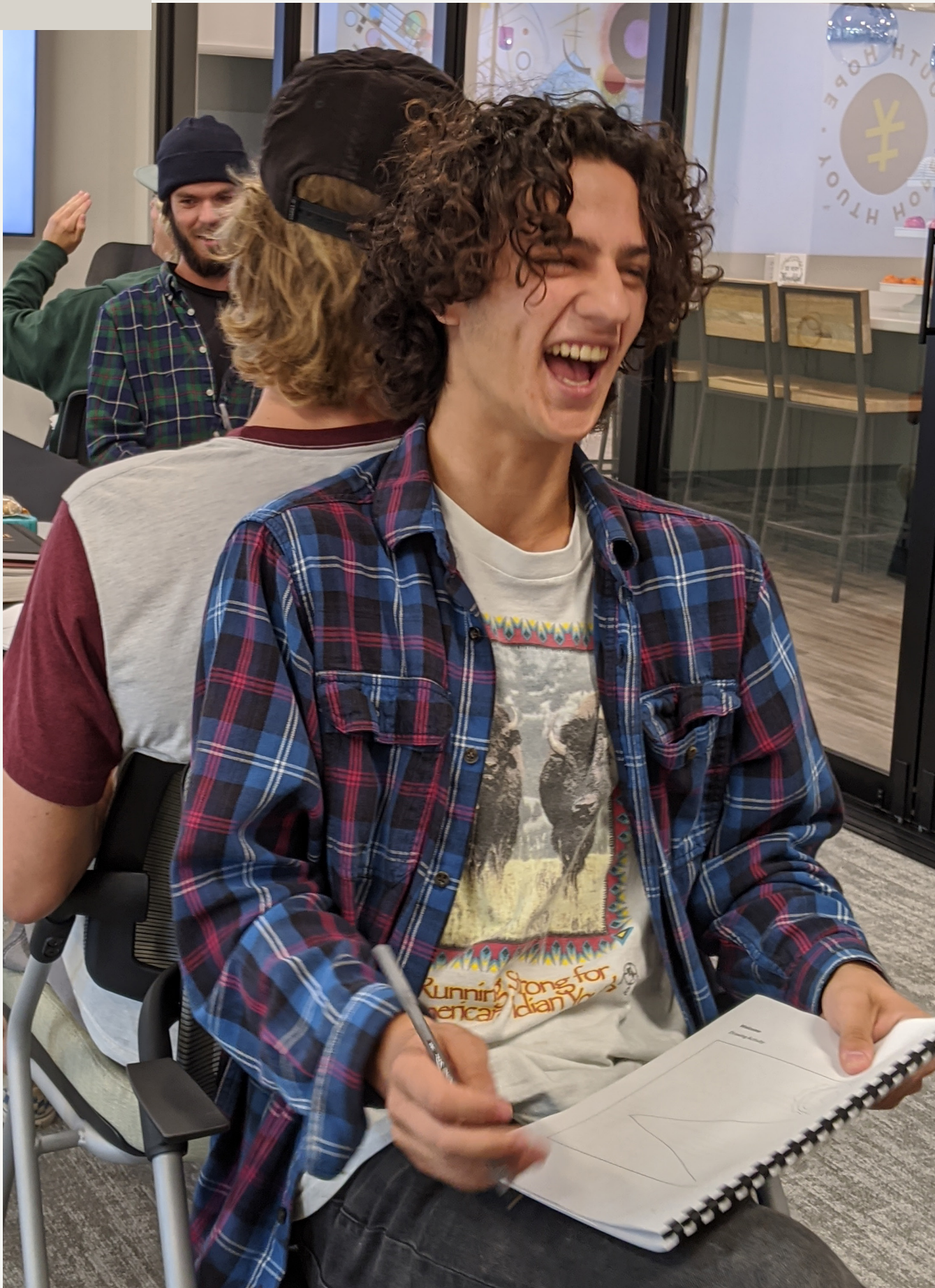




**YouthHOPE™**

Partner. Equip. Multiply.

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



*YouthHOPE exists to transform the lives of global youth by equipping the Church to meet their holistic needs.*



### **PARTNER.**

We serve alongside the local church and existing ministries around the world.



### **EQUIP.**

We facilitate training and develop resources for youth workers and ministry leaders.



### **MULTIPLY.**

We are committed to multiplying our efforts by raising up new leaders and trainers who will make an impact far greater than we could on our own.

*Throughout 2020, YouthHOPE continued to partner and engage virtually with over*

**67 global youth leaders  
in 30 different countries**

*additionally, the team invested over*

**300 hours in video calls**

*while creating and revising over*

**50 pages**

*of training curriculum to make the most of*

**one unexpected year**





*“[This training] stirs up urgency in me. It makes me want to go put it all into practice. [I was challenged] to think about how I go about problem solving and relating to the youth in the area.”*  
- **Jacob,**  
*RideNature YMLT Participant*

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## A GREATER IMPACT

*Scott Ribble, Director of Operations, wasn't looking to put his tool belt back on when he moved to Florida and joined the YouthHOPE team, but God had bigger things in mind.*



Back in January, New International started a major remodel project in our home office. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, Scott was asked if he'd be willing to step in and help manage some of the project. After much prayer and discussion with the YouthHOPE team it was decided maybe God has him here for "such a time as this." Scott was able to help the project keep moving along using the construction skills he practiced for so many years before his arrival here.

