Fall and harvest season is always a great time of celebration. A good harvest is often the result of months and possibly years of preparation and cultivation. Preparing people for the mission field is one of those events that often takes years. This fall CVM will be sending out the Marks family to live and work in Thailand, and the Coatney family to work in Northern Ethiopia. Often families like these spend several years confirming God’s call and identifying a location to serve. Following that, they can spend several years raising support, training, selling their homes and possibly their practices prior to departing to the country where they will serve. On arrival, they may spend 6 months to 2 years in language learning and setting up ministry. Wow! This is a lot of preparation for the very important cause that Jesus gave us to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:18-20). An important part of this process is the prayers, encouragement and support they get from their friends, family, churches and the organization that sends and support them.

This fall, CVM again held an orientation for people interested in mission service with CVM. This was at the CVM Short Course in Underwood, Indiana. We had about 25 people interested in exploring long-term service and about 60 interested in how to better share their faith in the community where they live. Please pray the Lord will call and equip them for God’s service around world.
In closing, I think about the passage in Luke 9:35-38 where Jesus was traveling with his disciples and sees a great need among the people challenging his disciples to pray for more workers. Will you join me in this prayer?

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

In Christ,

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