



National Network of Youth Ministries South Central & Heartland Regions

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There are **43 million** 10-19-year-olds in the United States. Youth leaders, churches, and ministries must work together so that **every student on every campus and in every community** has the chance to hear the life-changing message of Jesus. No one can do this alone.

We must work together to reach the next generation.

OUR FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR MINISTRY

EVERY COMMUNITY

resourced and networked to serve teenagers

WIDESPREAD PRAYER

covering every school and Juvenile Detention Facility

YOUTH LEADER DISCIPLESHIP

so every youth leader is in a discipleship relationship

GOSPEL SHARING

so every young person has an opportunity to hear the story of Jesus

HEALTHY NETWORK

so youth leaders never feel alone and work better together

**2023
Ministry
Report**

A RECAP FROM KEVIN



It has been an exciting year as I have been able to travel across the region to share our vision and passion for networking in every place I visit. Every mile, every flight, every meeting, every Zoom is a new opportunity to sound the call for the need for believers to work together so that

every young person hears the gospel before they graduate high school.

On top of all the events, trainings, trips, and meetings, we have also grown our team! In 2023, we brought on four new people, adding staff and key leaders in Colorado, Texas, and Louisiana. We each have a heart for youth in your community, but there are so many needs and so little time. We can't do it alone, and I am so blessed to lead such a dedicated team.

It is such an honor to be serving with the National Network of Youth Ministries as a regional coordinator for two of the ten regions of the U.S. If you know of any youth leader or community that we could help unite churches and ministries, please let me know! The states i serve are: Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

There is much more work to be accomplished in every part of the region.

Through your prayers and support, we have been blessed and equipped to do all these things and more!



2023 Ministry Stats

Kevin's Personal Ministry

- 6,085 driving miles and 4 trips by air
- 193 youth leaders coached for collaboration efforts
- 5 states visited to launch and support local networks
- 112 in-person and 259 Zoom meetings
- 11 sermons delivered at local churches

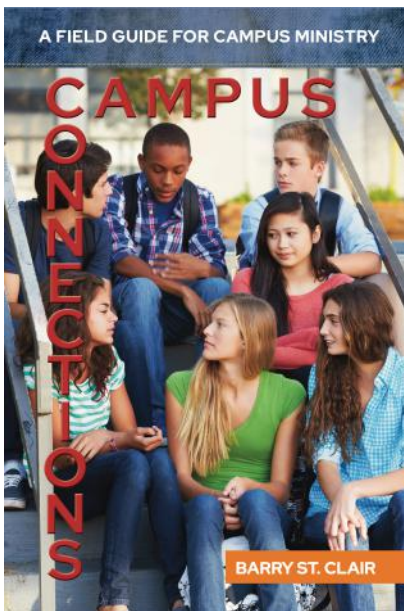
Regional Ministry Numbers

- 78 youth leaders created a new profile for connection
- 1,706 known youth leaders registered in our region
- 11 new local networks launched
- 78 registered networks in our region
- 4 new team members added for 10 total leaders
- 8 states served: Texas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Okloahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri

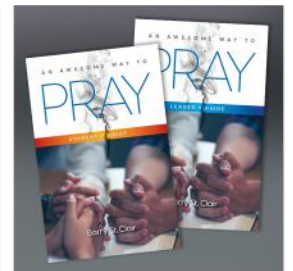
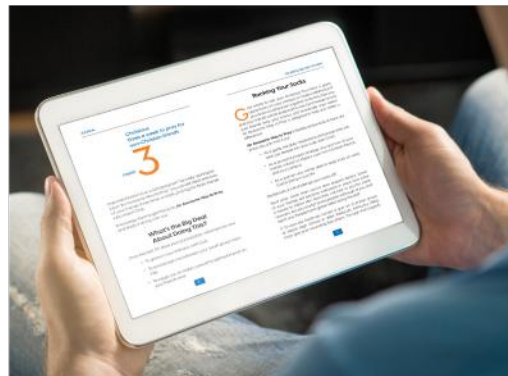
National Ministry Numbers

- 28 NNYM Team Members in 15 states
- 26 Key Leaders in 15 states
- 521 networks nationwide
- 40 new local networks launched nationwide
- 255 youth leaders created a new profile for connection
- 8,150 known youth leaders registered across the nation

It is such an honor to be working with Barry St. Clair, Rick Eubanks, and Chris Renzelman on a couple of book projects as we update campus and student resources. Visit www.campusconnections.info to download them!



FREE RESOURCES: AN AWESOME WAY TO PRAY



- **STUDENT'S GUIDE**
- **LEADER'S GUIDE**

Pray with more power and share Jesus with more boldness! That's what your students and leaders will discover in a 6-week adventure with Barry St. Clair's **FREE** downloadable books. They will engage in...

- Jesus' amazingly simple plan to pray for each other and for their non-believing friends in "Prayer Triplets"
- Discovering how to "Live the Life," "Love their Friends," and "Tell their Story"
- A powerful strategy to influence their campus for Christ

DELIVERING OUR MISSION IN 2023

YOUTH LEADER DISCIPLESHIP



We encourage every youth leader to be in a trusting, discipleship relationship so they are coached in life and ministry and they in turn disciple students.

We consistently coach and train youth leaders in the following ways:

- 30 youth leaders joined us for a one-day conference with Jesus Focused Youth Ministry
- We also provided the same training leaders at several churches
- More than 20 veteran leaders were enlisted to serve as mentors for newer youth workers
- We delivered our Five Areas of Focus at seminars to help see communities fully networked
- A partnership with Fuller Institute's TENx10 initiative will disciple youth leaders and students



As US Country Leader of Jesus Focused Youth Ministry (JFYM), we held a JFYM One Day Conference where we trained youth leaders and volunteers with a strategy to multiply their ministry as we follow Jesus' model for ministry.

