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“..... come to Me....” Matthew 11:28

YFCI AFRICA OFFICE

Area Director [AD]: Hilary Lewis-Nicol [Melrose]

- Praise Jesus for protecting and meeting the needs of the Area office staff. Commit Hilary, Charles and Danny and their families unto God.
- **Glorify the Father for fruitful World Leadership Team meetings in Benin and Africa Leadership Team meetings in Botswana for Hilary.** Pray for effective implementation of all decisions.
- Thank God for committed people serving in YFC Africa. Approach Him for perseverance for them as they serve Him and ask for the salvation and discipleship of many young people.
- We are grateful for local and international partners giving faithfully towards our ministry. Trust God to bless our supporters and to continue to provide in every ministry need.

TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT DESK

Deputy Area & Training Director: EJ van As

- Thank Jesus for the progress we are making on the General Assembly [GA] planning committee. Pray that the Lord will enable every person to execute these plans.
- Exalt the Almighty for the work that the Global Training Team[GTT] is doing for GA. Trust the Spirit for direction and effective meetings in March.
- Bring the Train the Trainer training in April unto the Lord – organizing of event and trainers to attend.
- Thank Abba Father for His faithful provision. Intercede for wisdom for 2020 training plans and for enough finances & resources to execute these plans.

AFRICA AREA LEADERSHIP TEAM [ALT]

Hilary Lewis-Nicol, EJ van As, Josue Akowanou, Koekoes van As, Cyril Palan, Sheunesu Masuka, Charles Tandoh, Sola Imoleolu, Luc Dushimerugaba & Susan Masuka

- Thank Adonai for willing ALT members and their good health. Petition Him for a life of obedience, a deep relationship with Jesus and for good health.

- Honour the Lord for good ALT meetings in Botswana recently. Intercede for direction to implement the Botswana meeting decisions.
- We are grateful for God’s faithful provision. Present to our Provider the need for finances enabling them to attend ALT meetings and to visit the nations in their regions.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY [GA]

17-23 September 2020, Pagedal, Netherlands

- We are grateful for the lovely opportunity to have a world-wide General Assembly. Ask our Father for wisdom to all people working on the organizing of this huge event.
- Praise Jesus for funding that came in already on international level as well as national level. Trust our Provider to send money and resources towards the conference internationally but also trust Him for individual funding for every person who needs to attend.
- Pray for favour with visa applications and that it would be handled in a timely manner.

FRANCOPHONE REGION

Regional Director: Josue Akowanou [Prisca]

- Glorify the Almighty for His faithfulness and grace upon the Akowanou family. Trust HIM for strength and good health for them all.
- Thank God for ministry teams in Burkina Faso, Cote D’Ivoire and Mali. Pray that they will make a positive impact in these countries to start new YFC chapters.
- Entrust the Foundation for the Nations projects in Burkina Faso and Mali unto our Father, for successful execution and for many young people to be reached.

SOUTHERN REGION [SR]

Regional Director: Sheunesu Masuka [Susan]

Desiree Beukes [Stanley] – SR Prayer Coordinator

- Praise the Lord for a good ministry visit to eSwatini. Commit the health and safety of all board members, staff and volunteers in the nations unto the Lord, especially as they work on chartering.
- Glory to the Almighty for continued support from churches. Lay Malawi before the Throne of Grace, asking for calmness and stability in their preparations for a rerun of the general elections.

- Praise God for a fruitful Media training in South Africa 24-28 Feb. Ask God to enable attendees to implement what they've learned.
- Exalt our Master for good ALT meetings in Botswana recently. Continue to intercede for George, ND of Botswana who is battling with cancer.

EAST INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND REGION

Regional Director: Cyril Palan [Monique]

- Praise God for faithful staff and volunteers serving all over the Island Region. Trust HIM for many more workers in the Indian Ocean Islands and more open doors to reach young people.
- Honour the Father for every opportunity we have to proclaim the Gospel on the different islands. Pray that He will protect staff, volunteers and Board members who work here.

