



RLRI Southwest 2023 Program Summary – Western University

Friday Evening **January 12 – Solid Rock Church, Claremont, CA**

CVM Host **Curtiss Gibbs**

Fellowship Dinner 7:00pm

We will gather for a time of Fellowship & Dinner at Eureka! At 580 W 1st St, Claremont, CA. For those available, this will be a great way to start connection and fellowship, while sharing a meal together at a local restaurant.

Saturday **January 13 – Solid Rock Church, Claremont, CA**

Arrival and Welcome 8:30am **Solid Rock Church at 1364 N Towne Ave, Claremont.**

Session One 9:00am

***Short-Term Missions—Just Do It!* - Dr. Richard Johnson**

There are many times in our lives when we desire to pursue a desired goal or be involved in an activity to which we feel drawn. Unfortunately, we turn in another direction and are left wondering what we may have missed. This presentation will explore the specific aspects involved in a short-term missions trip with C.V.M. and help answer those questions you may have in proceeding with a short-term mission's trip of your own.

Session Two 10:00am

***Spiritual Warfare and Mental Health: Realizing the Battle Isn't Mine* - Dr. Amanda Gray**

Dr. Gray grew up in a chaotic home and as such, she always told herself she just was an anxious person. It wasn't until the stresses of vet school and then career brought her to rock bottom that she really hit her knees and had her eyes open to the very real battle that was raging in her heart and in her mind.

Session Three 11:00am

***Rehabilitation: A Platform for Hope* – Lauryn Harker**

Lauryn will be sharing a few amazing cases of successful rehabilitation therapy and how the process of rehab can transform a patient and their family. This meeting will include a before and after comparisons of orthopedic and neurological rehab cases that have been transformed by good medical technique and a Faithful and Good God.

Lunch 12:00pm

Session Four 1:00pm
Dr. David Forster

Session Five 2:00pm
Being Transformed in the ER Clinic and in Honduras on a Short-Term Missions Trip as Newlyweds
- Dr. Edward and Mrs. Adriana Fang

Break 2:50pm

Session Six 3:10pm
A Peace That Makes No Sense – Modeling Peace and Joy in the Workplace - Dr. Debbie Spencer

Session Seven 4:10pm
Compassion Fatigue: How are We Navigating the 2020's? - Dr. Christina Tolman
Vicarious traumatization, burnout and emotional exhaustion are a perfect recipe for compassion fatigue. It is no wonder our profession is plagued by this phenomenon, especially in an era of global pandemic, social isolation, and high demand for veterinary care. In this session we will discuss warning signs of compassion fatigue, factors that contribute to this phenomenon, development of compassion resilience, and precautions you can take to lessen the risks for your veterinary team.

Dinner 6:00pm

Evening Message 7:30pm
What Does the Bible Say About Animals? And What Does That Mean for Us? – Curtiss Gibbs
We'll survey the references of animals in Scripture, from the Old Testament to the New, and come away with a clearer picture into what this means for us as Christians, especially Christians who serve in veterinary medicine. We'll also discuss some practical implications, from conversations on pets in heaven, euthanasia, creation care, and how to care for the other animal in the room – the client.

Closing Prayer 8:30pm

Sunday Solid Rock Church in Claremont, CA

Worship Service 9:00am

We will join in the 9:00am Worship service at our host church, Solid Rock. This is optional, as some attendees may be local and a part of a worship body elsewhere.

