

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Shem Irungu
National Director

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

In reflecting on the inherent potential of young individuals, I am reminded of their dual nature— holding immense possibilities for greatness yet vulnerable to destructive paths. As Christian leaders, it is our duty to emulate Christ, recognizing and valuing the potential in the youth, much like the young disciples entrusted with spreading the gospel.

At Youth for Christ, we take the task of ministering to young people earnestly, empowering, involving, and supporting them. Our commitment extends to holistic development, encompassing psychosocial, mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Through innovative programs, we engage youth nationwide, seeking to positively alter the trajectory of their lives by introducing them to Christ's love and guiding informed decisions.

In 2023, our mission reached 18 counties across Kenya, from Migori to Tana River, impacting under-reached and unreached young people. We conducted training sessions for pastors, delving into effective youth ministry and fostering deeper connections through camps, serving as platforms for Christian discipleship. Addressing the needs of crisis-stricken young girls, particularly teen pregnancies, is a priority through our Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Kimbilio. Here, a nurturing environment provides love, essential skills, medical care, and safeguards young ones from the harm of abortion.

Our unwavering determination is to reach every young person in every people group nationwide. We express gratitude to supporters—financial and volunteers—and acknowledge our dedicated staff and board members tirelessly ministering to youth throughout the country. With whatever resources, time, or talents required, we are dedicated to fulfilling our commitment to the gospel.

CRISIS PREGNANCY MINISTRIES

KIMBILIO A BEACON OF HOPE

Over the course of the transformative year, we've nurtured young lives, empowered courageous mothers and stood as a beacon of hope in times of uncertainty. From offering comprehensive mentorship & skills training programs to providing a safe haven for mothers and their newborns, our mission to create a brighter future has been unwavering. Among the 30 brave teenage girls who sought refuge within our Kimbilio Shelter during their pregnancy journey, a remarkable 27 souls have found solace and redemption through embracing Christ.

For the one year we have been operational, we are glad that our teen girls have had a smooth pregnancy and delivery journeys. To date we have had 22 babies: 16 girls and 6 boys born and taken care in our facility before being exited. We have made sure that the babies have gotten their first vaccine and have a birth notification before re-integrating them. As an integral part of our holistic approach, Crisis Pregnancy Ministries acknowledges the significance of baby dedication before reintegrating teen mothers. Prior to their transition, we ensure that a heartfelt ceremony of dedication is conducted for each precious newborn. This cherished event not only symbolizes the commitment of our mothers to their children's well-being but also provides a platform for them to bestow their blessings upon their infants.



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"1 Chronicles;
*Declare his glory
among the nations,
his marvellous deeds
among all peoples."*

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OUR NATIONAL OUTREACH

In our pursuit to spread the message of hope and faith, we are delighted to present an overview of our annual ministry report. This year, our outreach has extended to 18 counties across Kenya, each marked by the transformative power of the Word of God.

Highlights of Our Journey:

- **Geographical Diversity:** From the coastal beauty of Mombasa to the highlands of Nyeri, our ministry has touched hearts in 18 diverse counties.
- **Community Engagement:** We've engaged with local communities, fostering spiritual growth and building connections that transcend geographical boundaries.
- **Impactful Moments:** Through our mission, we've witnessed lives being transformed, creating a ripple effect of positive change within each county.

The Power of Unity:

As we look at the map of Kenya, it's not just a collection of counties; it's a testament to the unity that comes when hearts are open to the Word of God. Together, we've made a significant impact, sowing seeds of faith, hope, and love.



FAITH STRENGTHENED

Attending the Vacation Bible Study (VBS) in Kaptama, Mt. Elgon was a transformative experience for me. Despite the theft of my clothes, an inner urge led me to join the VBS as a grade one teacher. During this time, I connected with the missionary team, particularly Hannah, who introduced me to a structured approach of reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation within a year.

Motivated by her example, I committed to this reading plan, supported by a timetable she provided, which involves reading three to four chapters a day. I also received Christian documents that further enriched my spiritual journey. Although I was the only local youth teacher, I embraced the opportunity, connecting with grade one children and building lasting relationships.