WEST AFRICA ANGLOPHONE REGION [WAA]

Assistant Regional Director: Sola Omoleolu

- Praise Jesus for different ministry opportunities in Schools and communities in different West African Nations. Pray for abundant provision for effective regional ministry in 2020.
- We are grateful for committed and passionate Board members, staff and volunteers serving faithfully in the WAA region. Intercede for persons to serve as regional Spiritual Formation Coordinator and Member Care Chaplain.
- Exalt the Lord for pioneering work happening in the region. Pray for the West African nations who are under the threat of Islamists extremists and increased drug abuse among youth in the region.

EAST AFRICA [EA] REGION

Assistant Regional Director: Luc Dushimerugaba

Alemtsehay Yemane – Spiritual Formation Coordinator

- Praise Jesus for Luc's willingness to serve as Assistant regional director. Entrust the need for a Regional Member Care Chaplain into His hands.
- Exalt the Father for the 4 Spiritual Formation coordinators in the region. Bring Alem and these coordinators to God as they strategize and fulfil their ministry.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION [SF] DESK

Spiritual Formation Coordinator: Koekoes van As [EJ]

- Admire the Father for prayer supporters carrying our ministry. Trust Him to bless them and to add more prayer warriors to our ranks.
- Honour Jesus for the privilege we have to spend time with Him on the International Day of Prayer and Fasting. Ask the Spirit to help the nations to observe this important day and to give spiritual renewal to YfC Africa.
- Praise Jesus for willing people serving as Member Care Chaplains. Bring them and their interactions with NDs to Him and pray for 4 more in other regions.
- Glorify our Master for each member of the International Board of Trustees of YFC. Pray that He will lead the Board in all their endeavors.

EVANGELISM & PIONEERING DESK

Sheunesu Masuka [Susan]

- We thank Jesus for 10 evangelism coordinators in the countries. Pray for more coordinators, one in each country of ministry.
- Praise God for innovative ideas to reach the lost teens. Ask the Spirit for wisdom as we look at effective evangelism strategy to help nations reach more young people.
- Honour the Lord for positive response from nations in pioneering new ministry locations. Trust our Provider for the necessary funds and resources to reach the lost youth of our generation.
- Glorify the Father for 16 nations that responded to the Evangelism survey. Pray that we will be able to better serve and equip nations based on gathered information.

ANGOLA

National Director: Palmira Santos

Ladislau Teixeira – Prayer Coordinator

- Appreciate Jesus for our National Board Members. Entrust the ND, Board Members, staff and volunteers unto Jesus for clarity of vision and a commitment to reach the youth of our nation.
- We are grateful for the Lord's faithfulness. Pray for enough finances and resources to do our

ministry, especially to develop our campsite/training centre.

BENIN

Anthelm Souhouin [Florence] – National Director

- **We are grateful for successfully hosting the International Board and WLT early in February.**
- Thank Jesus for good relations with local churches. Trust the Him for guidance for us as we help some of them with their evangelism programmes.
- **Praise the Lord for fruitful prayer training done last month.** Ask the Spirit to enable the attendees to implement what they've heard.
- Honour the Father for ministry openings in prisons. Intercede for complete heart transformation for the inmates we are working with.

BOTSWANA

George Steinbach [Zil-lee] – National Director on full medical leave

NyerereObita – Interim National Director

Zil-lee Steinbach & Ember Liddiard – Prayer Coordinators

- George was diagnosed with Stage 4 Melanoma and very weak and frail. Please pray for complete healing, also for strength for him and his family in this difficult time.
- Praise God for committed National Board of Trustees members and Nyerere's willingness to step in as interim ND. Ask the Spirit to guide him and the board in the new tasks assigned to all.
- Magnify Jesus for enabling us to successfully hosted the Africa ALT last month. Entrust the financial needs of YfCB into the hands of our Provider.
- March is the "Month of Youth Against AIDS" in Botswana. Please pray for openings on radio and in schools to share the message of abstinence with youth and that those who hear the messages will take it to heart and make behavioural changes.

