Northwest RLRI 2027 Featured Speakers – Corvallis, OR

Friday January 15

Jill DeSau, DVM
Jill DeSau is a small animal relief veterinarian in the Portland area and has lived in Oregon most of her life. She loves hiking and camping with her husband Greg, has two adult step-children and a beautiful granddaughter named Isabella. They are members of a church in Sherwood and Jill considers her ministry field to be at work with her clients and co-workers. She has served with CVM in through RLRI's and in short-term missions. She has recently begun Seminary at Western Seminary.

Saturday January 16

Devotion

Brian Bowers, Pharm D.
Nancy has been working in the veterinary industry both as a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager and a veterinary manufacturer sales representative for over 12 years. A CVM Short-Term Mission trip to Haiti led to a transformed relationship with God. Nancy's involvement with CVM grew through Real Life Real Impact (RLRI) participation and multiple short-term mission trips. Her passion for workplace ministry and short-term missions drew her full-time to CVM as the South Central Region Rep in July 2023. Nancy's free time is spent working on the farm with her husband Jonathan and visits from her three grown sons, two daughters in law, and one granddaughter.

Session I

Pastor Chris Chan
the call of God, Pastor Chris Chan and his wife relocated from California to the Pacific Northwest to plant a church primarily among foreign students. Starting with just five college students the work grew to become a multi-site, multi-ethnic church of several hundred congregants. Many of his former church members had moved back to their homeland after their higher education in the U.S. and were serving as pastors of churches and successful entrepreneurs in major cities in Indonesia. Besides pastoring a local church in Seattle, Pastor Chris had also traveled extensively conducting pastors' conferences and crusades in nations of Pakistan, India, Indonesia and Africa. He had led a few short-term mission trips to Indonesia. Chris is a skilled pastor and teacher with a strong passion for touching and transforming young people with the love of Christ. Chris graduated from Fresno State University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration (summa cum laude). He is a Certified Public Accountant from California and Washington and has two graduate business degrees from Santa

Clara University (MBA) and Golden Gate University (MS in Taxation). His theological degrees include a B.A. in Biblical Studies from Northern California Bible College and a MAT from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is a Doctor of Ministry candidate at Regent University (ABD). Presently, Pastor Chris is serving as the controller of Christian Veterinary Mission.

Mary McDonald, DVM
Dr. McDonald worked as a large animal ambulatory vet in Virginia until moving to Bolivia, South America to serve with Christian Veterinary Mission. While there, she trained rural animal health care workers and taught at the vet school in Santa Cruz. She currently does revolving goat trainings and distributions in East Africa. Yearly she teaches F.A.R.M. (Farm Animal Refresher for Missions) course on her farm in Virginia where she teaches vets, techs, and students how to share their faith cross culturally, and offers hands on practice with horses, cattle, poultry, swine, and sheep/goats.

Session 2

Daniel Graham, DVM, MA, PgCert
Dr. Graham graduated from Oregon State University's veterinary school in 2009, worked in small animal practice, and then moved with his wife, Rachel, to Soroti, Uganda in 2012 were they served for 9 years. Daniel's work was in the areas of community development, discipleship, and ministry training. Daniel and Rachel have one son, Nathan. Along the way, Daniel also completed a Postgraduate Certificate in International Animal Health and a Masters in Global Leadership. He currently serves as CVM's Assistant Director of Missions to strategize our missions engagement around the world and support the mobilization of new cross-cultural workers.

