

SULADS CANADA NEWSLETTER

Stories of Love and Mission in Gitanyow

A Journey of Hope, Healing, and Intentional Evangelism



What VBS in Gitanyow Looks Like

Our VBS program will include:

- Bible storytelling
- Songs of praise
- Prayer circles
- Crafts with meaning
- Healthy meals
- Games with purpose
- Personal connections with each child

Lighting the Path in Gitanyow

This summer, the senior and young adults of Edmonton Filipino SDA Church are stepping into a sacred calling — bringing Vacation Bible School (VBS) to the children of Gitanyow, a remote Indigenous community in northern British Columbia.

This isn't just a trip. It's a mission. A mission to plant seeds of hope, introduce Jesus, and nurture spiritual growth in the hearts of children who are often overlooked.





Why Gitanyow? Why the Children?

Gitanyow is a beautiful, isolated Indigenous village where the echoes of tradition meet the quiet cries of spiritual need. Many children in Gitanyow grow up with little to no exposure to the Bible, church, or Christian teachings. Generational trauma, family struggles, poverty, and the residue of colonial displacement leave many young hearts spiritually disconnected. They are hungry for love, truth, and belonging. And that is exactly what Jesus offers – through us.

What the Bible Says About Children's Ministry

- "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6
 - "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me." — Mark 9:37
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- Jesus placed immense value on children, welcoming them when others pushed them aside. He saw their innocence, potential, and need for love and truth. As followers of Christ, we are called to do the same — to reach out, teach, and walk with them on their spiritual journey.

Why We Must Go



Because no child should grow up without knowing Jesus.

Because every soul matters to God. Because Jesus came to seek and to save the lost – including in places the world forgets.

Because the harvest is ready, and the laborers are few.





How You Can Help

- “Pray for the children of Gitanyow
- Support our mission through donations or supplies
- Join future mission trips
- Share the story and be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves

We aim not only to teach about God, but to reflect His love through every smile, hug, and song.

We love because He first loved us.”
– 1 John 4:19

"Beginning with the Children: A Divine Privilege"

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–The Philosophy and Practice of Christian Service

This mission is not only a duty, but a divine privilege. Through VBS, we follow Jesus' method — mingling with people, showing sympathy, meeting needs, and bidding them, “Follow Me.”



Let's go where the need is great and the Light is dim. Let's bring Jesus to Gitanyow — one child at a time.

With hearts ready to serve,
Edmonton Filipino SDA Church
Senior & Young Adults Ministry

