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Young Catalysts at GA 2023

May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be upon you! With boundless joy, we send our heartfelt greetings to you in this edition of The Catalyst, rejoicing in the inspiring testimonies and profound transformations brought about by the dedicated work of our desks across the Africa Area.

Young Catalysts Development Program (YCDP) Susan Masuka/Coordinator

The Young Catalysts underwent a nine-month training program, which included a special track for GA preparation, ensuring that they were prepared to attend GA and participate in the Young Leader program. The training was successful and well-supported by the Area and YFC International. It culminated in the virtual graduation of 31 Young Catalysts on the 13th of December 2023! There is now a total of 50 Young Catalysts in the Area who have graduated from the program since 2022! The pool of mentors is also growing. We celebrate what the Lord is doing in and through the Young Catalysts Development Program in the Area.

TESTIMONIES

Testimonies of YCDP Graduates



Judith Jocktan Bwimbo, Tanzania

“The YCDP has had a great impact on both my spiritual and social life. Through this awesome program, I was able to discover a lot of potential invested by God within me. Moreover, my knowledge about godly matters has expanded. In fact, I am proud of myself for having pursued such training.”



Talemwa Isaac, Uganda

“Firstly, I thank God who brought me together with Youth For Christ Uganda, and I thank Him for the privilege of adding me to this special educative spiritual program. Indeed, my life has been changed deep in my heart because I started to be a new person, mostly in serving other people. Be blessed, all my lecturers, straight away from the beginning up to here. In conclusion, I love this program and hope it continues running for the rest of the years. Amen.”



Yubahwe Evase, Rwanda

“The Young Catalyst Development Program (YCDP) has had a significant impact on both my life and the lives of those I am ministering to. Through this program, we have witnessed personal growth and empowerment in each training session. I will always miss training, especially the one about the word of God, with joy, as it has changed the way I was approaching the word of God.”



Ibukun David Imoleolu, Nigeria

“My prayer life has increased and I have become more actively involved in every program I can be part of. My leadership qualities have become more evident and I have learned how to relate more with others rather than always working alone. YCDP also facilitated a mentorship relationship that has been one of the most fruitful relationships I have had this year and probably in my life as well. So, I say thank you to God for this opportunity of a lifetime and for everything learned.”



Rebecca Mockla, Mauritius

“For me, YCDP has been a blessing throughout this year, as I learned how to evangelize and be more active in social involvement. I want to thank all the YCDP team for this course and also my Mentor, who was with me even in my difficult times. Glory be to God.”



Ebenezer Mapemba, Malawi

“I have always been passionate about serving God and His people, especially the young generation. That is why I joined the Young Catalysts Development Program, a unique opportunity to grow as a Christian leader and to make a difference in the world. Through this program, I learned valuable lessons on how to be a servant leader, how to communicate effectively, and how to work in a team.”



Razafimbahiny Dimbimbotiana Fanirisoa, Madagascar

“As for me, the Young Catalyst Development Program 2023 taught me many things. I will never forget the topics about social involvement and the last one, "Calling". Both of them touched me so much and improved my relationship with others. I really appreciate everyone who worked hard to run this program, especially Joy, Susan, Ravo, our National Director and Jaona, my mentor.”



Dela A Roberts, Liberia

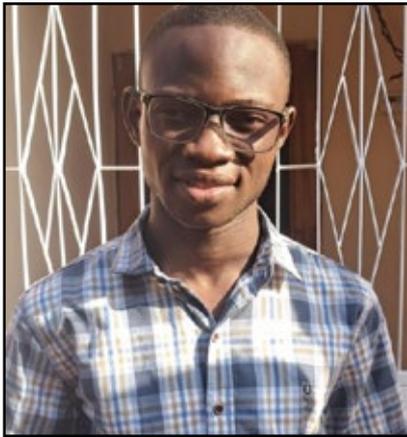
I testify to the profound impact of God in my life, providing strength in times of adversity, guidance in moments of uncertainty and a source of unwavering love. Through faith, I've found solace, purpose and a deeper connection to something greater than myself. God's presence is a constant, reassuring force that shapes my perspective and fuels my journey with hope and gratitude."





Lydia Nelima Kingoro, Kenya

“YCDP has helped me gain insight into a lot of things. It has opened my eyes to see the needs around my country and how well I can accept the challenge to do more in the ministry here. I thank God for my mentor. Even though far from me, she is someone that I greatly respect. She has answered my calls even at night when I wanted to call it quits and always gave me the best advice to keep going. She is always encouraging me, praying for me, and looking out for me to grow.”



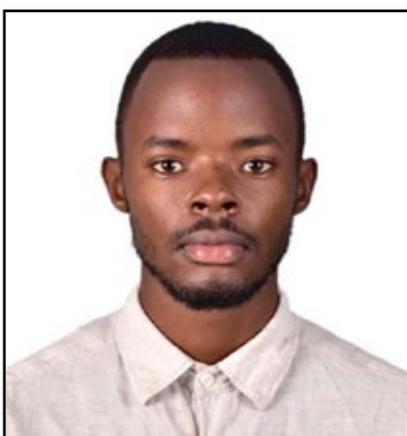
Victor Gomes Júnior, Guinea-Bissau

The Young Catalyst Development Program taught me a lot of things and helped me to take evangelism seriously and to become more serious about the things of God."