Annabelle Zastrow, DVM
Annabelle Zastrow and her husband Shannon have lived in Everett WA since she graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. Their sons Tyler, 23, and Reed 19, have fled the nest, but always mamma's boys! Dr. Zastrow worked in a 24 hour general medicine and emergency practice for over 20 years until the Lord guided her to start working as a relief vet. Since starting Zastrow Veterinary Relief, she has been busier than ever, enjoying being of service at over 20 hospitals in Snohomish and King Counties. Dr. Zastrow gave her life to Jesus over 20 years ago and she and her family attended New Life Church in Everett for 23 years. She has been a member of CVM since 2017, and enjoys teaching at RLRI and attending CVM conferences (they're the best!). Her gratitude for new life after battling breast cancer (twice!) energizes her daily to share the love and goodness of Christ in her current mission field, from the surgery suite to the exam rooms. She is endlessly thankful to Shannon for surrounding her with the Word of God during dark times. Now over a year cancer free, she sees he privilege of practicing veterinary medicine as an amazing gift, never to be taken lightly or used for personal gain. Rather, for us Christians, called to a higher purpose, it should be used deliberately to humbly serve people in need of our skills.

Session 3

M and Dr. A, DVM
Dr. A & M live in Oregon and are pursuing a career in long-term missions, along with their children.

Chris Eugenio, DVM
Dr. Eugenio went to veterinary school at Washington State University. During his second and third year in veterinary school, he was the president for the Christian Veterinary Fellowship group on

campus. He graduated from veterinary school in 1994. He practiced large animal, small animal, small mammal, exotic, avian, and reptile medicine and surgery for the first 10 1/2 years of his career and then only small animal, small mammal, exotic, avian, and reptile medicine and surgery until present. He is currently certified in doing TPLO (Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy) ACL surgery repairs in dogs. He has a strong focus and abdominal ultrasound, dentistry, orthopedics, and advanced soft tissue surgeries. Dr. Eugenio has served as the chief of staff and manager of a total of three hospitals over a ten-year period. Currently, he has been a practice owner since March of 2018. He became a Christian on January 15, 1983 and was involved in college ministries for 17 years with the last four years as a lay College Pastor. He was a youth leader for seven years and led the men's ministry at Puget Sound Christian Center for five years. He loves to spend time with his wife, Jessica, and two children Tyler and Kelsey. His hobbies include: bowling, fishing, target shooting, pool/billiards, and playing the guitar.

Session 4

Steve Smith, DVM

Steve is a board-certified veterinary pathologist, associate director of the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and teaching professor with the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Montana Veterinary Medicine Program based in Bozeman, Montana. Steve attended veterinary school at UC Davis and did a pathology residency at Oklahoma State. He has had the privilege and opportunity to be involved with veterinary medicine in various capacities with both CVM and other organizations in Ecuador, Thailand, Nepal, Mongolia, and Bhutan. Steve loves to teach, especially the opportunity to share spiritual truth in conjunction with veterinary knowledge, and lives on a small hobby farm with his wife and three children.

Steve Hiett, DVM

Dr Steven Hiett and his wife Dr. Kim Stender are both 1991 graduates of Washington State University. Their journey together and as veterinarians (with two kids along the way) have taken them through mixed practices in Oregon and California, two terms as overseas fieldworkers with CVM, and currently as owners of a small animal practice in Lebanon, Oregon. It has and continues to be an exciting adventure of faith asking how we can serve Jesus each day regardless of where we find ourselves. While there is enjoyment in attending continuing education meetings learning how to be a better veterinarian, Steve loves Real Life Real Impact retreats where he can meet with others to learn and share how to do life, as a veterinarian, better.

Evening Challenge

Curtiss Gibbs, M.Div

Curtiss Gibbs joined the CVM team as a Region Rep in 2017. He serves as our West Region Rep, after having spent 5 years serving as the Northeast Rep. Previously, Curtiss served in pastoral ministry for 13 years in the local church, mostly focused on youth, college students, and missions. He studied at the University of Georgia for his undergraduate degree and at Fuller Theological Seminary for his Master of Divinity. Curtiss loves connecting people to their calling and working to see individuals and groups thrive as they serve God. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married since 2003, and love to spend time outdoors and in the company of family and friends.

Sunday January 17

Worship at Church: 9:45AM Service at Redemption Church 1625 NW Grant Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330

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