

## About VTI

VTI is a Christian organization based in Calgary, AB. VTI trains and send teams of young people and families on missions trips. Team members use a variety of arts to share the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. They receive intensive training in ministry and arts then go overseas performing in venues such as schools, churches, prisons and outdoor plazas.

VTI partners with established missions and local churches around the world. Team members gain exposure to cross-cultural ministry while serving under the guidance of experienced workers.

Understanding that our team members will return to the local church, our training also equips them to serve with excellence upon their return. We train them to be a person that pastors are excited to have serving the local body.

VTI trains its teams at Discovery Lodge, a facility nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, about an hour northwest of Calgary, AB.



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WANT TO GROW, LEARN,  
EXPLORE AND HAVE  
AN ADVENTURE?

WHAT ARE YOU  
WAITING FOR...

STEP UP!

STEP UP...

WANT TO DO  
SOMETHING  
COOL?

WANT TO BE A  
LIGHT IN A  
DARK WORLD?



**Nine Month Internship Teams:** Develop your artistic and ministry skills in the context of a close-knit team of 7 - 11 young adults ages 18+. Travel overseas & within North America, using the performing arts to share Jesus' gospel & teachings. Study missions, preaching & creative ministry skills & earn transfer credits to a number of Canadian Bible colleges. Participate in an internship program, enabling you to meet your college requirements. Challenge yourself & develop friendships that will last a lifetime.



This team focuses on ministry through music. Learn how to lead people into worship, write songs, communicate through words and body language and how to better use the skills God has given you.



This team focuses on ministry through dance. Communicate the love and grace of Christ using stories portrayed through movement. Develop your skills further and realize the powerful tool of dance.



This team focuses on ministry through drama. Drama is a powerful tool that can be used to effectively to tell the story of God's love and forgiveness. This program will allow you to learn how to act effectively, and also to communicate your own story.



(11 months; ages 19+) this team is designed for alumni from our 9 month teams. Encore members assist with mobilization, travelling to churches, colleges and mission fests, and provide leadership to Spring Breakout and GAP teams.



(6 weeks; ages 16+) this team is designed to fit into summer vacation, running from the beginning of July to early August. Team members spend 4 weeks in an overseas location such as Peru, Rwanda or England.



(10 - 14 days) This team is for existing high school or church youth groups who want to serve overseas during Spring Break.



(10 - 12 days) This is a missions experience designed for families as well as singles (18+). This team puts kids at the centre of all activities.

## Artists In Residence



Refined/Undignified and the Jill Hagen Band are all about reaching a hurting generation by presenting a relevant portrayal of the Gospel through the power of music and dance.

**Jill Hagen Band**



## a note from the Executive Director

Young people today long for purpose. They want to change their worlds. And, they have the *passion* to do it! Our desire at VTI is to walk with young people, to answer their questions and teach them what it means to be a servant who is completely sold out to Jesus. We equip them to rock their world and to have a blast while doing it!

Our journey as Christians is an exciting one. Its time for us all to *STEP UP!*

## For the Parents

The mission statement of VTI is "To mentor, equip and inspire followers of Christ for purposeful global and community influence."

We believe we can accomplish that mission through the arts & through young adults. Young people desire purpose in their lives... they long to make a difference. VTI desires to train young people to do just that. We also believe that we are training them to be servants in their local church when they return, so we are purposeful about giving them tools for the short and long-term.

Each team is assigned a staff advisor who mentors the team, particularly the leaders, and provides guidance throughout the life of the team. When teams are overseas, we partner with well-established local missions and churches whom we trust. We are very careful about the safety of your young people.

We stand firmly on the principles & teachings of Jesus Christ & the Bible. If you need any more information about our beliefs, please feel free to check out our statement of faith on our website at [www.vti.ca](http://www.vti.ca) or give us a call & one of our staff would be happy to chat with you.

Thank you for entrusting your young person to us. We firmly believe in this generation and know they can make a lasting difference in the lives of others!