



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

DEAR YFC FAMILY FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS:

2019 was an incredible year. Imagine pre-COVID-19! It was the most extensive

travel year in my life. Google Maps say that I traveled 210,000 km, visiting 135 cities. It was a huge privilege to visit each of our four World areas. Katy was able to travel with me for many of these trips, which is always better! I continue to be thrilled and amazed to see the work that God is doing in our growing Youth for Christ family on the front lines of loving and caring for youth.

In the mysterious and amazing plan of God, we are taught who Jesus is. Let's slowly read together Colossians 1:15 NLT:

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth...For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

We worship Jesus as Peter, James and John did on the Mount of Transfiguration but juxtaposed to that story is Jesus meeting the needs of a desperate father with a son tortured by mental illness and demon possession. Jesus is there and present in both situations. It is the call and the desire of our staff and volunteers in Youth for Christ to exalt Christ, magnify his name and teach who Jesus is and what he did for us at Calvary to a lost world. At the same time we are called to be very present in the families to whom we minister; meeting physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs. We relate so well to the words of the father in our story spoken so long ago "Lord I believe, help my unbelief".

We are excited to see "closed nations" opening up and YFC work beginning. These nations cannot be mentioned by name, but do pray for our brothers and sisters who put their lives on the line every day. They bring the gospel, often in very creative ways, to those for whom it is illegal and often life-risking to follow

Jesus. Many countries have also been severely decimated by weather, political or economic crises, and it is the poor and the youth who always bear the brunt of such disasters.

Specifically, this year we have begun the implementation of our strategic plan which has been thrilling to see. We have had two main initiatives in the area of social media with the DASK app for young people who dare to ask questions and www.YFCGO.com where there is an opportunity for hearing testimonies and asking questions. Feel free to download the DASK app or visit the YFCGO site to check it out.

While we are seeing new and exciting ministries launch, we are also ensuring that those who are leading are qualified and are building growing national ministries. We are seeking to ensure that there is good governance in all of our member nations and that there is a clear call to reach every young person in the nation in which they serve. Years ago, author Nelson Annan, in his book "More People", pointed out that the number one quality of a New Testament Church from the Book of Acts, was that it was growing! We are looking to ensure that our member nations are growing; reaching more and more kids as the Apostle Paul was driven to do. See 2 Cor. 4:15 & 16.

Thank you to all of you who stood by us, supported us, prayed for us, partnered with us, volunteered with us, or worked

on staff with us through this last year.

As you read through this report you will see that there are so many teams within the YFCI family who each serve according to their gifts. There are those who care for our national directors, our staff, and our missionaries; those that provide IT services, those who launch new missionaries out into the field and then there are the tens of thousands who work directly in the ministry. Together, we have close to 60,000 staff and volunteers around the world. Please pray for them, recognizing that this is only one small part of what God is doing in his kingdom.

Thank you and remember to be building into the next generation. In the picture up top, you can see one of the next generation (Rees Shepski) copying me and looking up to me as I eat an ice cream cone. May you and I who are older pave and model the way for those who are younger. They do look up to us, and we need to recognize the truth in 2nd Timothy 2:2 "You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." It is a plan of succession started back in the early church and continues today!

Blessings in Jesus' name from our family to yours.

Dave Brereton

VISION, STRATEGIC FOCUS AND 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 YFC. 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

Mobilisation

Integrity

2019 STATISTICS



YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED BY MEDIA MINISTRY

Africa - 365,379 Americas - 308,955 Asia Pacific - 584,965 EMENA - 2,178,461 **TOTAL = 4,265,760**

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL

Africa - 27,757 Americas - 62,631 Asia Pacific - 66,851 EMENA - 16,511 **TOTAL = 173,750**

YOUNG PEOPLE IN FOLLOW-UP AND DISCIPLESHIP

Africa - 11,894 Americas - 16,529 Asia Pacific - 56,085 EMENA - 11,730 **TOTAL = 96,263**

YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED BY DIRECT MINISTRY

Africa — 424,276 Americas — 968,849 Asia Pacific — 2,324,046 EMENA — 390,158 **TOTAL = 4,097,764**

WORLD YOUTH POPULATION

1.1
BILLION

*2018 Population Reference Bureau

PARTNER
CHURCHES AROUND
THE WORLD

TOTAL = 16,426





AFRICA

In the Africa Area, we are currently working in 28 nations out of 50. In 2019 there were large celebrations, international visits and visitors, and over 214,000 young people were given the opportunity to make a decision for Christ with a little under 28,000 giving their lives to Christ. Out of that, over 11,500 were discipled in the nations. We were very blessed to have over 4,600 committed staff and volunteers serving faithfully in 2019. In sub-Saharan Africa, almost half of the population i.e. 42%, is younger than 15 years of age. In terms of per capita income, sub-Saharan Africa is the poorest region in the world with 72 percent of the population living on less than US \$2 a day.

