



**INSTITUTE for
YOUTH STUDIES**



2022 Annual Report

Encouraging, equipping, and
empowering to come alive

Come Alive!

Dear friends,

In 2022 our rally cry was Come Alive!

The Bible recounts the story of the Prophet Ezekiel and the prophecy given him for the people of Israel. Ezekiel was shown a valley of dry bones, symbolizing the Hebrew people – dry with despair. The Lord told him to prophesy (to share inspired speech) and tell the people, “I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord” (37:6b).

In our pain and pandemic-stricken world youth and youth ministers alike are dry with discouragement and need a fresh breath of the Spirit to help them come alive.

In great part, due to pandemic lockdowns, economic crisis, and social-political upheavals mental health issues abound. Worldwide, suicidal ideation, is at unprecedented levels. Those who care for young people are not immune to these pressures. There are numerous reports of youth ministers burning out and quitting ministry altogether. Sadly, many have become disillusioned with Christ and His Church. If we truly open our eyes, we’ll see there are dry bones all around.

Both the spiritually lost, and found, need a fresh breath of life to encourage, equip, and empower them to know Christ and make Him know. By the grace of God, your partnership (through praying, volunteering, and giving) has helped us see youth ministers, around the world, come alive. Thank you for praying, partnering, and passing the word on about IYS.

Come Alive!



Mark

Rev. Dr. Mark Andrésón

Executive Director

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Read our **2023** theme

Mission

The Institute for Youth Studies exist to encourage, equip, and empower global youth ministers.



