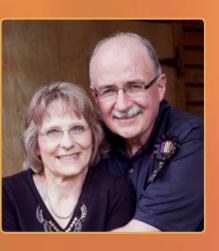


FROM OUR DIRECTOR



2022 was a challenging year for many of us, marked by the war in Ukraine, concerns over governmental restrictions on faith-based organizations, and global inflation. These events have disrupted our lives and communities in various ways. However, amidst uncertainty and fear, our mission remains unchanged: to deliver the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to young people.

Is the mission clear? What is the point of it all?

I have witnessed the transformative impact of a young person choosing to follow Jesus. On numerous occasions all over the world, I have had the privilege of sharing the wonderful news with lost young individuals—that they have a purpose, that they were created by a loving God who not only knows them by name but also listens to them when they speak to Him, and that He is understanding and patient. That, my friend, is the point of it all.

Just a few days ago, while sitting in a coffee shop, I had a conversation with a young

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mother about the importance of reading the Word of God, allowing it to change her life, and sharing it with her children. As we prepared to leave, we encountered a man seated behind us, engrossed in an open Bible filled with annotations. He informed us that he had overheard our conversation and had been praying for us throughout. The young lady was beyond amazed! Had God sent an angel to affirm the message? This, indeed, is the point of it all!

As you read the stories in this annual report, I invite you to celebrate with me. Additionally, I ask for your prayers for the 60,000 Youth for Christ missionaries around the globe. They are unstoppable because Jesus has promised to build His church, and the millions of unreached young people will be part of it!

All for the glory of God and because Jesus loves me!





VISION, STRATEGIC FOCUS & CORE VALUES



VISION

As part of the Body of Christ, to see that every young person, in every people group, in every nation, has the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ and become part of a local church.



STRATEGIC FOCUS

Youth for Christ reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who are characterised by godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, boldness in evangelism and commitment to social involvement.

National Leadership

We must excel in these areas with a diverse, inclusive, and qualified mindset. Accountability and transparency, coupled with training and development, give us the best chance for these programs to grow in each nation. Young leader programs and women in leadership continue to bear much fruit for our organisation.

Funding

We rely on a combination of missionaries raising personal support, project funding, and donations to the general fund to continue the work to reach EVERY young person. We are thankful for our dependence on Jehovah Jireh, "God who provides," and are blessed with our infrastructure allowing for 86% of the funding received to go directly to the field.

• Global Social Media Strategy

Reaching young people where they are has always been a hallmark of Youth for Christ, and with today's technology we are in a digital land-grab for the attention of young people. We strive to remain current and on the forefront of technology, developing tools and resources to share the message of Jesus across many different platforms.

Unity

We continue to build up the Kingdom as One Youth for Christ. Prayer is a unifier, as are worship and celebration, and they remain cornerstones of our movement. Partnerships express our unity with the rest of the body and avoid "the hand saying to the foot, 'I have no need of you." We envision a culture where we really care for how our staff and volunteers are doing at a physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional level.



CORE VALUES

- Evangelism & Discipleship
- Scripture

- Prayer
- Church
- People
- Integrity



27,753 Young People in Follow-Up and Discipleship

14,768 Partner Churches
Around the World

137, 644 Young People Who Responded to the Gospel



2, 281, 865 Young
People Impacted by Direct Ministry

3,650,736 Young
People Impacted by Media Ministry

* Youth for Christ is in **110 nations**

AFRICA







SUSAN MASUKA Area Representative

We are seeing God move in the countries of Africa! From top-level schools to ministry with street kids, from starting a youth band to providing care for pregnant teenagers, Youth for Christ is pointing the youth of Africa to Jesus. We are excited about our Young Catalyst Development Programme, which is working to raise up new leaders and new ideas for reaching the African continent with the gospel of Jesus, which is the point of everything we do.

GHANA I am Diana Sackey, and I'm proud to be a born-again child of God through Youth for Christ. I became hopeless and buried in shame and guilt after I dropped from school due to pregnancy; I had wanted to be a journalist. I hated myself and didn't experience anything about real love until I was introduced to a Youth for Christ girls club and counseling centre. At first I was not sure I would be accepted because of my new baby and my bad

behavior. But I experienced real love at Youth for Christ, cried out my guilt and self-condemnation, confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. It was a big thing to feel forgiven and accepted. Youth for Christ leaders taught us many Bible stories of God's love and forgiveness. I am now able to lead Bible studies and also very active in my church. In addition to the joy of salvation, Youth for Christ empowered me with leadership and dressmaking skills. The leaders keep encouraging me to trust God for my dream of becoming a journalist, and I believe Christ in me is the hope of glory. Glory to God.