Roberta Agbo-Wedzi, Ghana

“The training has been very educative. I have learned so much from the history of YFC down to the teaching on Calling. What stood out for me in this training was our lessons on the Word of God; it was a great eye-opener. It gave me a clear understanding of what God's Word truly is and has helped me in the application of the Word of God in my life. It has really been a privilege to be part of this program.”



Tangy Fred Ntwari, Burundi

“I would say that the Young Catalyst Development Program has had a profound impact on my life and ministry involvement as a university student. Through the program, I have developed essential leadership skills, discovered my passions, experienced personal growth and formed lasting relationships. The program has equipped and empowered me to make a meaningful difference in both my academic and ministry pursuits. I am incredibly grateful for this life-changing opportunity”



Boniswa "Bobo Jr." Lesolame, Botswana

“To me, the YCDP has shown me that there's a need to be practical in how you attest for your faith. Moreover, it reminded me to set my principles straight to be able to grow and serve more in the YFC family. I am happy it found me in the position I was in.”

Evangelism & Pioneering Sheunesu Masuka/Coordinator



Lilongwe City Youth Evangelism campaign

As Youth for Christ, we continue with the vision to reach every young person in Africa and to join hands with those in the same mission to help us get closer to our vision. Christian leaders, organizations, movements and ministries in Africa have reaffirmed the commitment to getting the Gospel to all of Africa, declaring a decade of evangelism up to 2033.





"Here I am. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

This inspirational verse records Isaiah's response to the calling that God placed on his life. In the same response, Youth for Christ personnel are living out the call to reach EVERY youth in Africa with the Gospel, seeing them encounter Jesus and their lives transformed.

Pioneering focus on new nations in the Area continued into Côte d'Ivoire and Togo in the Francophone West, Guinea in the Anglophone West and South Sudan in the East. Regional offices are making efforts to build and support nations towards attaining full charter status and significant strides have been realised in South Sudan.



Left: Pastor Success Nyaunthali (Go Movement), Edward Chitute (YFC Malawi)

"Two years ago, we began collaborating with Go Movement, connecting with other ministries in Malawi to receive evangelism resources and training on how to use them. This collaboration has helped us reach a significant number of youth using "My Heart's Desire" tracts and wristbands that we received. We have worked together in the field and found that doors we did not have access to before are now opened, such as being invited to engage with youth in new churches and youth forums."Edward Chitute, ND, Malawi

Training Desk Josue Akowanou/Coordinator



TESTIMONIES



"My name is Mme Safiatou and I'm the social worker at the AKPAKPA Center for the Blind. The partnership with JPC-Benin has brought us great joy. The young blind candidates who benefited from their spiritual guidance all passed their exams. The center had a 100% pass rate. Our braiding and weaving workshop has been completely renovated and unemployed disabled young people will be able to learn a trade. Glory to God and thanks to JPC-Benin"



“My name is Angèle and I attended the small trades training organized by JPC-Benin. I now have a better understanding of entrepreneurship and I'm helping my mother improve the direction of the business she has launched. I'm getting ready to launch my own.”

Spiritual Formation Desk Irene Aliso/Coordinator



TESTIMONY



*Emmanuel Ogebe
Spiritual Formation Coordinator,
Anglophone West Africa.*

“My name is Emmanuel Ogebe. I'm from Benue state in Nigeria, married to Mercy Ogebe, and blessed with two children, Joyce and Joel.

I have been a churchgoer from birth, as my parents were very religious and committed to the things of God. They took us to church every time the doors opened, but I never had any encounter with Jesus Christ until October 1st, 1988, at a gospel student conference. I responded to Jesus Christ and surrendered my life to Him as my personal Savior and Lord. It was an experience that turned my whole life around, with no regrets to date.

I was introduced to Youth for Christ by a friend in 1988. I began as a Youth for Christ club member in my neighborhood and later volunteered to serve on the state music team. During that time, I joined the national music team and became the national music director. I also served on the Ondo State Board for four (4) years. I'm presently serving as the Spiritual Formation Coordinator for Nigeria and Anglophone West Africa.

As I continue to serve in YFC, I want to see a Youth for Christ that is vibrant, effective, and relevant in the kingdom agenda concerning the youth of Nigeria, Africa, and the world at large. I want to see a Youth for Christ where young people are empowered spiritually, mentally, socially, physically, and academically. I want to see a Youth for Christ with dynamic, Spirit-filled, and youth-centered staff, volunteers, and board. I want to see a Youth for Christ where young people are intentional, deliberately mentored, and disciplined until Christ is formed in them. I want to see a Youth for Christ where teamwork and unity are held in high esteem.”



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