Friendship Evangelism at Mission

January 2012
God blesses our program at Mission, faithfully bringing children each Sabbath afternoon. The children enjoy the Bible stories, singing and crafts each week.

It is such a joy to hear the young voices enthusiastically singing the uplifting songs of God’s love while seeing their arms, hands and legs illustrate in motions. During the Bible story their eyes are riveted on Linda Kinne our story teller, who always reminds each child that they are special and that God cares deeply for them and loves each one.

Craft time gives an opportunity for us to get to know the children better as they participate in some of their favorite activities. We learn about their family, their school experiences, how God is manifesting His love to them in their everyday life.

Adult participation is anticipated when we are able to open up our little church to the local Natives for Alcoholics Anonymous and other need focused programs. Our continual prayer is that our wonderful God will guide and bless in this friendship evangelism.

—by Kathy Salzman, Mission correspondent

Recap of 2011 in Fairhaven, Canada

Praise the Lord for His bountiful Blessings for the past year – So many it is hard to count them all! First and foremost is the blessing of your love, friendship and faithful support of Gods work in behalf of our dear Native people! He has multiplied your gifts 100 fold! We thank the many people who volunteered days, weeks, some even months of their time helping with the farm work, community gardens, and building projects.

One of the first exciting things to happen here at Fairhaven was the SULADS convention here last March. Then there were the many volunteer days spent on hands and knees planting the large gardens, then weeding them. In June the Youth Leadership training started, which kept us on our toes. Then volunteers of visiting churches came to help on the farm and in the communities. Storm-Co kids came also and worked a week in Gitanyow. All of this has resulted in the three near villages becoming very aware of Fairhaven and SULADS dedication to helping to empower them to better their communities and life-style. We Praise the Lord for the doors He is opening to us as a result of all your generosity of time and money!!

We are so thrilled at what the Lord is doing with the Radiant Native Health magazine, since it's first printing here in Canada in Oct. There are 10,000 magazines going out now. 5,000 in the USA and 5,000...
across Canada, from the Arctic Circle to the Eastern point of Nova Scotia. We are receiving requests for the Native New Day bible studies weekly, from the advertisement on the back of the magazine.

We are enjoying a nice winter here at Fairhaven with a lot of snow, some rain and sunshine, and more snow! We had a white Christmas when many places in Canada and the USA didn't. The temperatures have been moderate, the roads not too bad. There were a couple of power outages the longest lasted about 26 hrs. But we were comfy and warm, cooking on a camp stove, using lantern light.

—by Lief and Zanna Ove, Fairhaven, Canada

**Does your Church Minister to Native Americans?**
We'd love to hear about it! What are you doing to share Jesus with Native Americans? Do you have events? seminars? game nights? Please share what is going on in your church or district. Submit your stories about working with Native Americans to Native American News. We will publish them in Native American News each month. Keep your stories coming and we’ll keep sending them out. For back editions, go to: [http://www.uccsda.org/Communications/Native-American-News](http://www.uccsda.org/Communications/Native-American-News).

—by Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference Communications Department

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