NIGERIA David is a young person with a past he considers as terrible. He was being discipled by one of our volunteers, Miss Voke, in Asaba. During one of their engagements they talked about God as a father. He expressed his lack of interest in God as a father based on his bad experience with his biological father. On a scale of 1-10, he rated his relationship with his dad to be a 2.

Miss Voke, with the help of the Holy Spirit, helped him to understand that God is not like our earthly fathers, and she shared with him the amazing attributes of God. In their subsequent meetings, David rated his belief in God as his father as a 10. Today, David is growing daily asking good questions aimed at spiritual development, though he is still trusting God to overcome a bad temper.

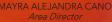
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

I am Ariel Silva Pereira. In 2022 I got a chance to participate in the first Young Catalyst Development Programme. During the YCDP, we were encouraged to start a new ministry in our nation and be more

involved. I felt inspired to start a band in my nation. I shared the vision with the leadership team who embraced and supported the vision. Right now, there are more than forty people in the band; some of them are not believers. We believe that God will touch their lives through songs and as we minister to them.

ARFAS: AMERICAS







ALLAN HERON

Area Representative

Lost, lonely, leftover. "Why am I here?" "What's the catch – is this church?" "Will you see me or will you pass me by?" These are the tough things that youth of the Amer-

icas are working through. We must be there with them and for them. We must show them their value, their worth, their purpose — and point them to Christ alone. We will not waiver in our dedication to reach every young person in the Americas!



CANADA I've always been so worried about what everyone thinks of me, and did everything I could to make sure I didn't disappoint anyone. I was so worried about standing out or being different. I didn't know why I was placed on this earth. When I attended Youth for Christ's Change Conference in Toronto, I got to be unapologetically myself. I jumped, danced, I raised my hands during worship, and I wasn't thinking about everyone looking at me. God took away all my anxiety in that moment so I could be completely fixated on him. The weekend changed my relationship with God, but also my relationship with myself. I'm ready to spread the word, and to tell everyone how amazing Jesus is.

I think I can speak for my whole generation when I say we're all confused about who we are. You guys are doing an amazing job of meeting us where we're at, understanding us, making us feel validated, and treasured. So I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart.



HAITI Of all the children we work with, there are these three brothers, our three musketeers, the three accomplices in almost everything: **Norlens, Djoudley, Norby**. During the 2022 summer camp that we organized in partnership with Summits Education, they were the most remarkable for their talent. And also their presence in almost every activity.

The best dance learner at the summer camp was Norlens, the middle brother. Within a week he mastered a traditional dance. He received a medal for his outstanding performance.

There is the older brother, Djoudley. He is the leader, the best learner of woodcarving. In a short time he learned to make projects out of wood and went from learner to coaching those who were having difficulty with their projects.

And then, the youngest. Norby is the quietest. Very attentive, a good observer, often silent. He has a fondness for music. He has a little trouble settling down, but he's all-embracing and he's super-efficient once he's aimed in the right direction.

At the end of summer camp, we could easily see the talent in these three. And so we encouraged it in these brothers. Now, the oldest brother is starting studies in theology! And the other two, they are learning to play the guitar and are already playing at Youth for Christ events.

URUGUAY My name is Rosa Sosa. When I was 14 I was invited along with my younger sister to be part of the "Flor de Maroñas Youth Center." Being honest, when I went to enroll I had no idea what was done there. At the beginning I began to inquire if it was like church, and I found out it is not church. This place has several different ways adolescents can invest their time (cooking, computing, educational support, etc.) but there was one in particular that did not have a workshop name and was by its own choice: the "Bible club." I felt like I was in the youth meetings at church, because we sang songs that I already knew, we talked about the same Bible, about the gospel and about the same love that God has with us. But it wasn't church.