BURUNDI

Euphrate Ndayizigiye [Charlotte] – National Director

Marie-Josee Karerwa [Freddy] - Prayer Coordinator

- Continue to pray for our national elections in May 2020 – peace, safety and calmness in the pre-election time.
- Praise Jesus for the opportunity for Jules to attend Media Training in South Africa. Ask the Spirit to enable him to implement what he learned.

- Praise our Father for the opportunities for the students at Gitega International Academy. Pray that the students will have an encounter with our Father while they are here.
- Give thanks to Jesus for the good performance of our girls basketball team, second place nation-wide! Trust our Provider to enable us to build a vocational centre at Cibitoke and finish the Homes of Hope house.
- Thank God for dedicated Board members. Intercede for them to fulfil their governance task.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Interim National Coordinator: Roger Vangu [Therese]

- Pray for political stability in our nation.
- Intercede for growth and development of the Kinshasa, Goma and Kivu South chapters.

ESWATINI (Swaziland)

Mlamuli Motsa – Contact person

- Praise Abba Father for contact with previous Board members and ministry leaders. Pray for the re-pioneering of the work in this nation.
- Pray for the hearts of young people to be turned to Jesus and ask Him for workers for YfC.

ETHIOPIA

Tagash Sahilu – National Director

Muluberhan Yemane – Prayer Coordinator

- Glorify God for 2 men working with an unreached people's group. Pray for Mr. M and T as they reach out to people.
- We are grateful for face book where we can post Bible verses in order to enrich young people's prayer lives. Intercede for many people to start praying for our youth and make use of the material.
- Praise the Lord for committed National Board members and a good AGM last month. Pray for wisdom for the board and the YfC leadership.
- Appreciate the Father for helping us to engage with street kids. Trust Him to enable us to help and mentor them right where they are.
- Praise Jesus for the library that we use to connect with young people. Raise those young ones with

whom we already have a connection with before the Lord.

THE GAMBIA

Seal Sylvester Jammeh [Rose]

Noah Waja - Prayer Coordinator

- Exalt the King of kings for faithful Board members. Ask God for guidance for staff, volunteers and Board members in their daily tasks.

GHANA

Jackson Mensah [Evangeline] – National Coordinator

Sampson Yamba – Prayer Coordinator

- Entrust our country in this election year unto God, wisdom to sort out voters registration roles.
- Thank God for His sustenance and guidance to us thus far. Ask Him for grace, courage and strength for staff and volunteers to continue sharing the Gospel to young people.
- Praise the Lord for faithful volunteers serving with us. Trust Him to help us to consolidate ministry activities in the Volta and Central regions.
- Exalt the Father for committed National Board members. Intercede for them for clear direction for ministry in 2020.

GUINEA

Reuben Tamba Komba [Marie] – National Coordinator

- Praise the Lord for willing volunteers helping in YfC Guinea. Entrust the new possible partnerships unto Jesus.
- We are grateful for faithful Board Members. Ask the Spirit for guidance and commitment for them.
- Honour God for His faithfulness. Trust Him for financial provision for the ministry.
- Appreciate the Father for our ministry to the youth of our nation. Bring the ministry to street kids and girls who drop out of school unto our Master.

GUINEA BISSAU

Rene da Silva [Mahyuccana] – National Director

Francisco Intungue [Naterca] – Prayer Coordinator

- Intercede for our nation for political stability.
- **Lift the Name of our Saviour because a few students have accepted Him as Lord.** Trust the Spirit for spiritual growth for them.

- We are grateful for an active Board. Submit them to God for guidance and wisdom in their tasks.
- **Glorify Jesus for enabling us to start our Evangelism and Discipleship Department.** Pray for the success of this departments as well as the prayer department.
- Honour God for fruitful prayer meetings we had last month. Ask our Provider to help us with the funds needed for General Assembly in September.