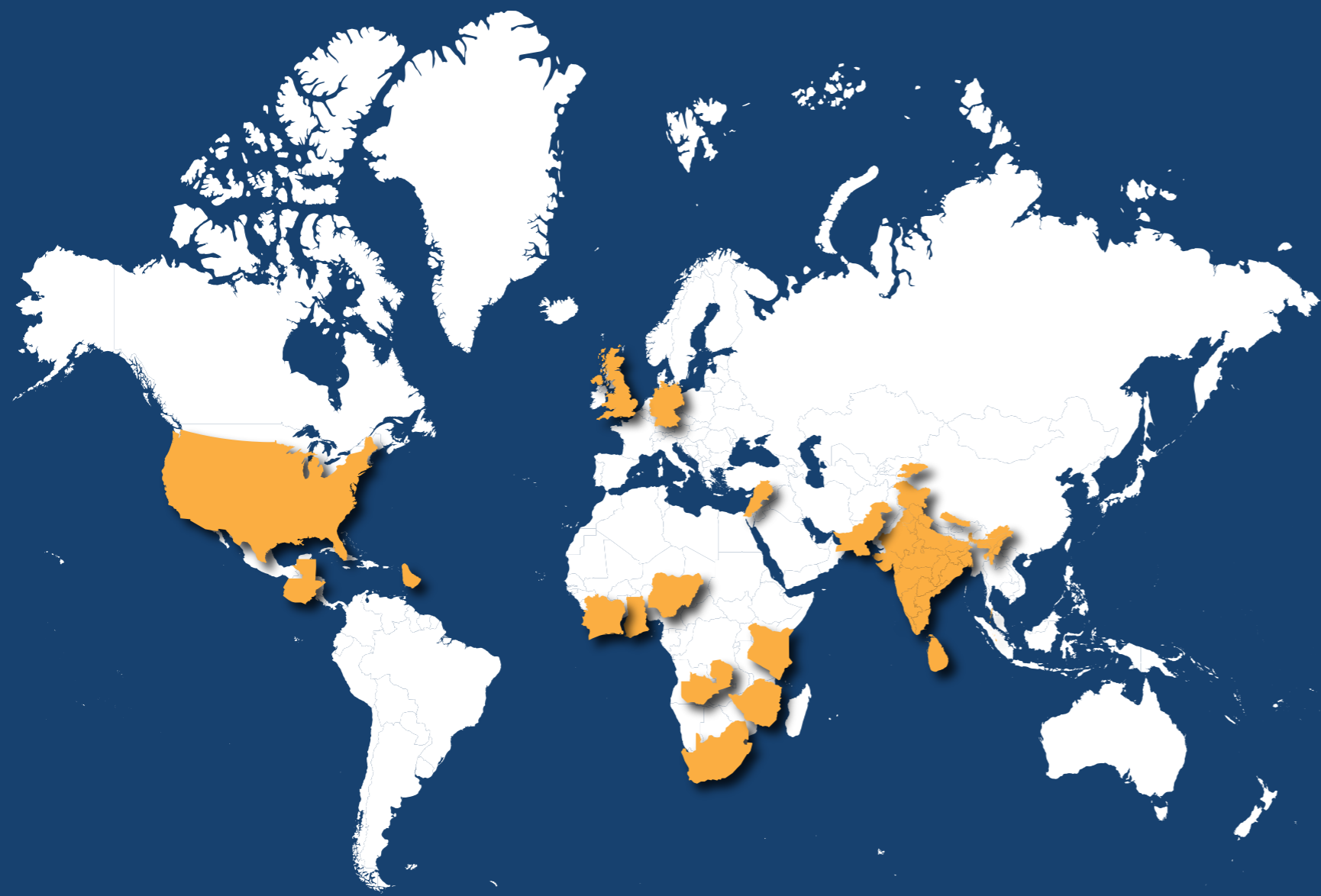
Approach

We connect youth ministry influencers to collaborate for the sustainable creation of contextualized resources and responses, which contribute to the local church’s ongoing ministry to and through youth.

Vision

By God’s leading and local partnerships, IYS will help others establish strategically positioned, self-sustaining teams to encourage, equip, and empower thousands of youth ministers who will impact countless youth around the globe.





Impact

Through our unique approach to global youth ministry, we encouraged, equipped, and empowered fifty-one national, multi-national, and global-level youth ministry influencers and organizations (YMI/O) in 2022. We estimate a minimum of 1,000 youth are impacted through one YMI/O.*

Barbados, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, U.K., U.S.A., Zambia, Zimbabwe

51. **YMI/O**
encouraged, equipped, and empowered

18. **Nations**
impacted across the globe

*Many of our clients and partners have influence with tens of thousands of youth

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Thanks for providing a space to connect and build relationships. This will pay dividends for a long, long time

Scott Wakeley, CMA, USA

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There is an opportunity for exponential kingdom impact through the partnership of IYS and Christian Endeavor (CE) as we look to expand the global network to eighty countries by the end of this decade. We have the opportunity to go to a heightened level of intentionality

Dr. Dave Coryell, CE-World

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On behalf of the GLD Zambia Board, staff, and volunteers, we are grateful for your visit and the support you have rendered to GLD. Your support and words of wisdom will go a long way

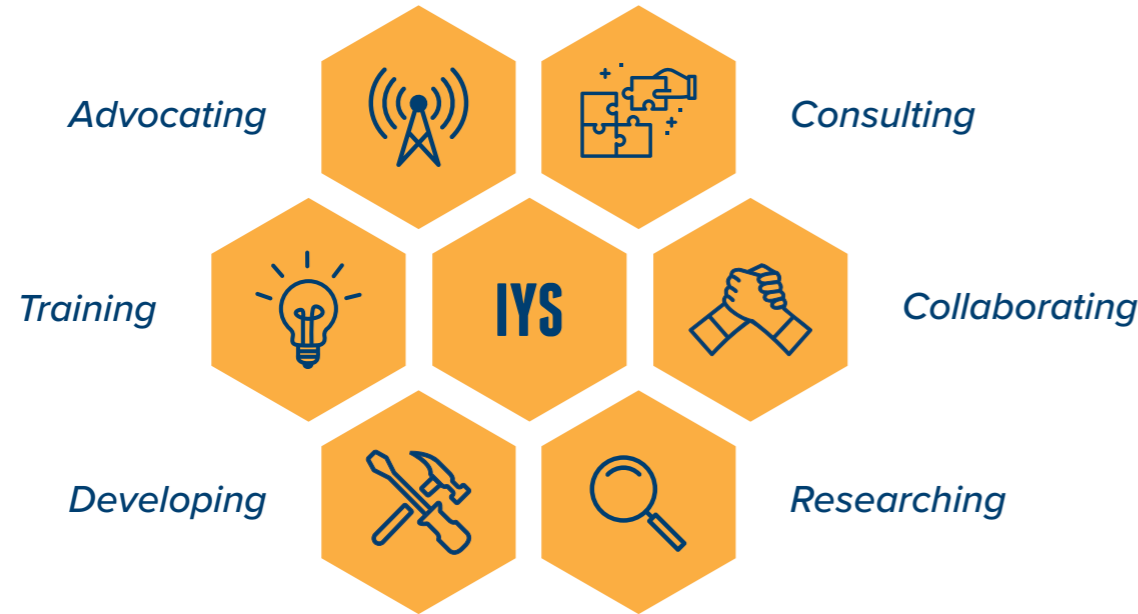
Pastor Cabra Muzyamba, GLD-Zambia

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I am always inspired every time we meet and talk. You don't give up on people like us easily

