



# Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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## Startling! Difference

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I was at a rural pastors' and youth leaders' teaching conference recently to speak on issues of effective youth ministry in the local church. I immediately recognized Sylvia, a 17 year old youth leader from one of our partner churches in the area (Masaka in central Uganda where YEA has been working over the last 6 years). She was the same tall quiet girl I had met 3 years ago at a YEA youth leaders' conference I was conducting in the region.

But as the days went on I noticed something different. There was a startling difference about this girl!! She seemed to command the respect of all the pastors and youth leaders in attendance. When she stood up to speak confidence oozed from her. She had become a completely different person apart from her physical looks.

In a conversation with her youth pastor, it turned that Sylvia was now the main youth leader at her local church as well as the female representative on the regional youth leadership. She is leader of over 100 teenagers at her local church and also actively mentoring other teenagers at the church. With the foundation of YEA training in youth leadership and effective youth ministry development Sylvia has gone on to experience a real difference in her leadership life and is now bringing about the same in many other teens.

When Peter Hopkins is here, part of his sponsorship money is going to be used to further train young leaders in this region, Sylvia being one of them. Peter will interface with many young leaders who have come through the 'teaching hands' of YEA in Masaka region over the last 6 years.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray for the countless young people and young leaders that have gone through the 'teaching hands' of YEA all over the East Africa region. That they will indeed go on to be fruitful mentors and disciples in this generation

Pray for D360, YEA's program that aims to have and enable effective wholistic mentorship and discipleship relationships for young leaders across the region.

Pray that God will sort out our car situation, provide us with an LCD projector for effective interactive training plus a video/film camera to document the success stories of YEA over the years as well as highlight the work of YEA in the region.

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