



## Project Salt & Light



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For six year, CRRS Canada partnered with the former Carver Christian High School (now known as “Vancouver Christian School” since 2018) to conduct “Project Salt & Light”, in which we lead their team of grade eleven students to experience a cross-cultural outreach trip during spring break to rural China including Hong Kong to visit the CRRS sponsored students. The school believes that this is an important part of the students’ learning experience and self-growth.

Activities we have conducted during Project Salt & Light includes cross-cultural activities such as leading in songs, performing meaningful skits, teaching English, teaching French, playing team building games, bringing gifts and sharing testimonies in the following places:

### Guangxi rural area

- Visit CRRS’ sponsored students in rural Guangxi
- Visit senior’s home
- Visit disabled’ children center
- Visit orphanage
- Visit cultural sites



- Visit student home village in rural areas
- Visit retired soldier’s senior centre

### Hong Kong

- Visit youth rehab center (Wu Oi Centre)
- Visit cage home and serve meal to low income families
- Cross-cultural activities with local senior high school including French lessons
- Visit local church and lead worship
- Street outreach activities with dance, songs and skits



### Partnership History

Year	Location
2010	Rongan, Guangxi (融安, 廣西)
2011	Guilin and Gongcheng, Guangxi (桂林和恭城, 廣西)
2012	Guilin and Gongcheng, Guangxi (桂林和恭城, 廣西)
2013	Hong Kong (香港)
2016	Nanning and Chongzuo, Guangxi (南寧和崇左, 廣西)
2017	Guangxi and Hong Kong 廣西和香港

**Through Project Salt & Light the students from Canada are learning:**

1. About working together as a team
2. First-hand experience in a different culture that they will then serve in
3. How to be stewards of their time, resources and abilities
4. About being a servant of Christ and others, both at home and abroad

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**CRRS Local Ministries (First Nation Youths)  
 Partnership & Sponsorship with  
 Vancouver Urban Ministries (VUM)**



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CRRS began its annual sponsorship with Vancouver Urban Ministries (VUM) in September 2016, sponsoring 4 First Nation elementary students from their “Rising Above Tutoring Program” using the proven Orton-Gillingham approach which engages a multitude of the children’s senses. Students with learning difficulties receive one-on-one tutoring sessions twice a week to help improve their academics such as reading, writing and math. VUM’s goal is for all their students to have a genuinely positive learning experience in elementary school and gain a strong foundation for success in their high school education and in life. CRRS has also been involved with their community events such as providing guest speakers, providing music, and donating hampers.



Directors and Staff of CRRS and VUM at graduation ceremony of tutoring program

**In East Vancouver the poverty rates are:**

- Strathcona 58%
- Downtown Eastside 70%

**In the Greater Downtown Eastside:**

- 80% of children are behind the provincial average in reading
- 50% of children are behind in mathematics

The Greater Downtown Eastside suffers from very high rates of drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness.

Vancouver Urban Ministries’ aim is to help break the cycle of poverty for some of the most vulnerable families in East Vancouver. Together we can give children with learning challenges a genuine opportunity to grow intellectually and emotionally, develop healthy outlooks in life, and reach their fullest potential.

**With the work of VUM:**

- Children with learning difficulties receive specialized one-on-one tutoring, have a good start in education, and grow to reach their full potential.
- Children are encouraged to develop self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of achievement.
- Children and their families would find hope for a brighter future as they experience caring, long-term relationships with their tutors and other VUM volunteers.

