. Our leaders have been faithful in reaching out to kids through this difficult time.

As our country has opened up, we have started reuniting in-person with kids we had contacted over the phone. Our leaders are discipling those who made a commitment to Jesus and continuing to pursue those who have not yet committed, loving them right where they are at.

The Lord is true to his word. Psalm 91: 14-16 says,
"Because he loves Me, I will deliver him; because he knows My name, I will protect him. When he calls out to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."

James Mungai Kamau
SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR
TANZANIA/ZANZIBAR

THE IMPACT...

62,852* teens known by name



GOSPEL PHONE CALLS

When in-person ministry stopped due to COVID-19, leaders and staff started calling teens and sharing the gospel with them. They boldly asked these teens if they would like to accept Christ right there over the phone. The impact was incredible and in many cases eternal.

Nearly 14,000 teens were reached in Tanzania over the course of just a few months. In total, 1,650 teens have given their lives to Jesus over the phone because a Young Life leader extended the invitation. And regardless of their response, leaders continue to reach out to every teen they have called, pursuing them with the love of Jesus!

*Tanzania - 59,569 | Zanzibar - 3,283



ZANZIBAR LEADERS DAY OUT

As restrictions eased, Young Life leaders in Zanzibar gathered for a leaders day out on the beach. 67 volunteer leaders were in attendance and it was a great time filled with games, gospel sharing and four baptisms. Three of the leaders who were baptized had formerly practiced Islam. We give glory to God for these leaders! Please continue to lift them up in prayer as they reach teens with the gospel in this predominantly Muslim area.



THE NUMBERS

STAFF

27

TANZANIA

2

ZANZIBAR

VOLUNTEER LEADERS

1,068

TANZANIA

59

ZANZIBAR

KIDS IN CLUBS/WEEK

24,221

TANZANIA

1,137

ZANZIBAR

KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS/WEEK

9,308

TANZANIA

193

ZANZIBAR

188*

TOTAL MINISTRIES

*Tanzania - 178 | Zanzibar - 10

IN HER WORDS

"I came to know how valuable and loved I am by God and that I have purpose in this world. I realized that there is peace, joy and love in Jesus."

- YOUNG LIFE TEEN, TANZANIA