1. INTRODUCTION

We give all thanks and glory to God for touching young lives through the Ministry of YFC Ghana, even during the challenging times of COVID-19. Our greatest motivation and joy is seeing more young people saved, discipled and walking in the truth.

“It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us” 2 John 4
“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” 3 John 4

2. ONLINE MINISTRY

We continue to engage our young people, young volunteers, Ministry volunteers and staff for Bible studies and prayers online, as COVID-19 still restricts our physical meetings and school outreach. More of our young people are now regularly attending Church services and evening prayer meetings, after the ban on Church services was relaxed, however, our online engagement continues to make positive impact in their lives.

3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY PEER EDUCATORS IN SEPTEMBER

Our trained Peer Influencers continue to reach more adolescents in their communities with education on prevention of teenage pregnancy.

- Tema City Peer Educators have positively influenced over 300 adolescents through house to house, one-on-one and community outreaches
- Accra City Peer Educators started their outreach in September and have directly reached and impacted the behaviours of over 120 teens.
- Over 1,600 young people are projected to be directly educated by 16 Peer Influencers by end of October 2020.

3,800 adolescents have so far pledged abstinence through direct engagement in schools and communities. Over 6,000 teens have been reached through community outreach and
distribution of behaviour change materials. 20 Basic schools, 17 communities, 5 Cities have been reached with our Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Program.
• **TEMA:** Abigail Ayi, 16 year old beneficiary of our Counselling and Restoration intervention, received her donation of Hair-Dryer, hairdressing tools and accessories on 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 2020. She has been trained as Peer Influencer and now educates her peers in New –Jerusalem community in Tema New Town. She is the sixth beneficiary in Tema.

• **PAGA:** Three Pregnant Adolescent girls are currently going through Counselling and Restoration sessions in Paga-Upper East Region. Our Staff and counsellors in Paga are engaging with their caregivers and Church leaders to ensure their re-integration, reconciliation and restoration to Christ. They will each receive economic empowerment support in October 2020.

• **HO:** Three Pregnant Adolescent girls were identified for Counselling and Restoration support as part of the National Adolescent Reproductive Health Program in the Volta Region. Trained Counsellors are engaging their parents, teachers and Church leaders to sustain their integration and re-entry to school and the church community.

• **NATIONAL TARGET:** By the end of November 2020, 60 Adolescent mothers and pregnant girls would be empowered and counselled to overcome the challenges of stigmatization, peer pressure, coercion for early marriage, cohabitation, abortion and premarital sex. Out of the above number, 22 have been identified to receive various forms of support towards their re-entry to school, skill training and the Church. As at the end of September, 12 beneficiaries have given their lives to Christ and are attending their local Churches. Some of them are positively impacting their peers as Influencers. The National program is ongoing in Tema, Paga, Ho, Accra and Cape Coast.
5. YOUNG LEADERS TRAINING

Tema (Greater Accra Region) and Paga in the Upper East Region, held training sessions for their young leaders in September. The training was aimed at equipping young volunteers with ministry and personal development skills. 5 out of the ten young leaders in each Region were identified and scheduled for monthly coaching sessions based on their potentials to support their respective Regional Leadership Teams.

One of these trainees, Elliot Nyarko, is currently acting as Tema Chapter Coordinator.

6. NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2019 Annual General Meeting was held on 19th September 2020 at the GNAT Hall, Accra. 35 National board members, Regional board members, all Staff and key Regional Leadership Team members met to review ministry report for 2019 and endorse 6 new National board members. The new board members are: Mrs Vida Kessey, Emmanuel Nii Lamptey, Dr. Emmanuel Osei Acheampong, Rev. Ismaila Awudu, Dr. Ebenezer Ankrah and Benjamin Anang Sowah. A draft three-year Strategic Plan (2021-2023) was presented at the meeting.
7. NATIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION COORDINATOR APPRECIATED
The outgoing National Board Chairman, Rev. Walter Pimpong, presented a Citation to Bro. Samson Yamba for his faithful service as National Spiritual Formation Coordinator. Samson has been called to fulltime pastoral ministry in the Church of Pentecost. He is one of the senior Volunteers of Ashanti Region YFC and a member of the National Leadership Team.

8. COUNSELLING AT EVANGEL COMPASSION CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
YFC Ghana facilitated a special Adolescent Reproductive Health Training and Counselling for 25 adolescent girls who are members of the Evangel Assemblies of God Compassion CDC Project. The two day training (24th-25th September 2020) treated topics like Relationships and Boundaries, Abstinence and Assertive skills, Causes, Effects and Prevention of Adolescent pregnancy. The National Director, Mr Jackson Mensah, the National Program Coordinator, Mr Frank Mensah and Mr Anang Sowah, National Board member, facilitated the program. Two similar programs are slated for October.

9. STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN ACCRA (29 Sept. 2020)
YFC Ghana participated in the special stakeholders Meeting Themed “The Reproductive Health Concerns of Emerging Adults and their Impact on Urban Development” organized by the University of Ghana – Regional Institute for Population Studies. The National Program officer represented the Ministry and shared our Adolescent programs with the partners. The meeting is part of a Research work by the University to ascertain the use, non-use or discontinuation of modern contraceptives for emerging Adults (18-24 years) in relation to Urban Development. A strong case was made for Abstinence.
10. MAINTENANCE AT KOKROBITE LEADERSHIP TRAINING/ RETREAT CENTER
Kokrobite National Training Centre needs a significant amount of funding to complete it and make it actively accessible for training by YFC Africa Area, YFC Ghana, Churches and the general public. As part of our regular maintenance work on the National Resource Center, Electrical and Fence wall renovations were done in September 2020.

11. PRAYER 360 – ACCRA YOUNG LEADER’S INITIATIVE
The Young Leaders Development Program continue to yield positive impact, as trainees embark on their own initiatives. Lawrence Antwi, Accra YFC young leader, has started a monthly prayer session for young people in his community. ‘360 Prayer line’ is aimed at reviving young Christians and empowering them to be Catalysts of change in their generation. “YFC has made a great impact in my life” Antwi

12. APPRECIATION
We thank the Lord for his Great Grace and Provisions for the Ministry in the trying times of COVID-19. We sincerely acknowledge the immense support from the National Board, the Area Director, The International Director, Donors, Partners, Alumni and friends. Our fulltime staff, part-time Coordinators and Volunteers have sacrificed their time, safety and Resources to move the Ministry out of lockdown to the slums and corners of the youth communities. The National office is constantly in prayers for all YFC Partners and their families.

12. PRAYER REQUEST
• Funding / Partnership to sustain and continue the Adolescent Health Program, Support to maintain our volunteers in all 7 Ministry Regions and Motivate our Part-time Staff. Strategic Partners to complete Kokrobite Training Center.