We also launched our Implementation Workshop where we equipped those who have been trained with first steps to see a radical change in their ministry with a personal action plan for their life and ministry.



A picture of some of our planning team for our Christian Educators LIFT Event in Stephenville Texas

From a school educator:

What a night! I am so grateful to have shared the evening with these amazing educators. God provided an absolute soul refreshing experience. I thank God for people with a heart for caring for all roles in education. We need each other so very much. Right now, I just want to praise Him for community and for the truth that we are not victims of darkness but vessels of light!



This fall, we met with youth leaders across Johnson County, Texas, to form a Hub Network that will help several local networks collaborate together to reach their county for Jesus!

Anthony, pictured in the above story, caught the vision not only for JFYM, but also for networking in his area. As a result, we joined 3 local networks to work together with our ministry partners including: Movement DFW, First Priority, FCA and local denominational leaders.



HEALTHY NETWORKS

It is not enough to just meet together and plan a joint event. We want to see healthy networks centered on prayer and focused on relationships to share resources for united strategies.

We foster healthy local area network groups all year long as we:

- Go to the youth leaders at their gatherings to encourage and train on healthy networks
- Partner with Movement DFW to make maintain a healthy HUB and local network focus
- Participate at conferences to share networking strategies with state and national leaders
- Strategically drive the conversations with youth leaders and organizations in our region

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I always try to look for ways God wants to connect people together! I was looking through emails one day and learned that a local church has partnered with one of our ministry partners in Texas, Students Standing Strong. I immediately called Terry Ann Kelly of Students Standing Strong and she connected me to Broderick Seargent, who is a local pastor (and I will also add a former Dallas Cowboy!). We met over coffee and shared how we can encourage each other and partner together.



EVERY COMMUNITY

The Gospel must be shared with everyone. As we work to network with leaders, we strive to make sure every denomination, every race, every person in our community has a seat at the table and to help make those connections.

We intentionally reach out to local and area leaders to help make connections :

- Collaborate with several key denominational and parachurch leaders to encourage unity amongst churches
- Pursue Hispanic and Urban leaders to build cultural bridges in our communities
- Connect Christian education professionals to increase prayer and campus ministry

WIDESPREAD PRAYER



Every movement of God is preceded by prayer. We are seeing a great increase in strategic prayer efforts resulting in more believers praying together .

We increase and encourage widespread prayer with active efforts to:

- Launch a nationwide effort for prayer walks on local school campuses and juvenile detention facilities
- Raise awareness and participating with other ministries hosting school prayer initiatives
- Promote our annual See You At The Pole (SYATP) event and encourage participation
- Provide planning packs and support local students leading SYATP at their schools
- Encourage online and in-person prayer groups in Houston, Corpus Christi and other areas
- Champion the adoption of schools by prayer champions at local and regional events



This summer, we joined Campus Alliance, Intelinc and Lifest OshKosh to ask those that came to Lifest Music Festival to adopt their schools for prayer. We did this through seminars and at our booth. As a result, over 200 schools were adopted for prayer!



I was able to share at a DiscipleNOW Weekend this year in Hico, Texas. We talked through the names of God. During worship, students started sharing how God had worked in and through their lives and shared what name of God they could relate to their story. One by one students and leaders shared about the goodness of God!



GOSPEL SHARING

We equip and empower students to share the Gospel with their peers.

We train the next generation of believers and invest in young people as we:

- Offer two free Dare2Share events to train students and their leaders on sharing their faith
- Share with students during Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Challenge students with the gospel at the Fields of Faith event
- Serve as a guest speaker for youth groups and events such as DiscipleNOW Weekends
- Participate in two book projects to encourage students to pray for their lost friends and to encourage and train youth leaders and students see their school campus as a mission field

WHY WE ARE CALLED TO THIS WORK

We've had one message for over 40 years – We Are BETTER TOGETHER!

Youth leaders who actively participate in a local network are shown to stay in ministry nearly **2.5 times longer** than the national average for youth workers. Networking and collaboration lead to greater impact in their community and personal fulfillment in their calling.

All NNYM team members are self-supported home-based missionaries. We are committed to serving youth leaders because we believe in the vision of unity and cooperation.

YOU ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR MINISTRY

Your generous support enables us to continue our ministry and expand FULLY to cover our region.

Your financial partnership allows us to:

- Train and coach youth leaders
- Launch and support local networks
- Support collaboration efforts in more communities
- Build relationships with key leaders in unreached areas
- Equip students to share their faith
- Participate in collaboration events and conferences
- Provide resources for evangelism, discipleship, and prayer

WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A SPECIAL FINANCIAL GIFT?

How Can You Best Partner With Our Mission?

I am currently seeking financial partners who share our burden to see young people changed by the gospel who will consider investing in our mission. I would love to speak with you about joining our regional support team. If you or someone you know is intrigued, please let me know. I would love to schedule a time to share our vision more fully!

Giving to National Network of Youth Ministries

Your charitable contribution is tax-deductible. NNYM has been a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1987. We also maintain the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar. Our Federal Tax ID is 33-0082789

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY:

1. **MAIL A CHECK** payable to NNYM in the enclosed return envelope. Note "Miles" in the memo line and mail it directly to our national office: NNYM, PO Box 501748, San Diego, CA 92150

2. **GIVE ONLINE** directly from your bank account or use a debit or credit card at www.nnym.org/KevinMiles

3. **CONTACT** our national office's finance team by calling (330) 969-2127 or send an email to giving@nnym.org. They would be happy to assist you process a gift or make a non-cash donation for our ministry.

I would love to connect with you!

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to contact me directly, or reach me at (254) 485-6765 or kmiles@nnym.org





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