God was molding me in that place showing me that the worst consequence of my bad decisions is being away from Him. I wanted to draw more and more close to Him. In this way I grew until I graduated. Even though I have graduated, I have not disappeared. Today I am training in a Youth for Christ program in youth leadership, as well as volunteering at the same youth center, allowing me to still be part of this institution so that many other seeds continue to be planted to give fruit in due time.

AREAS

ASIA PACIFIC



SASHA KIM

On behalf of our entire team of staff and volunteers, I would like to thank you for your financial support of our ministry! You are one of the few who faithfully and generously sow into our ministries and help our employees and their families to make God's story in our countries. The great task is before us and it is an almost impossible job if we do it alone and rely only on our own strength. But we believe that our hope is the Lord and our team of partners who believe in our cause! As one team, together with you, we strive to accomplish the point of it all, which is making His Salvation known to many young people in the Asia Pacific Area! Our Christ is Risen and lives among this generation of young people!



WYRGYZSTAN In Elizabeth's life, not everything was very good; her parents divorced when she was a few years old. A great resentment crept into her soul when her parents broke up with each other. Soon a stepfather appeared in her family, with whom Elizabeth had a very difficult relationship. She often ran away so as not to participate in scandals with her new father; this caused deep wounds and tore her heart. On the street, another life awaited her, in which she quickly learned to do what she needed in order to survive. But she was given the opportunity to attend a private school, which includes children from low social strata who do not have the opportunity to have a prestigious education. For Elizabeth, this would be her last chance to return to normal life.

Our Kyrgyzstan teams have been holding ministries for a long time in difficult places where young people need help and support, mentorship and advice. Such a place was the school where Elizabeth studied. In the long evenings, employees and volunteers of our team hold meetings and conversations on important topics that concern young people. Elizabeth began to attend our meetings, and each time, the warmth and love of our staff warmed the heart of this young girl. In an atmosphere of friendship and attention, she felt valued and accepted,

perhaps for the first time in her life, and she wanted to start life anew. In 2021 our staff invited her to the SOZO Christian conference, where she experienced Jesus! This meeting changed her life forever! She was able to forgive her parents and reconcile with them, began to attend church, and in 2022 she started working in a prestigious company. Today she is going back into the private school where she graduated, but now she is the one telling students about the amazing transformation of her life!

PHILIPPINES Youth for Christ has ministry in the north of the country. One of their programs is a two-week leadership training course for training high school and university-aged youth in personal evangelism and outreach. During the second week of a recent training, the volunteers and course participants were running kids' programs in community centers and sharing the Gospel in local parks and public areas. At the end of the week, they held a commissioning and celebration service. Seven students (Merlie, Israel, John Rhey, Lorraine, Keisha, Venus and Angel) stood up and said they saw themselves serving in full-time ministry one day. Pray for these young leaders as they discern God's direction in their calling and for the people who will come alongside to support and stand with them in their ministry journey.

SENSITIVE NATION Suri's life took a transformative turn when she, a Muslim by upbringing, encountered a life-altering experience through an afterschool program. Engaging with the program's activities, discussions, and the compassionate community within it, Suri's heart began to open up to new perspectives and beliefs. As she explored the teachings of Jesus and witnessed the love and acceptance demonstrated by her newfound friends, she found solace and a deep spiritual connection she had never experienced before. The after-school program became a sanctuary where she could freely question, learn, and grow in her faith journey. Suri's devotion to Islam gradually transformed into a profound devotion to Jesus Christ, as she embraced His teachings and the life-changing grace He offered. Her decision to give her life to Jesus brought immense joy and fulfillment, propelling her on a path of faith and service, where she strives to share the transformative power of God's love with others, inspiring them to seek their own spiritual journeys.

AREAS:

EMENA

The nations of the EMENA Area are experiencing a lot of change. In Europe in 2022, not only

did we have the Ukrainian refugee situation, but we also have seen many of our societies becoming more and more post-Christian. And then in the Middle East and North Africa, places where persecution of Christians has always been an issue, ministry grew by leaps and bounds! As Youth for Christ, we will continue to be on the front lines pointing people to Jesus, whether in a war, an apathetic society, or the persecuted Church.



EDWARD DE KAI Area Director



where we taught about 20 lies and false images of God that

Satan uses to deceive us.