Even against the backdrop of high level of unemployment, political instability, conflict, religious extremism, poverty, natural disasters etc., our staff and volunteers in sub-Saharan Africa were able to reach out to thousands of youth through our cutting-edge ministries: day care, counseling, mentoring programmes, Options/Crisis Teenage Pregnancy Programmes, schools ministry, radio ministry, media ministry, hospital ministry, Kids' Clubs, juvenile detention ministry, youth camps, prayer meetings, leadership training, entrepreneur and vocational skills training, assistance with fees for underprivileged students, HIV awareness, drug and substance abuse presentation, guidance and counseling, parents workshop, youth shelters, evangelism, drop in centres, orphanages, dance and drama ministry, volunteer trainings and empowerment.

We shall never cease to do what we love best—reaching out to young people and helping them to be catalysts for change in their families, communities and nations.

YOUNG PEOPLE

...impacted by direct ministry

424,276

...impacted by media ministry

365,379

...who responded to the Gospel

27,757

...in follow-up and discipleship

11,894



A young woman asked Youth for Christ Botswana's Rekindle outreach team at Main Mall to pray for the miracle that she could get into med school. The team prayed with her and, just six days later, a university in Ukraine sent her an invitation to study medicine! She joined us the following weekend for a prayer hike and said it was really uplifting.



"The camp made me much closer to God and I rededicated my life to Christ. I got back my roar and I am willing to keep it and continue roaring throughout my whole life".

"I want to roar out loud and let the whole world know that I live for God and him alone. I am going to make friends and improve my relationship between I and God and share His word to all that I come across".





José Carlos Gutiérrez

Area Director



Mayra Cano Area Representative



AMERICAS

YFC Americas encompasses the entire western hemisphere from northern Canada to Argentina and Chile at the tip of South America, and the Caribbean. We thank God because we now are one strong family composed of 27 nations.

Through camps, futbol, social work and campus ministries, thousands of youth have learned the love of Jesus. Expansion is something that we highlight this time. Our nations are growing internally, more staff and volunteers joined us and our impact is increasing day to day.

The USA and Canada continue to reach kids in a highly distracted environment. Programmes like Juvenile Justice Ministries, Youth Unlimited, and the well-established summer camps and centres allow staff to be an integral part of each person's walk with the Lord.

In 2019 we celebrated the ministerial advance in Guatemala, as National Coordinator Carlos Rossil has been working and serving poor communities, kids and teens impacted in more than eight towns in Guatemala. In Bolivia still we continued to serve and train young leaders in partnership with the local church, even ministering to young Venezuelan refugees, achieving a significant social impact.

Our Lord provided us a great UNITY; our regions are working together, empowering best practices and sharing the best of our ministry models. Escola da Vida, a school ministry funded in Brazil, now is been replicated in more than eight nations across our continent making our impact greater than in 2018.

Our staff, volunteers, and youth leaders love what they do and understand the risks of reaching out to young people in each of these nations, because the calling of helping every child know Jesus is worth it.

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At Youth for Christ Brazil's camp property in Belo Horizonte, youth are challenged in their own walk with God and also to see the world through the eyes of Christ. "I got reminded that every person is loved by Christ and I need to love them, too," shared João.





In Guatemala, Youth for Christ staff run sports clubs, often futbol, and part of each meeting is a time for the team to sit down and learn a Bible truth.

"When [the Youth for Christ staff] came into my school, at first I was just happy that we got to get out of class! But then they played silly games with us and made us laugh and I liked them. When they told us about Jesus, I wanted to trust in God, but I was afraid. But the next time they came back to my school, I told them that I wanted to have Jesus in my life. They were so excited for me and now I am part of the after-school club where we learn more about Jesus."



David Bonanno

Area Director

ASIA PACIFIC

The Asia Pacific Area of YFC is HUGE. The opportunity for reaching youth is even greater. YFC is present in 30 nations with another five being targeted for ministry. YFC ministry in the Asia Pacific Area has continued to grow and develop into many varied expressions over the year. New and innovative methods are always being explored to find ways to reach young people with the good news of Jesus Christ. It seems that religious intolerance and even hostility continue to grow against the proclamation of Christ but our nations keep finding ways to overcome these hurdles. Sadly, this is not the case in every nation. When considering the situation, it would sometimes be easy to think it's impossible, but our God is the God of the impossible. In some AP nations, long imprisonment or worse is the expected penalty for sharing one's faith and yet young YFC staffers and volunteers defy fear and proclaim Jesus regardless. This should not be surprising really. "2 Timothy 3:12-In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted ." Your prayers and support are vital to continue making this clearly inspired demonstration of faithful obedience possible. Only the gospel can bring salvation to a lost generation.