Dr. Joe Bonga, Africa for SDGs

Initiatives

We offer a holistic approach to global youth ministry by centering our initiatives around **6 focuses**:



Networking

We facilitated connections, community, and collaboration with **fifty-two national, multi-national, and global-level youth ministry movements, networks, denominations, and parachurch organizations**. This networking encouraged leaders toward greater synergy and momentum.

Inspire

We love helping others piece together the visions God has placed on their hearts. Through consulting, coaching, and strategic support services we helped **thirteen ministry leaders** start, strengthen, scale, and sustain transformation.

Our support ranged from introductory to extensive care. We aided ministers in **Barabdos, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Scotland, and Zambia**, as well as a number of global organizations.

Inspire Highlight



Through the steadfast support of our ministry partners, we were able to help our Zambian clients inspire youth to high hopes by offering immediate, lasting, and eternal hope.

Immediate hope was provided through menstrual health and hygiene training and essential toiletries; such as washable cloth sanitary pads for girls and shaving razors for boys. **Over 300 girls have received renewed dignity through HyHOPES.**

Lasting hope was provided through fun and interactive Bible-based teaching which empowers youth to know their identities, value, and life-purposes are determined by their Creator, not their circumstances! Roughly **1,000 youth realized they're masterpieces**, created anew in Christ and called to high hopes (Eph. 2:8-10).

Eternal hope was provided through the sharing of God's good news and His wonderful plan for young lives. By God's grace, at least **130 boys and girls trusted in Christ and His promise of eternal hope!**



300.

Girls received essential toiletries and hygiene training



1,000.

Youth experienced fun and interactive Bible teaching

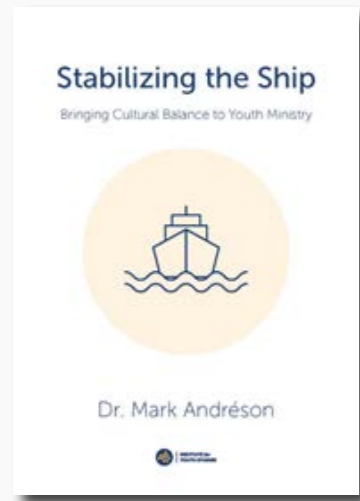


130.

Boys and Girls put their trust in Jesus Christ

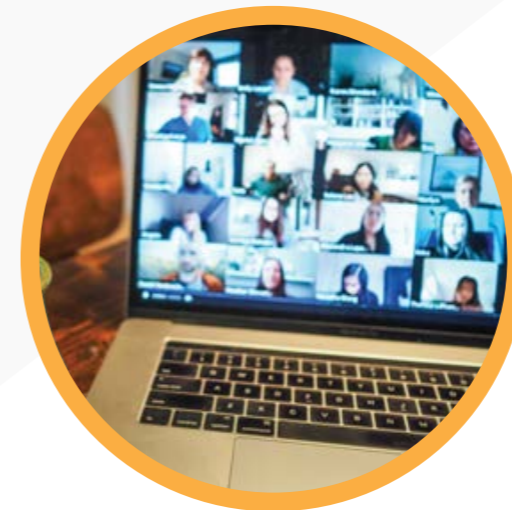
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Advance



The Hive

We have a bold vision to launch a grassroots initiative of **intentional collaboration**, leading to a network (or hive) of youth ministers united in collaborative learning communities with the aim of creating relevant resources to impact local and global youth ministry on a scale never before seen! We call this dream, The Hive. In 2022, leaders from **5 countries collaborated** in a hive.



IYS helped advance the kingdom of God by **training youth ministers from seven countries**.

From vision casting aids and growth strategies to advocacy pieces and pastoral training materials, we are amazed how God used IYS to produce **42 tools and solutions** for coaching and consultancy clients, as well as training participants.