In the discussion time, Maharaeal shared that she saw God as cruel and not kind to her. In her mind, He does not feel her and does not care about her needs. But after listening to the teaching and the truth that came from the Bible, the real image of God became crystal clear for her. The reality of the loving Father who cares shined before her. She felt close to Him and her attitude changed completely. She surrendered her life to Him, proclaiming God is within her and Satan cannot deceive her anymore. The fear of God that was in her turned to love and desiring to follow Him and know Him more.

LEBANON Sami is a youth who has been significantly empowered and transformed by the Vocational Training Center. Coming from a Muslim background, she heard about the center from family members involved in a local church.

"When I first came to Lebanon, my family members had all been going to church for a while, but I refused to go. After three years, I had so many questions about God. I started going to church and have accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. Despite having faith in my heart, I was still struggling with living my faith daily. I started attending the Vocational Training Center. The mentoring sessions are what made the difference in my personal life as we spoke about how to manage our life as stewards, understanding our value and self-worth. I am working on myself, as a servant of God, to live out my faith every day."







UKRAINE Victor and Anton, two 7th grade classmates, came to the "Happy Day" Day Centre. There were other classmates with them, but these boys deserve special attention. They came already with their formed values, visions for life, but unfortunately they also came with the desire to push the boundaries - every single day.

The Day Centre team suffered a lot from these guys. It happened that because of their bad behavior they had to be sent home repeatedly. But the boys kept returning, and they were forgiven and accepted every time.

After graduating, Anton went to study in another city, and the team thought they had said goodbye to him forever. But the word that was sown in his heart sprouted and gave its fruit. Every time Anton came for the weekend or on vacation, he came to church, to Day Centre meetings, and took an active part in church life. At that time, Victor started to work at the Day Centre as an assistant and also took an active part in church life.

In 2021, these two boys publicly declared their desire to follow Jesus, and they were baptized. It was a great joy and encouragement for the team of the "Happy Day" Day Centre and for the whole church. At one of the services, the boys shared their dreams. Victor said: "I dream of being a youth leader and serving young people, the way the Day Centre staff once served me."

"He will fulfill your heart's desire!" Psalm 36

On October 30, 2022, Anton, Victor, and another young brother from the church took over as the youth leaders in their church. Today, they work as a team and serve the youth of our church and city.



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY YOUTH

Serving diaspora youth in international communities, our ministries include help and outreach to refugees as well as our YouthCompass program for third culture youth. The point of all we do is to connect these youth to Jesus, wherever they may be. Diaspora can be defined as "migrants, or descendants of migrants, whose identity and sense of belonging have been shaped by their migration experience and background." The goal of our international youth ministry is to focus on youth who reside in a country different from their passport nation(s). They may be there by a family choice, such as an international job or military placement, or they may be there not by choice, such as a refugee fleeing war or persecution. These displaced youth form unique communities, distinct from the ones in their host nation, and we are there to come alongside them with the love and message of Jesus.



MALAYSIA

"TRUE (youth group) has given me chances to learn about God's truth with other teens from a variety of backgrounds, uniting us in the fact that we love our Lord and want to seek Him more and more. I've also been able to have deep discussions that have triggered lots of thoughts on my own beliefs. This has helped strengthen my faith and I hope

that TRUE can also strengthen the faith of my siblings and more teens for years to come. It was the first place where I really saw people my age who were sincerely and unapologetically committed to God. It was something of a lightbulb moment for me, and I keep coming to TRUE because that kind of complete trust is something I want in my own faith. Six years on, TRUE is still a haven of sorts for me. I'm very grateful for that."



SWITZERLAND We met Lalita during Project Compassion. She signed up through her international school to serve every day during the week, and was willing to travel anywhere in the area to engage in service projects. She was quiet and reserved at the beginning of the week, but the more we got to spend time with her, the more we learned about her desire to challenge herself. "I signed up for Project Compassion so I could meet new people and have new experiences," she told me at the end of the week. She said that she really enjoyed the variety of projects and hearing about all of the purposes behind each organization we helped. Lalita doesn't know Christ personally, but with the connection we made at Project Compassion, we hope to continue building on the relationship. She definitely experienced the love of the people of Christ during the week, and she made good connections with youth and leaders from a number of local youth groups.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES "Thrive! Youth Leader Training" is done in partnership with Global Leadership Summit Next Gen. Through it we are helping willing volunteers from a variety of churches understand youth ministry and how to walk the faith journey with international community kids.

