



Vancouver, BC Canada

Living Hope Christian Church

Real people, Real lives changing

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Dear Labourers in Christ,

Our 10 days Mission Adventure with YWAM (Youth with a mission) to Pacheedaht First Nation Reserve at Port Renfrew in Vancouver Island was a big success. This was the first for our youth group to go a mission trip. This Mission Adventure is what I call a primer in mission trip because the duration, the training, & the hands on are just enough to make you want for more. We left the place with a sense joy because of what God has done through us and in us and also sadness because we have grown to love the people even in a short period of time. God widened our perspective about mission.

The first three of the 10 days prepared us get our bearing in the right course. The “plunge” equipped us on how to look at our surrounding with intentionality and the commitment service was very powerful in solidifying our resolve to go and serve others. The YWAM did an excellent job in setting the stage for us.

The last seven days were spent serving, listening and loving the community. We have seen the power of serving others opened hearts for God’s words and works. However, there is a cloud of darkness hovering over the community manifested through the surroundings, the number of death related to suicides, teen pregnancy, and alcoholism. This was the first time our young people were exposed up and close to these kinds of issues. Instead of being discouraged, I witnessed how they were moved to action and began to intentionally pray and engaged people in a deeper way. It was an eye opener for the whole team. We will never look at First Nation the same way again. The community is crying for help!

We are looking forward to return next year with a new team. If you are looking to wet your hands and feet to mission work and you have a tight budget, I highly recommend that you try this one. It will surely raise the temperature of your church attitude and actions toward reaching the First Nations or the people in your own community. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

With you in the harvest,

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