REACH A CHILD, REACH THE WORLD: I WILL GO

Strategic Focus 2020-2025

Children's Ministries seeks to reach every child regardless of race, language, socio-economic status, or religion with the good news of the salvation of Jesus. We seek to reach children in schools, at churches, on the streets, or in our organized programs. In order for us to get to the thousands of children with the gospel, we need everyone, both adults and children to be proactive in going out to share the love of Jesus.

We want to inspire and unite our Adventist children to participate in this new initiative, *I Will Go*, so as to get involved in the mission of the church. We want to lead them and come alongside them as they go and witness and proclaim the everlasting gospel to all their friends. We want our children to go and serve others in their community, building friendships, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone they come in contact with.

I Will Go strategic initiative is rooted in the Great Commission in Matthew 28, which calls Jesus' followers to go and preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations. Jesus is calling all children and teens to also participate in His gospel commission. This initiative has 10 objectives, divided into three categories.

Mission Objectives

- 1. To help children and teens to be involved in the mission of the church.
- 2. To foster a lifestyle of witnessing and disciple-making in children and teens.
- 3. To reach children and teens in the cities and the 10/40 Window.
- 4. To develop resources for children and teens to use in witnessing and sharing the gospel.

Spiritual Growth Objectives

- 1. To help children and teens grow spiritually in their lives through Bible studies, personal devotions, prayer, reading of Ellen White's books, and witnessing.
- 2. To involve children and teens in Total Member Involvement in evangelistic activities, such as preaching, prayer, sharing literature, singing, inviting friends to meetings, and in community service.
- 3. To encourage children and teens to attend Sabbath School, worship services, church schools, and church activities.

Leadership Objectives

- 1. To train children and teens in leadership roles through a variety of growth opportunities.
- 2. To involve children and teens in intergenerational worships.
- 3. To develop more training resources to reach children and teens in the cities and the 10/40 Window.

Holy Spirit Objectives

1. To be defined as the Holy Spirit leads.