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Dear Friends,

Venture Teams has always been about equipping, sending and serving around the world. Simply put, anywhere the Lord leads and an open door is found, VTI would seek to faithfully proclaim the love and salvation message of Jesus Christ in that place. As well, VTI has always been committed to strategic partnerships with churches and other mission agencies serving in similar locations. Those partnerships and training model have impacted millions of people around the world. During the recent structural and organizational transitions that intention has never changed.

VTI has recently worked closely in the hosting of training and subsequent sending of individuals from partner mission agencies such as Wycliffe, InterAct Ministries, and Youth With A Mission. Along with these, VTI has facilitated over 35 congregational ministry events such as leadership training, board, youth and adult retreats. In August, Jill Hagen led a music outreach entitled The Extreme Tour with 3 musicians in her band. There were also 3 other bands involved in sharing the love of Christ through music and serving others. The tour included towns and cities across western Canada impacting over hundreds of youth and adults alike with the amazing message of Jesus!

This December will see a new ministry opportunity between VTI; Athletes Action (AIA), a division of Power to Change Canada (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) and River's Edge Camp. Harold Cooper, currently the Executive Director of both VTI and River's Edge, served full time with AIA from 1993 to 2006 before he joined staff at River's Edge. While Chaplain with the Saskatchewan Roughriders for 7 years he was recruited in 2000 to help establish an AIA ministry in Zambia. For 12 years he trained and led teams to equip African athletes, coaches and administrators to use the platform of sports to reach their nation for Christ. AIA ministries now operating in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, and South Africa have all been impacted by the training models pioneered by Harold and the team members, including CFL athletes that provided instruction, mentorship and resources to impact millions of people in South East Africa.

Harold will be returning to Zambia December 5th - 22nd to assist in furthering the ministry training of 50 AIA Zambia staff and volunteers, as well as hosting an AIA South East Africa Regional "Summit" for AIA national directors from Zambia, Uganda, Malawi and Zimbabwe. You can engage with this new VTI partnership by praying for this event.

You can also engage by investing in this initiative through 4 different tracks:

• Resourcing Harold's ministry involvement (travel, accommodations, materials)	$ 3,500
• Sponsorship of 50 Zambians to the 5-day intensive training ($40 each)	$ 2,000
• Sponsorship of AIA National Directors ($500 each Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe)	$ 1,500
• Sponsorship of 3 AIA Zambia staff to Nigeria for Pamoja3 Conference	$ 3,000
Project Goal	**$10,000**

Please consider partnering with Venture Teams, River's Edge and Athletes in Action to continue the training of national leaders for sports ministries throughout South East Africa. Please pray with us regarding the "next steps" of development in VTI's future impact and role in missions training in Canada and around the world.

In Christ and for His glory,

Rod Bargen
Chairman