The experience empowered me to become involved in spreading God's word. I am now more engaged in various church activities, such as participating in the youth dance and choir, even as the sole male member at times. Witnessing the sacrifice of the YFC team inspired me to make personal sacrifices, dedicating my mornings at 5:30 a.m. to participate in an online prayer fellowship with a youth program called Ispeak Society.

I got motivated and fulfilled to be part of a team that is transforming society by spreading the word of God. There could be no better foundation than in Christ Jesus for children and young people.

Ian Marugaa - Missioner



HUNGER FOR THE GOSPEL

I joined the Kenya YFC mission team last year, seeking a new beginning in missions to the unreached and least-reached people groups. This past year has been full of such experiences.

A memorable one was a mission to Kilili, a remote village in Machakos County, in November 2023. We planned an impromptu Vacation Bible School (VBS) in collaboration with PCEA Church Kilili. Despite facing challenges due to impassable roads, getting stuck in swamps, and walking for 4km, the children were fully receptive to the gospel. They looked at us with so much hope in their eyes as they recited the word of God and sang songs of praise.

The palpable thirst for the good news was evident, something we've encountered in numerous regions of Kenya during our missions.

Our host, a 50-year-old woman grandmother, expressed gratitude for the visit. She shared the challenges of young people dropping out of school for a party lifestyle, and she hoped our message would shape her grandchildren into responsible individuals.

The experience highlighted the deep and boundless love of God, transcending boundaries to reach the lost. The villagers requested a follow-up visit during the holidays, emphasizing the positive impact on their community. God's love knows no boundaries.

Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land (Proverbs 25:25).



Hannah Musyai - Missioner

EAST AFRICA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The East Africa Leadership Summit was hosted in Kenya at our Kizazi Sasa Campsite where we were able to host 8 countries namely: *South Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, DRC Congo, Burundi, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya.*

A total number of 60 delegates were in attendance.





Before I joined Kenya Youth for Christ, I was pretty deep into the world. I was always searching for myself, but without the right guidance, I ended up in the wrong company. Deep down, I struggled to break away from that lifestyle, but every time I tried, I found myself going back. Each failure left me feeling disappointed.

I vividly recall the moment I prayed for a change because I was desperate for the cycle to stop. It was during this time that I reconnected with a long-lost friend who introduced me to Kenya Youth for Christ. It happened to be the beginning of the year, "a fresh start." But even with the newfound support, I still had the wrong company around me, leading to two major car accidents. It was at this point that I realized the need to take things seriously.

With the YFC family by my side, I embarked on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth. It's been a tough road. Leaving behind something or someone that had been a part of me for years wasn't easy. There were days when I stumbled, but each time I found the strength to rise again.

I thank God for leading me to YFC. It has become a safe haven for me. I encountered people who didn't judge but instead shared their encouraging life journeys with me. Through daily staff devotions, I have grown closer to God. I am open to sharing my prayers and challenges with the team, and they walk and pray with me.

YFC has been a transformative experience, and I am genuinely thankful for the support and understanding that has been extended to me on this remarkable journey.

J. Mungai

WHAT GOD IS
DOING



2023 Camps

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WAR CAMP



THE LAST MAN STANDING CAMP



MOMBASA MISSION CAMP



WE ARE READY CAMP



THE LAST MAN STANDING CAMP

YFCI General Assembly Netherlands



A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

I came to Kimbilio Safe House in September 2022 when I was 2 months pregnant. I had nowhere to stay after getting pregnant. I had finished high school and was supposed to join university, but I couldn't because I lacked fees.

The disappointment of getting pregnant, being rejected and having nowhere to stay led to the decision to abort the baby. I went to a pharmacy to ask about abortion.

Deep down, I didn't want to abort, but I was just too scared and the situation was bad. I asked God to intervene in my situation and he did. The lady at the pharmacy told me that she could refer me to a place where I could stay until I delivered the baby. She connected me to the CPMK coordinator, and that's how I ended up at Kimbilio.

My life changed when I came to the Safe House. I met people who made me smile and encouraged me that it wasn't the end of life. There were skills like crocheting, knitting and sewing to equip me. I felt part of a family. 7 months later I delivered a baby girl who is now nine months old.