YOUNG PEOPLE

...impacted by direct ministry

2,324,046

...impacted by media ministry

584,965

...who responded to the Gospel

66,851

...in follow-up and discipleship

56,085



This year Youth for Christ Philippines' Happy Hearts Club (HHC) ministry has been led by "Omar" together with a few of the HHC volunteers. The team shares during their programs to these pre-teen children how to trust God in their life, to share the love of Jesus with their family, and give an opportunity for any who are willing to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Omar and the team have been praying for partners to expand the HHC ministry in the city of Baguio.

Youth for Christ Thailand uses the Steps to Peace evangelism tool for sharing Christ with interested young people. The evangelism tool has been made into an app which can be downloaded onto any smartphone so that as student volunteers step onto school campuses, they always have the tool within reach.



Youth for Christ Malaysia ran a Leadership Camp called "Lead the Sheep" where Christian young people were challenged to share the gospel with their friends and apply their learnings on leadership in their Christian Fellowships and churches. Youth volunteers, who go through a training program called Project Servants, planned and ran the entire camp.



Edward de Kam Area Director

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EMENA EMENA

In the EMENA Area of Youth for Christ, we are seeing our family grow, even in the nations that are not friendly to the gospel. In 2019, we saw ministry in our new Middle East and Eastern Europe nations begin to prosper and take root. We continually train Youth for Christ staff – and youth leaders from local churches – knowing that together, we can reach more youth with the Gospel of Christ. Our goals for 2019 focused on the theme of building: Building our Area Team and Prayer Team, building sustainability, building bridges, building one Youth for Christ, building Youth for Christ in new nations. Our Area Team continues to grow and sets the example for other nations by developing prayer into a stronger foundation for ministry. Local ministry sites are creating prayer teams, engaging the local church family to pray for its youth and workers. Our goal of building bridges helps the ministry to replicate and expand on best practices, giving new sites the best possible chance to succeed quickly and endure for years to come. Rather than recreating the wheel, we are furthering relationships between nations and encouraging the sharing of ideas and resources. We are using new and better ways to translate, eliminating some language barriers, and allowing more and more of our Youth for Christ family to feel like they truly are part of One YFC. In 2020 we will continue developing networks and ministries in Greece, I**/P**, Macedonia, Kosovo, and Bosnia, expanding the Youth for Christ family to more new nations. We are excited to see how God will move Youth for Christ together with his church in the EMENA Area to further his gospel and reach more youth with the message and hope of Jesus.



Goga's mom is addicted to alcohol. Their large family moved around a lot. Because of problems with documents, like a missing birth certificate, Goga did not go to school. Kids in the yard would laugh at him because in the winter he walked in torn summer shoes. Youth for Christ staff from a Day Centre invited Goga to come to a meeting. On the first day, he was embarrassed to talk. Later, he became bolder and began to whisper answers into the teacher's ear. After a couple of months, Goga made friends. Today he is no longer afraid to speak out loud. Staff of Youth for Christ Georgia enrolled Goga in the second grade of the local school and bought him his books and cursive writing worksheets.



"Before I came to this carpentry workshop, I didn't feel much self-confidence." Jana, a 12-year-old Syrian refugee confided. "But learning some carpentry skills gave me the confidence boost I needed to know that I am capable of learning new things, even things that are generally only for boys to do. Now I can be helpful around the house and help my mom fix things instead of having to call someone over. There were several girls in my group, and they were even helping the boys do things! I definitely recommend my friends to do the vocational training because they often think they can't do something, but if they try they'll see that they can!" Youth for Christ Lebanon offers different vocational training opportunities and classes to Syrian refugees and Lebanese youth, Christian and Muslim, boy and girl.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM



Kelly Hoeting



Bill Housley

The Global Engagement Team, led by Kelly Hoeting and Bill Housley, serves the international movement of Youth for Christ through administration. recruiting, equipping, and sending United States citizens who serve cross nationally. Global Engagement missionaries serve in a variety of roles around the world, from running ministry centres, working with refugees, ministering to students in international schools, running English programmes, serving on Area teams and everything in between. Our staff wants to see every young person have an opportunity to hear about Jesus. This team walks potential staff through the application process and YFCI orientation to yet them for service. This team also coordinates pre-field training on fundraising and living in different cultures. Along with mobilising and managing staff, this team collaborates with the Global Training Team and the Pastoral Care Team in caring for GE staff while on the field through continued education opportunities and holistic care.