KENYA

Shem Irungu – National Director

- Praise Jesus for the opportunity for Sasino to attend Media Training in South Africa. Ask the Spirit to enable him to implement what he learned.
- **We are grateful for a successful donors breakfast where the new ND was presented.** Pray for wisdom for him in his daily tasks and guidance with some restructuring of the ministry.
- We glorify God for committed staff and volunteers. Entrust our funding and partnership efforts unto our Provider.
- Thank Jesus for our National Board of Trustees members. Ask the Spirit to lead them in their service with YfC.

LESOTHO

Lineo Lekhotsa – Contact person

- Please pray for wisdom, insight and God's game plan for ministry in Lesotho.

LIBERIA

Augustine Fredericks [Veronica] – National Director

Theo Kloty [Queen] – Prayer Coordinator

- Submit our country to the Lord for continuous political stability.
- Thank God for open doors in Liberia to do youth ministry. Ask Him for favour with the authorities as we legally try to get our land back from intruders.
- Glorify the Lord for a fruitful school ministry. Pray that the Vacation Bible School and Back to Campus Life Programmes would be fruitful.
- We are grateful for committed National Board members. Pray for guidance for them as they serve alongside us.
- Praise Jesus for the opportunity for Philip & Lisa to attend Media Training in South Africa. Ask the Spirit to enable them to implement what they've learned.

MADAGASCAR

Ravo Maharavo Fetra [Lalaso] – National Director
Mirana Razafiniana - Prayer Coordinator

- Thank the Lord for good rains but please pray for some areas that experience flooding.
- Exalt the Almighty for good volunteer training done by YfC Tana. Trust the Spirit for favour with openings in new school in Bakaro and Fianarantsoa.
- **Praise Jesus for a good national board meeting recently.** Bring them to the Throne of Grace for guidance in their daily tasks and ask for additional members for local boards where needed.
- Honour the Father that it is going well with Ravo and Lalaso's discipleship students. Pray for new volunteers for Bakaro.

MALAWI

Edward Chitute – Contact person

- Honour God for the successful launch of activities last year with the World Race team. Pray for wisdom for us as we start reaching out to young people.
- We need a place of our own to do ministry from, trust our Provider for such a place.

MAURITIUS

Dylan Palan [Letitia] – National Director
Monique Palan [Cyril] - Prayer Coordinator

- Ask for guidance to internally pioneer Rodrigues as a centre of YFC Mauritius.
- Honour God for faithful staff and volunteers. Trust Him for wisdom for Dylan and that more volunteers will join the team.
- We are grateful for a few committed National Board members. Submit our need for new board members and that we will elect the right chairperson at our first meeting in March.
- Praise Jesus for good Sunday club meetings. Pray for new vision strategies and activities to boost the ministry.
- Entrust our preparations for the March AGM unto God.

MOZAMBIQUE

Gito Massinwe – National Coordinator

- We praise God that He allows us to serve Him through YFC in Mozambique. Please pray for National Board reconstitution and that the labour matters would be concluded quickly.
- Ask the Father to enable us to update YFC registration with government soon.
- Trust the Spirit to direct our ministry planning.

NAMIBIA

Desiree Beukes [Stanley] - National Director
Fiona Engelbrecht [Elri] - Prayer Coordinator

- Bless the Jesus for sending Charlton & Chrizelda Tjombe to serve with us. Intercede for them to settle in quickly and for guidance in their ministry.
- We are thankful to the Lord for carrying us through February. Pray for fully booked March for our Hodygos camp site.
- Honour our Master for faithful financial and prayer supporters. Trust Him for enough finances and resources to do our ministry, pray especially that our GA fundraising will go well.

NIGER

Moussa Ali – National Director

- Thank the Father for our school ministry. Pray for students to apply everything they hear from us.
- Exalt our Lord for enabling us to reach young people through sport. Trust Him for complete transformation for the youth in this programme.
- Thank God for committed National Board members. Bring them to God for guidance in all they do.

