

Spring 2024

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On Eagle's Wings

News for friends of *On Eagle's Wings* Ecumenical Ministries

25 years serving in Northern Canada

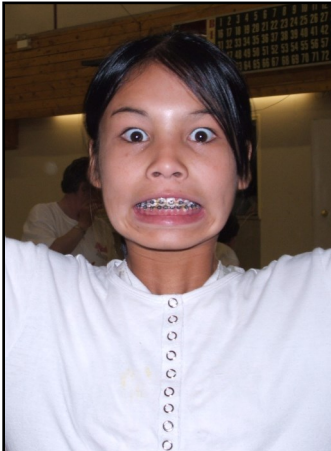


Wow, can you believe it? *On Eagle's Wings* is 25 years old! For a quarter of a century we have been pouring into the lives of children, families and leaders from remote communities across Canada's North.

Over **13,000** children from **30** isolated northern communities have experienced the love of Jesus, learned Bible memory verses, danced, worshipped and prayed together. It has been an amazing journey

of faith, not only for the families of the North, but for our devoted volunteers, donors, Board members and staff.

Your partnership and faithful support has allowed us to impact many lives. We are excited to see what the next 25 years holds!



My SMILE is bigger than yours
Northern AB, 2006



Young and old at Bible Camp
NWT, 2010



Outdoor craft time
NWT, 2015

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)

This Summer across northern Canada, children will learn about the greatest gift ever given. The 2024 GIFT curriculum is packed full of Bible stories and fun activities that will help children discover who Jesus is, and why He came to earth.



Day 1 : The Promised Gift begins with the prophecies of old, and the day that changed everything.

Day 2: The Gift of Miracles explores some of the amazing things Jesus did, showing his power as God in the flesh.

Day 3: The Gift of Peace centres on the story of Jesus calming the storm. Children will learn of Jesus' presence with us, even in the midst of our own "storms".

Day 4: The Gift of Being Found serves as a reminder that we are precious to Jesus. He actively seeks us, like a woman in search of her lost coin, or a farmer pursuing his lost sheep. Jesus is with us, no matter where we live!

Day 5: The Gift of New Life will focus on the Easter story. How Jesus gave his life for those he loves, and how he invites us to experience his life-giving power every single day!



Having fun with a Jesus puppet in Resolute Bay, NU, early 2000s.



On Eagle's Wings - Powered By YOU!

For 25 years, *On Eagle's Wings* has been powered by incredible volunteers like you. This ministry is only possible because of you.

A typical team is comprised of two to six volunteers who travel to northern Canada to give their gifts of time, love, and presence to a group of five to eleven year-old children.

Each morning before camp begins, volunteers set aside time for team devotions, prayer, preparing crafts, games, songs, and snacks. It is an enjoyable time getting ready for an afternoon of ministry.



Volunteers Grace & Sarah ensure sample crafts are made prior to camp in Iqaluit, NU, 2023.

Volunteers are the life-blood of *On Eagle's Wings*. **This year, for our 25th anniversary, our goal is to send 25 adult volunteers to make a lasting impact in the lives of northern Canadian families.** Will you be one of them?

If you are over 18 years old, have a mature faith, work well on a team, and are capable of teaching a group of energetic children while sharing God's love, we are ready to hear from you!

Find out more about volunteering at *On Eagle's Wings*, by visiting the web address below, or scan the QR code with your phone.



<https://oneagleswings.ca/bible-camp-volunteers-northern-canada/>

Or email your questions to volunteer@oneagleswings.ca

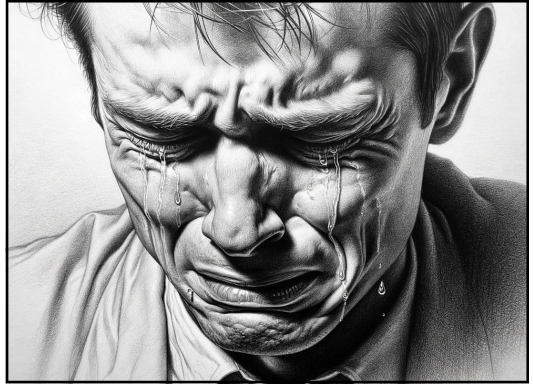
Robin Abrol, Executive Director



Hope and Healing for the Whole Family

Several months ago, I received a telephone call from a leader in one of our northern communities. Her request was that we would come and run a Bible Camp for the children in Summer 2024. After discussing the details, our conversation changed direction.

*“Tell me, **do you offer anything for adults?** We have so much pain and trauma in our community, so many people who need healing, but don’t know how to find it. We are very worried about the high rates of mental health problems, addiction and suicide. **Is there anything you can do to help?**”*



We have been receiving requests like this frequently since the pandemic.

For the last 12 months some of our staff and volunteers have been preparing to become facilitators of **Caring for the Wounded Heart**. This Bible-based curriculum includes basic mental health concepts. It helps participants identify their pain, create a safe space to share their suffering, bring their pain to the cross of Christ for healing, and learn how to forgive themselves and others.

Our partner dioceses in the Territories have been very excited to learn about the program. One staff member recently commented,

*“**Trauma healing is what is most needed right now.** It has become a priority for us here in the North.”*

Upon learning of our affiliation with the Canadian Bible Society and combined desire to introduce **Caring for the Wounded Heart** in the North, our partner dioceses have started booking us to lead workshops for staff and lay leaders. Later this month we will facilitate the course for a group of ministers-in-training from across Nunavut.

We are incredibly grateful to the Canadian Bible Society for their support, training, and partnership in bringing hope and healing through this program.

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