I never lost the desire to go to university. When my baby was 3 months old, the YFC National Director Shem Irungu visited Kimbilio and informed me that I had gotten a scholarship. I joined Daystar University in September 2023. I am now in the second semester of my first year pursuing a degree in Education (English Literature).

My biggest dream is to become a professor one day and be able to give back to society and inspire young girls using my experience. I would also like to give at least one person the opportunity to go back to school, like I was given. I have been given hope and I would like to do the same for someone else.

**Jane*



A SECOND CHANCE

Let me tell you about this crazy journey of mine. When my mom got remarried, her new husband was like the complete opposite of what I would imagine a father to be. He was always on my case, throwing harsh words around. It got so bad that I started sleeping outside just to escape the endless conflict.

In my quest for peace and while trying to figure out who I really am, I ended up in a relationship that led to my pregnancy. My stepdad saw the perfect chance to kick me out. No hesitation, no second thoughts—he just wanted me gone. At 16, feeling hurt and abandoned, all I really wanted was love and care. My head was everywhere, and peace of mind was like this distant fantasy.

That's when this amazing place called Kimbilio stepped in—a safe house where I felt at home and loved. They saw me not just as a pregnant teen but as Irene. They listened to me and walked with me as I tried to figure myself out.

I love studying, and I held on to that dream of going back to school. After giving birth, my sister came through and supported me every step of the way. And then Kenya Youth for Christ showed up, and they took me back to school. They paid my school fees, bought me new uniform, books, and everything else I needed to continue my education. This made me feel loved and cherished, like someone finally saw my potential.

I feel blessed. Getting a second chance at life, especially when things seem so messed up, is a miracle. My journey from feeling abandoned to rediscovering hope is all thanks to the love and support I got from Kenya YFC. Now, I'm on my way to making my dreams come true, proving that no matter what, everyone deserves a shot at shining.

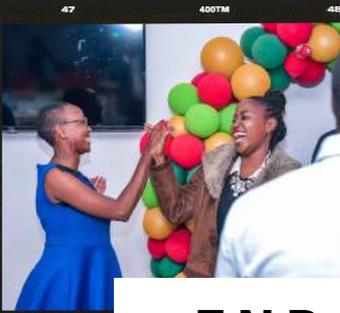
**Sharon*



STAFF GROWTH

We started the year with 15 members of staff and we are ending with 26. We opened a new chapter in Malindi, where our team is using sports to reach the youth. In 2024, a chapter in Tharaka Nithi is starting mission activities.





END OF YEAR STAFF RETREAT



STATE HOUSE VISIT



SAM ROWLAND AT -
MANYANI PRISON
MAXIMUM SECURITY



**OTHER HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE YEAR**

YFC INT. BOARD AT KIZAZI
SASA CAMPSITE



DAVE BRERETON - YFC
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AT
KIZAZI SASA CAMPSITE



YFCI LEADERSHIP MEETING
KENYA'S FIRST LADY



GOVERNANCE

The Board of in Youth for Christ, led by Chairperson Evelyn Mwangi Kalai and Vice Chairperson Aliso Odinyo, provides crucial leadership and governance for the ministry. Shem Irungu serves as Secretary, overseeing documentation and correspondence, while Joel Mwangi manages finances as Treasurer.

Board members Virginia Niemeyer, Charles Macharia, Diana Moraa, George Ngugi, Rev. Mark Maingi, and Ncruba Ojiambo contribute their expertise to decision-making. This collaborative team ensures effective ministry development and maintenance.

Their commitment keeps the organization anchored to its mission, fostering resilience and adaptability in changing times, and contributing to the overall success of the youth ministry.



**JOHN MIERE (JONTE), NAIROBI
COUNTY COORDINATOR, 20 YEARS OF
SERVICE.**

In 2002, I was a lost soul. I was part of a gang of 15. This was after my family relocated to the village leaving me alone in Nairobi to fend for myself at 17 years. This left me vulnerable to negative influence and led me to joining a criminal gang. I witnessed my friend get multiple arrests, while some died in the hands of police and mob justice.