NIGERIA

Sola [Adesola] Imoleolu – National director
Joshua Golden – Prayer Coordinator

- Bless the Father for committed staff and volunteers. Trust Him for direction in reaching the youth of our nation.
- We are grateful for the faithfulness of our Provider. Pray for abundant financial provision in 2020.
- Thank God for committed national and local boards. Ask Him to guide them in their governance task.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Ed Ramsami – National Director

Koekoes van As [EJ] – Prayer Coordinator

- Honour God for committed national and Local Board members. Pray for them for guidance in their governance task.
- Thankful that all the team members of Change Agents, Khayalethu and Tennyson are back safely after training at the Training Centre. Pray for admission of children to our Tennyson House Shelter and ask for sponsors for the children's educational needs in the aftercare programme at Tennyson House and Khayalethu.
- Glorify the Lord for Cyara campsite and training centre. Ask our Provider for more bookings for March and April and the lean winter months.
- Praise Jesus for committed staff and volunteers. Ask Him to protect them and give them good health and the courage to continue reaching young people.

REUNION

Contact person: Jacques Bougault [Annick]

- We are grateful for Frederick and his wife's involvement with YFC. Ask the Spirit for wisdom to approach the right persons to serve on the National Board.
- Honour the Father for the opportunity to partner with the Scholar Youth Bible Exhibition. Pray with us that the exhibition will have a positive influence on many young people.
- Thank the Lord for enabling us to help with the translation of the cartoon Action Bible in Creole. Submit the revision of translation unto God.

RWANDA

Jean Baptiste Mugarura [Jeanne Marie] - National Director
Justin Birangwa – Spiritual Formation Coordinator

- We exalt the Almighty God for the progress of Emmanuel Uwimana (Southern Chapter Coordinator) who has been sick because of a car accident. Keep on praying for total recovery.
- Praise God for enabling us to reach the youth of our nation through the efforts of staff and volunteers in 6 chapters. Bring the staff to the King of Kings for good health and to continue fulfilling their calling.
- We uplift Yahwe for His provision. Entrust all our fundraising efforts unto Him, especially for attending GA.

- We are grateful for a fruitful prayer conference in Musanze [Northwest Chapter] last month. Commit now already the National Prayer Conference in May unto Elohim.
- Honour the Father for the good results of our students in the national exams. Intercede for the leadership of Kigali Christian School to minister to the children on a daily basis.

SEYCHELLES

Mervin Pool [Nathalie] - National Director

Nathalie Pool [Mervin] – Prayer Coordinator

- Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and His provision. Submit our ministry needs unto Him.
- We are grateful for every opportunity we have to reach the youth of the Island. Ask Jesus for many ministry opportunities in the new year.

SIERRA LEONE

Favour Conteh – National Director & Prayer Coordinator

- We are grateful for the work of Makeni chapter. Intercede for staff and volunteers working here to make a positive impact on the lives of young people.
- Appreciate the Almighty One for faithful staff & volunteers. Ask Him to enable us to complete the upcoming Generation 21 project.
- Thank God for good National Board of Trustees members. Trust the Spirit for direction for them to give good governance.
- Celebrate Jesus for a good ‘Get together’ we had for the street kids recently. Stand in prayer for them for salvation and safety.

TANZANIA

Zaburi Obadiah – National Coordinator

- **Praise the Lord for leading us all through the transition period.** Commit staff and volunteers to Jesus for guidance in reaching the youth of our nation.
- Thank the Lord for committed National Board members and good co-operation between them and the staff. Bring the Board to the Father for wisdom in their governance task.

- We are grateful for successful pioneering efforts to another region. Entrust our operational financial needs unto our Provider.

UGANDA

Miriam Koote – National Director

Robert Walusimbi – Prayer Coordinator

- Glorify God for our partners, family and friends who are supporting our ministry. Submit to our Provider all ministry needs, especially sponsorships for the young mothers.
- Praise Jesus for providing electricity at our YfC Main office. Please stand with us in prayer for Godly partners for single staff and volunteers.
- Thank the Father for faithful board members, staff and volunteers. Trust The Most High for the completion of the building projects at Mirembe House and Suubi Centre.
- Uplift the Lord for enabling us to reach out and care for pregnant teenagers. Ask Him for more grace to keep on serving and for more open doors, especially in the areas of discipleship.