During "Big Weekend" young people from all over the UAE, and several nearby sensitive countries, come together to worship, learn, and have fellowship.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT YOUTH FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL



In 2022 the Global Engagement department grew by 12%, sending more workers to support local national ministries.





UKRAINE

Youth for Christ International has been actively engaged

in supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine from the beginning. Recognizing the immense humanitarian crisis, and in partnership with local churches and other Youth for Christ programmes, there has been a pooling of resources to provide assistance and bring hope to individuals and communities impacted by the conflict. Collectively, the global movement of Youth for Christ raised more than \$500,000. Various member nations of Youth for Christ have organized and facilitated relief missions, delivering essential supplies such as food, water, medicine, and clothing to those in need. They have also established safe spaces. temporary housing and counseling programs for traumatized children and youth, helping them cope with the emotional and psychological scars of war. Additionally, Youth for Christ has initiated educational and vocational training programs to empower young people and create opportunities for their future. Through our unwavering commitment and dedication, many in Youth for Christ, combined with supporters and prayer warriors, have played a vital role in providing support and restoring hope to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

FIELD MINISTRY

Field Ministry's heart and purpose is serving and resourcing the global movement of Youth for Christ in its mission to reach young people for Jesus. Together, Chris Kozacek and Kelly Hoeting lead these specialized teams: Young Leaders, Digital Media, Prayer, Training and Coaching, and Member Care.

Throughout 2022, our Field Ministry Team walked alongside leaders of all ages, pointing our leaders to focus on their professional and spiritual development. With special interest in our next generation of leaders, the Africa and Americas Areas launched their Young Leader programs with 47 participating in growing their faith and work abilities.



DIGITAL MEDIA Martin Ainsworth

The Digital Media Team serves the field by working with Areas and individual nations to train and mentor national and regional teams on excellent video, audio, photo and social media practices to reach young people on their phones and other devices, and strategically tell their ministry and evangelistic story to youth, staff and donors.

GLOBAL TRAINING AND COACHING Mike Manna

The Global Training Team serves the field by coordinating and collaborating with the Areas on delivering vital training across the globe for National Directors, Regional Directors, staff and volunteers. Our Coaching Ministry serves the field by coming alongside Youth for Christ staff and leadership to help them discover God's agenda for their life and ministry and then cooperating with the Holy Spirit to see dreams, goals and actions become reality.

GLOBAL PRAYER Lyndal Walker

The Global Prayer Team serves the field by modeling, training and resourcing Youth for Christ nations who seek to develop their praying culture in intercession, staff care and evangelism. From leading a global focus monthly on prayer and fasting for the youth of the world to know Jesus, to weekly prayer requests and thoughts on furthering a national prayer culture, to videos and online resources, this team is consistently leading us to fall on our knees before the Throne!

YOUNG LEADERS Brandon Johnson

Our Young Leaders Team desires to see the next generation of leaders trained and making an impact in their nations. Through Area collaboration, our Young Leaders program is partnering together to create culturally relevant training and mentoring opportunities and resources.

MEMBER CARE John Selph

The Member Care Team walks alongside and provides spiritual and emotional support to help staff withstand the stresses and challenges that occur within ministry life. Many ministry workers struggle with burnout, coworker conflict, family issues, overall fatigue and loneliness. John Selph leads the team providing care for National Directors, and Chris Kozacek leads the team providing care for Youth for Christ International staff and Global Engagement missionaries.





FINANCIALS

FOR THE	YEAR	ENDED	DECEMBER 3	1

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Contributions	\$ 14,433,471	\$ 12,975,591
Other Income	7,844	43,920
Total	\$ 14,441,315	\$ 13,019,511
EXPENSES		
Int'l Programme Services	\$ 11,947,698	\$ 9,607,883
Int'l Field Service & Support	965,657	1,005,241
Fundraising	576,942	574,438
Total	\$ 13,490,297	\$ 11,187,562
Change in Net Assets	\$ 951,018	\$ 1,831,949

Budgeted Income for all national programmes worldwide: \$171,694,682 **Budgeted Expenditures** for all national programmes worldwide: \$158,223,191

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