Number of missionaries: 73

Number missionaries onboarded this year: 7

Number of countries missionaries are serving in: **24**

BOTSWANA

BRAZIL

COSTA RICA

CYPRUS

FRANCE

GAMBIA







HAITI

IRELAND

ITALY

KENYA

LEBANON

PUERTO RICO

SOUTH AFRICA

SPAIN



SWITZERLAND THAILAND

USA

& MULTIPLE SENSITIVE NATIONS





FIELD MINISTRIES

YFCI Field Ministry's heart and purpose is to serve and resource the areas, regions and nations. Led by Chris Kozacek, this team provides specialised areas of service to assist our YFC family around the world, in the mission to reach young people for Jesus. With the Digital Field Team, Global Prayer, Global Training, Coaching, and Member Care for our missionaries and national directors—the Field Ministry Team as a whole works to support, care for and help our great ministry workers globally. Kyler Kregel (Field Ministry Coordinator) supports the nations in completing the chartering process, collecting information about their ministry, and also leads a regular prayer meeting for the Pastoral Care staff, praying for YFCI's Global Engagement missionaries.



DIGITAL FIELD TEAM

The Digital Field Team, led by Martin Ainsworth, serves the field by helping nations share their story and evangelise powerfully through digital media. Working with the Area and

the individual nation, the Digital Field Team (DFT) trains and mentors the national or regional team(s) on good 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. The DFT also developed a new app in 2019 called DASK (Dare To Ask). It is "aimed at those in their teenage years who want to ask 'why' about the Christian faith". Digital Academies were also created and put on in a few nations in 2019 to further help and equip our YFC nations and ministry partners to further engage and share the life-changing message of Jesus through digital and personal engagement.

GLOBAL PRAYER TEAM

The Global Prayer Team, which was led by Adam Shepski, serves the field by modelling, training and resourcing YFC nations who seek to develop their praying culture in intercession, staff care and evangelism. From leading a global focus monthly to pray and fast 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! And further, while this team leads trainings and conferences to equip and resource YFC nations, the ability to see those words and thoughts in action is to walk the streets with them as they reach out, pray for and share the gospel to all those who are receptive. To watch God work in the hearts and minds of people as this team takes prayer and the gospel into the cities, streets and towns—is truly life-changing.

GLOBAL TRAINING TEAM

The Global Training Team, led by Mike Manna, serves the field by coordinating a team of Area Training Directors, who collaborate together on delivering vital training across the globe. This team recommends and develops best practices and training resources for YFC national directors, regional directors, staff and volunteers which



support the YFC vision, strategic focus, and core values. This team works to provide practical, but also deep and meaningful, training. In some cases, the vital tools and training done by this team might be the only training to which some of our amazing YFC workers have access.

COACHING TEAM

Our Coaching Ministry, led by Chris Harding, serves the field by coming alongside YFC 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. Our Coaching Ministry is the teeth that puts action to ministry vision, knowledge and training.



MEMBER CARE TEAM (FOR NATIONAL DIRECTORS)

The Member Care Team, led by Graham Barker, serves the field by holistically caring for the national director and their family. Member Care Chaplains seek to walk alongside and provide spiritual and emotional support to the national directors and their dependents in their designated region, to ensure they withstand the stresses and challenges that occur within ministry life. A fair number of ministry workers leave the field due to burn-out, co-worker conflict, family struggles and stresses, overall fatigue and loneliness. So our Member Care Chaplains seek to connect with and provide both spiritual and practical care for those staff members (and family) to whom they are privileged to serve and minister.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM (FOR YFCI MISSIONARIES AND STAFF)

The Pastoral Care Team serves YFCI Global Engagement Missionaries and YFCI Staff by providing them with support, prayer, and mentorship as they serve all over the world. Assigned to specific groups, the members of the Care Team spend time connecting with and getting to know the missionaries through varied electronic means, as well as working to visit them personally at their ministry site. The Care Team serves an important role in ensuring that YFC has a healthy missionary staff worldwide. As many in ministry can experience burn-out and loneliness abroad, the Care Team has the opportunity to provide them with both spiritual and practical care. The current Care Team consists of Pam Fulton, who serves single women in missions globally with YFC; Jessica Nutting, who serves YFC's missionary kids; Bill & Mary Springston, serving missionaries in Africa, North Africa and the Middle East; John & Karen Selph, serving missionaries in the Americas; and Art & Beckie Melli, serving missionaries in Europe.



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FINANCIALS 2019

For the Year Ended December 31	, 2019	2018
INCOME		
Contributions	\$ 11,593,255	\$ 5,540,316
Other Income	56,179	23,288
Total	\$ 11,649,434	\$ 5,563,604
EXPENSES		
Int'l Programme Services	\$ 8,304,959	\$ 4,703,401
Int'l Field Service & Support	844,756	597,167
Fundraising	551,511	193,149
Total	\$ 9,701,226	\$ 5,493,717
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,948,208	\$ 69,887

Income for all YFC national programmes worldwide: \$144,425,945 **Expenditures** for all YFC national programmes worldwide: \$138,202,231

*Audited financial statements available upon request.





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