The Collective

The Hive Collective is a cohort which consists of national youth directors from **Church networks representing thousands of churches in America**. Collaborators met monthly and at an annual strategy summits to learn more, lend a hand, and lead change.



42.

Resources Created



4.

Training Resources



5.

Collaborating Resources



33.

Consulting Resources



9.

Collaboration sessions



5.

Created resources



4.

Care kits



6,000.

Churches represented at our strategy summit

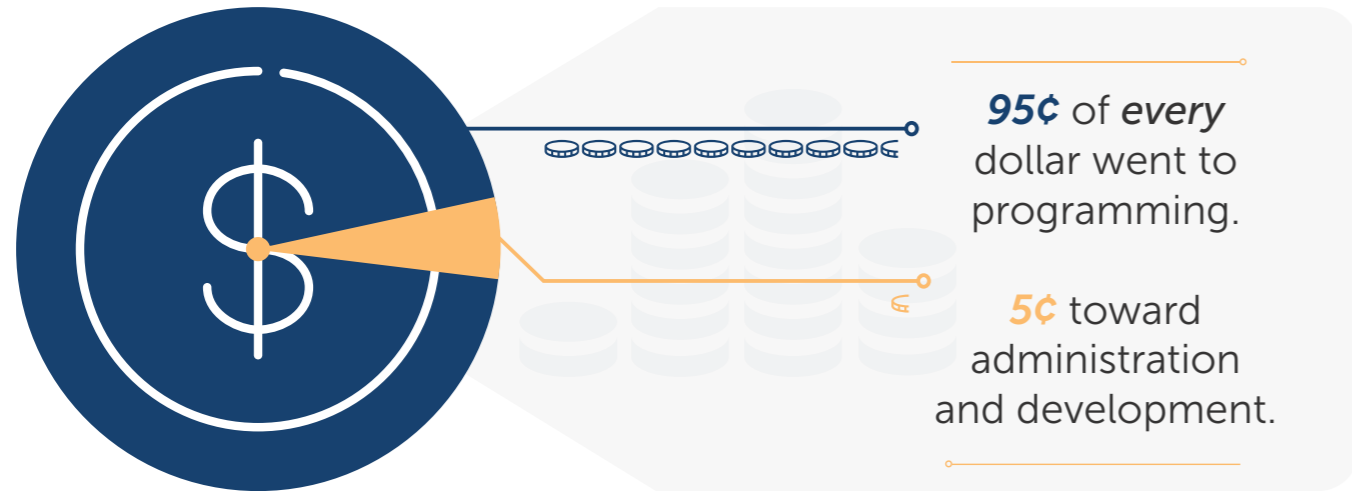
Partnership

Through the prayers of friends around the globe, we were **encouraged** to breathe new life into dry bones. Faithful financial support **equipped** us to see youth ministers and youth come alive with eternal hope. Whether it was a voice-model recording a video, youth sewing sanitary pads, friends mailing newsletters, or professionals keeping the books - the reach of IYS was **empowered** by our awesome volunteers. Thank you for praying, partnering, and passing the word on!

 **> 420 Prayer partners**
Helped us align our vision with God's heart.

 **> 73 Giving partners**
Helped us amplify the message of God's eternal hope.

 **> 33 Volunteer partners**
Helped us advance our mission for God's glory.



Barbara's Blessing

The Barbara's Blessing Grant sows seeds (through essential equipment and capital) to grow the dreams of dynamic youth ministers and ministries. By God's grace and with the help of our generous financial partners **two recipients were awarded crucial resources to start or strengthen their visions.**


Zambia
Print technologies


Kenya
Communication technologies

We encouraged **seventeen youth ministers in five countries** with care packages, goodies, team appreciation gifts, maternity support, and couple's care and counseling assistance.

What our **prayer** and **financial** partners say...



"You are doing a great work with and for the Lord. May the Lord continue to open many, many doors for you." **Dan. K.**

"This year we didn't know how we were going to give. Thank you for offering Barbara's Blessing as a way to support; that's way we'll do." **Jeremy S.**

"We are grateful to partner with you and see the fruit. Keep up the great work." **Trevor S.**

"We couldn't be happier to make a commitment to IYS." **Tim W.**

"Thanks for your dedicated and creative work." **James N.**



Pray. Partner. Pass it on.

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