After joining Highschool, YFC team visited our school. Seeing the passion, they had for God coupled with a mix of well-choreographed dance, music and skit and I purposed to join them. The following weeks and months I frequented the YFC center in Kibera and later gave my life to Christ in YFC event.

After years of discipleship I started volunteering in hospitality, this was followed later by responsibilities to run the whole center. As my relationship with God grew and my leadership skills developed I was promoted once more and I am now in charge of the whole county of Nairobi. I lead a team of 10 leaders and 60 volunteers.

I was recently honoured for my 20 years of service in YFC. I feel good that we can honor people who have served. Being honored was a big moment in my life and that of my family.



**ELIZABETH WANJIKU (SHIKO), MERU COUNTY
COORDINATOR, 11 YEARS OF SERVICE**

I first encountered YFC in 2005 after Highschool when a team from YFC ministered in our church. A year later, I joined them and became part of their high school missions for three years.

In 2012 I was tasked with pioneering the Meru Chapter. This wasn't a walk in the park, at some point, I slept in the office because resources were scarce. But God opened doors; He brought people who have supported me.

God opened more doors of ministry and by 2023 my team and I have ministered in over 300 schools in Meru County and beyond, sharing God's word in Sunday services, Christian union meetings, weekend challenges and youth camps. My highlight is always when I see young people give their lives to Christ.

I work with five leaders and 15 volunteers. Our Bible study has grown to over 30 young people every week. I pray for financial and human resources and opportunities to minister in schools and beyond.

In 2018, I met my husband in Meru 'in the line of duty'. We got married in 2019 and are blessed with a baby girl. I have learned to trust and love God for who He is. His grace has been so sufficient to sustain me in all seasons.



SARAH AKHALILA , SKILLS TRAINER, 13 YEARS

In 2010, I decided to volunteer my time at the CPMK Rehab Centre at Riruta in Nairobi. I started in the production department, where we made mats, aprons, gloves, bags and more. After six months, I was made a staff trainer for the vulnerable girls at the center. I trained them in sewing, knitting, crocheting and later crafts and jewellery.

In 2022 I joined Kimbilio Safe House which was opened at Athi River where I continue to train. I have seen my students get employed after leaving the center and some have even started their own businesses. But what excites me the most are those who have grown deeper in their relationship with God, courtesy of my discipleship.

In 2023, one of the teenage moms was blessed with a sewing machine by YFC as an exit package from the safe house. A testament of her skills are the two dresses she made for me and Jenepher which we are wearing in these pictures.

I know there's a bright future for her and that makes me happy.



JENEIPHER ALUSA, HEAD CARE MOTHER KIMBILIO, 11 YEARS

I started at Kenya YFC in 2012 as an office assistant. As I got acquainted more with YFC, I realized that my training in counseling could be beneficial for the organization.

I went through 'Worth the Wait' crisis pregnancy training, where I was equipped with further counseling skills.

I joined the counseling department, serving young people at the Kenya YFC office and outside. I also went through discipleship and digital skills training.

In 2022, I moved to Athi River to serve as a care mother at the Kimbilio Safe House for teenage moms in crisis pregnancy.

Taking care of teenage moms has stretched me to serve better and with renewed compassion. I encounter girls from diverse backgrounds, counsel them, take them to the hospital, train them to care for their babies, and much more. I am their mother.



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<p>GOD LOVES YOU</p> <p>God loves you</p> <p>"There is one God" who loves over all the universe.</p> <p>He is all powerful and loving and kind. "Who to love"—and God loves you and wants you to be His child!</p>	<p>WE HAVE SINNED</p> <p>Sin is saying or doing or thinking things that are wrong, and our sins separate us from God. "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."</p> <p>"We deserve punishment for our sins..." "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."</p>	<p>GOD SENT JESUS</p> <p>God sent His Son—Jesus Christ into the world so that our sins could be forgiven. Jesus lived to perfect the ones He needed and loved people and taught them about God. He was put to death, like a common criminal on a cross of wood, when He died, He victory took the sin of the world—yours and mine—and paid the penalty in our place. "The God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,</p>
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