



RLRI Northwest 2027 Program Summary – Oregon State

Friday Evening

January 15

CVM Hosts	Oregon State CVF & Curtiss Gibbs	
Welcome & Check-In	6:00PM	
Registration/Dinner	6:30PM	
Evening Message	8:15PM	Dr. Jill Desau - "Onward Through It All"
Worship/Prayer	9:00PM	

Saturday

January 16

Devotional	8:30am	Dr. Brian Bowers
Session One	9:00am	

"What Does Christianity Say About Animals" – Dr. Mary McDonald

Dr. Mary, a veterinarian who also attended seminary, will break down key passages in the Bible related to animals, and help us understand what these may mean and what the practical implications are for those in veterinary medicine. Mary will make this a participatory session, allowing for plenty of discussion among participants as well as question and answer time together as we pursue Biblical truths.

"The Day is Approaching" – Rev. Chris Chan

Pastor Chris, who works for CVM as the Controller and head of the Finance team, will break down the theme and key passages for this year. Hebrews 10:24 focuses on us encouraging each other 'as the day approaches,' meaning that we are in key times, and we need to love, encourage, and do as Jesus would.

Session Two	10:00am
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Participatory Poverty Simulation – Dr. Daniel Graham

CVM's Assistant Director of Mission, Dr. Daniel Graham, will run a poverty simulation and participatory experience he has honed through serving on the field and using at the long term ministry track at the CVM Vet Conference. Daniel and his wife Rachel served in Uganda for 9 years.

“Moving Forward – Even When It Isn’t Easy?” - Dr. Annabelle Zastrow

Dr. Zastrow will share her stories from serving in a career in veterinary medicine, from small animal GP to relief work to starting one’s own business. In the midst of this, challenges have arisen, as they do in life, and Annabelle shares her testimony of walking through life’s difficult challenges.

Session Three 11:00am

“Discerning Long Term Mission” – Dr. A & M

Dr. A & M, local vet and spouse, share their journey of discerning their desire to serve in long term missions. There are challenges and opportunities, and they are still walking through these, including access into the country, raising little ones, and other steps in discerning if long term missions may be for you as well.

“Living Your Faith in Everyday Practice” – Dr. Chris Eugenio

Dr. Chris, a practice owner in the Tacoma area, shares his stories of how to live your faith in everyday practice. He’s an author of a book on how to be successful on your first years out, and now Chris shares about building a culture, finding a job that fits, and other topics of how to be salt and light right where you live.

Lunch & CVF Updates 12:00PM

Table Talks 1:30PM

Topics: Your First Years Out, Short-Term Missions, Being a Vet Mom, Practice Ownership & Culture

Session Four 3:00pm

“Questions Above My Paygrade” – Dr. Steve Hiatt

It seems easier to apply Joshua 1:9-11 when we’re about to dive into — or currently experiencing — something daunting. What does it mean to be “strong and courageous” in the everyday setting? Our relationship with Jesus should be consistent through peaks, troughs, AND plateaus. Like in the story of Jericho, we may be marching in circles, not seeming to make any progress. Little do we know that as we march faithfully, we are waiting for God’s perfect timing! I hope my testimony, experience, and our discussions can encourage you for life now and beyond in a season of waiting, courageously.

“ “ – Dr. Steve Smith

Wet Lab / Vet School Tour 4:00PM
Fellowship Time

This will be a time to choose amongst the options of touring the Oregon State vet school, participating in a wet lab hosted by local Oregon State CVM’er which will likely involve both chickens and horse, or taking some time to relax, play board games, study, and hang out with CVM friends.

Dinner 6:00pm

Evening Message 7:30pm

“Moving Forward” – Curtiss Gibbs

Curtiss will break down this year's theme and scripture reference from the book of Hebrews. Moving forward... doesn't always feel like moving forward. What does it mean to encourage one another to love and serve – even when we don't feel like doing so? We'll break these verses and ideas down as a community, so that we can live with an eye on the future even while living in the present.

Worship 8:30pm

Sunday **January 17**

Breakfast 8:00AM At hotel

Church Service w/ host 9:45am Redemption Church 1625 NW Grant Ave, Corvallis, OR

Goodbye until next year!