ZAMBIA

Joshua Mwila – Interim National Coordinator

- Praise Father for good health and provision for some legal processes that need to be addressed.
- Pray for much wisdom and grace for our board as well as the upcoming meeting set for later this month.
- Pray for the selection process as the board consider a new ministry Coordinator. Pray that this person will be God appointed.
- Appreciate Jesus for ongoing ministry. Commit the ministry in prayer as the team continues to serve youth.

ZIMBABWE

Sheunesu Masuka [Susan]

Susan Masuka [Sheunesu] – Prayer Coordinator

- **Exalt the Father for wonderful rains in February.** Pray for a God solution for the challenges Zimbabwe is facing.
- **Glorify our Ebenezer for the campers who made use of Willow Park in February.** Pray for more bookings for Willowpark camp during March and

April and for a person or couple to run this facility.

- **Thank the Lord for good prefect leadership training at Northlea High School last month.** Trust the Spirit for favour with headmaster of the school we are working in for the Lead Today programme.
- Honour Jesus for a team of 4 who could go to South Africa for Media training. Pray for good affordable ministrybase and accommodation for James and the team in Vic Falls.
- Praise the Father for the open doors in schools. Ask our Master for growth and supplication in all our programmes in Bulawayo, Vicfalls and Chinhoyi.

Thank you for faithfully praying with us. We appreciate your involvement very much. Through your prayers you are an effective worker in His harvest field on the continent of Africa.

*Greetings in Christ,
Africa Prayer Team*

***God is always near you and with you. Leave Him not alone.
Brother Lawrence***

COME...

In its basic form the word **come** as a verb means to move towards or to approach.

The moment I say the word or think it, it becomes a conversation of some sort. Prayer in its most basic form, is **coming** to God.

Usually “**come**’ is either an invitation or a command. With “**come**” there is also distance involved, meaning a distance to be covered, **coming** closer.

If we take these points in relation to prayer, it makes a lot of sense. God is saying: “**Come**.” A Godly invitation. Move more towards Him, approach Him, getting closer to Him. Nobody is ever so close to Jesus that he/she can’t **come** nearer. With “come” the eternal God is inviting us closer to Him.

- His “**come**’ is open for everybody. Open for all people no matter what age, social class, gender, ethnicity and other forms of putting people in boxes.

Mat 11:28 **Come** to Me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the children **come** to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- There is a comfort in the “**come**” of our Lord Jesus – no one will be turned away.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father gives Me shall **come** to Me, and the one who **comes** to Me I will in no way cast out.

- There is a certainty in His “**come**”.

Jam 4:8 **Come** near to God, and He will draw near to you.

- There is abundance in His “**come**”, it is free.

Isa 55:1 The LORD says, "**Come**, everyone who is thirsty, here is water! **Come**, you that have no money, buy grain and eat! **Come**! Buy wine and milk, it will cost you nothing!

What are some benefits to God’s “**come**”?

- Jesus does the extra-ordinary when we **come**.

Mat 14:28 And Peter answered Him and said, LORD, if it is You, tell me to **come** to You on the water.

Mat 14:29 And He said, **come**. And when Peter had **come** down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

- Even demons recognise and obey Him.

Mat 8:29 At once they screamed, "What do you want with us, you Son of God? Have you **come** to punish us before the right time?"

Mat 12:28 No, it is not Beelzebul, but God's Spirit, who gives me the power to drive out demons, which proves that the Kingdom of God has already **come** upon you.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

1. How often do I draw near to God and take Him up on His invitation?
2. Do we as a YfC family come near to God and experience His abundance?
3. Am I leading young people closer to Him teaching what it means to draw near to Him?