When the YouthHOPE team had to cancel and postpone some travel they had planned this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, God clearly had plans that any "extra" time Scott had was being filled by working on the office remodel.

**Scott has since put his construction tools away once again and the YouthHOPE team wasted no time in putting the new space to work.**

Two days after the opening celebration, the team hosted 11 local guests from 3 churches and two local non-profit ministries to preview our Youth Ministry Leadership Training event. This preview event was effective to help our attendees know who in their circles would be best to send to a full training and explore partnership options. Our guests were unanimously pleased & excited when we finished, and YouthHOPE is excited to continue partnering with them. The space went on to host a full 3 day local Youth Ministry Leadership Training in November. It was so refreshing to be able to engage with real people, face to face, about the mission of ministering to young people around the world.



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- Revised the Youth Ministry Leadership Training (YMLT) curriculum to incorporate more intentionality and flexibility
- Hosted a stateside YMLT event to launch the new curriculum
- YouthHOPE hosted a Stateside Partnership Brunch and Preview event
- Increased stability financially and stronger systems in place for longevity of YouthHOPE's mission
- Rebekah Saum began her certification as a dialogue education practitioner
- Scott Ribble assisted in the remodeling of the Center for Global Outreach which provided the perfect environment for local outreach and partnerships

# WORDS IN ACTION

At the beginning of 2020, Rebekah Saum began her training as a dialogue education practitioner. Together with her treammates, she then used her knowledge to revise and strengthen the Youth Ministry Leadership Training curriculum.



On November 4th, the YouthHOPE team was able to use our new curriculum for the first time at a local training with the interns of an action sports ministry based here in Ft. Myers. In addition to working with youth, many of them are exploring what God is calling them to do in this next season of their lives. During our training, we had a special opportunity to not only provide a quality training experience, but to also encourage each of them in their faith and calling.

At the end of the training we asked them for feedback about the event. It was so encouraging to hear them highlight many of the things that we were intentionally trying to achieve with this new curriculum and with our training methodology. Here is some of what they said:

→ *It was incredible to be in an environment where questions and opinions are celebrated genuinely. [I really appreciated] how direct and specific the questions were. It was clear that you really care about us. [The trainers] didn't put me on this level like, "we know more than you." This training felt like they were learning with us.*

- Aiden

→ *This training was super practical. Other trainings are more ambiguous, [but in this training] there was more application and practice during the training and that was super helpful to me. I plan on implementing a more holistic approach to youth ministry. I want to have an intentional focus on the needs of our youth be it physical, spiritual, emotional, etc.*

- Alex

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial support that help make moments like these possible.

- Rebekah Saum

Regional Liason to Africa and the Americas



## 2021 FOCUS

### 1 INNOVATION

Adapt our current methods and develop new resources to equip global youth workers

### 2 SYMT GROUNDWORK

Work to position our team to launch a School of Youth Ministry Trainers in Latin America or Europe in 2022

### 3 STATESIDE PARTNERSHIPS

Cultivate and strengthen our stateside partnerships so that our work is sustainable and our mission is accomplished

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# MULTIPLICATION MATTERS

One of YouthHOPE's Core Values is Multiplication. Our aim is to work in ways that will produce a sustained impact beyond our direct involvement, will grow exponentially, and will maximize the Church's return on investment. What does all this mean? It simply means we want what we do to be greater than ourselves.

My youth ministry professor in seminary used to encourage us as future youth pastors to "develop leaders in such a way to work yourself out of your job." When I first heard this statement all those years ago, I internally thought, "Wait! I need a job. I need to make money and support my family. I want to serve the church for a long time!" But as I have gotten older (and slightly more mature) I have come to a place to truly understand what Dr. Jackson was teaching all those years ago...multiplication matters.

It's what Paul meant when he wrote the letter to the Church in Ephesus. There is great value in "equipping the saints for the work of the ministry and building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). We desire to see under-resourced youth workers around the world equipped

to meet the holistic needs of youth. We want our work to be sustainable and to have an impact beyond our direct involvement. We want to know that the Church's investment in our ministry will be maximized when there are more youth workers around the world impacting youth with the gospel of Jesus.

This core value has led us to institute programs like School of Youth Ministry Trainers. SYMT is a trainer of trainers program that develops leaders to return to their home countries to train and develop more youth leaders. It has been encouraging to be a part of training and developing youth workers in Southeast Asia and Africa who are equipped with new skills and abilities to train and develop leaders in their context. Although COVID-19 slowed the ability for these leaders to host larger training events, they are still meeting in small groups. Even as this is being written, two of our partners in Malawi are traveling to train over 30 youth workers in a remote part of the country! The ability for more leaders to be trained without us being on the ground is one of the primary reasons we believe in the core value of multiplication.

This year our goal, Lord willing, is to strengthen our network and presence in Latin America and Europe so we can launch our next School of Youth Ministry Trainers in one of these regions in 2022. We are trusting God to help us make strong connections that will allow us to serve youth workers in these regions.

- Dale Puckett  
Director of Partnerships

Our partners at Prosperous Youth Foundation in northern Thailand have used YouthHOPE's Youth Leadership Academy as a launching point to begin their God First groups - a year-long intentional transitional care group for youth in youth homes. This year, 27 youth have graduated out of youth homes and this group will be an encouragement to them as they begin life on their own. Pray for the PYF team as they continue to invest in youth in Thailand. We are grateful for their partnership!





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