



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

How can my church get started?

If you would like more information on the **Adopt-A-School** ministry or believe God is calling your church to develop this type of ministry in your area, please contact us:

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Will you partner with us to impact the lives of Canadian children and strengthen the local church through this hands-on, mission experience?



... Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. Matthew 18:14



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WHAT is Adopt-A-School?

Adopt-A-School is a new outreach ministry sponsored by BCM International (Canada) Inc. The goal is to assist churches to reach children and families in the community surrounding their church building by connecting with the local school in an intentional and meaningful way.

WHY is it important?

According to the 2001 Canadian census (the latest one available to date), 16% of the Canadian population and 35% of Canadians ages 25-44 claimed to have “no religion”. Canadians, in general, are no longer familiar with the basics of the Christian faith. They may be taught constructive values, but have little to no knowledge of Biblical truth.

Therefore, churches need to think of their **neighborhoods** as a **mission field!** The church needs: 1) to be creative about how they “do church” in the 21st century; (2) to minister by sharing the Gospel in ways that are relevant to their neighbours.



The **Adopt-A-School** ministry provides a means for the local church to build bridges into the community in order to create opportunities to share the love of Christ.



HOW does the program work?

The **Adopt-A-School** program begins by “adopting” and offering to serve your local elementary school. Through hands-on, practical help using church volunteers, your church demonstrates God’s love to them. It also builds relationships and can open the way to introduce an entire after-school program of practical, interesting and meaningful activities for the children.

Fun and interesting activities which can include Bible teaching, games, crafts, and skills such as woodworking and cooking are included in the program. Your church has now become a vital link between God and the children, the staff and the community of your local school.

WHERE does BCM fit it?

All around the world BCM International partners with local churches to reach children for Christ and to disciple them by providing training and encouragement for children’s ministry workers.

BCM Canada will provide your church and its **“Adopt-A-School”** ministry with:

- assistance in visioning, planning and preparing for this ministry and a program that “fits” your church.
- training for your volunteer children’s leaders and workers.
- a list of available resources and materials that can be used in this ministry.
- follow-up support, and encouragement for your leaders and workers.



Together we can reach out to the children in community for Jesus Christ.