Hope in the Himalayas

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

- Luke 7:24-25 (NIV)

Dear friends,

At our January training in Haiti, participants explored what it means to teach in a learner-centered dialogue mode of education, rather than a traditional top-down method. We looked at how Jesus taught his disciples and how we can take His words and put them into practice in our training courses.

“I thought learning all the methods of participatory learning through self-discovery, visuals, and flashcards were helpful. There were many ways to ensure that we understood the material.”

“I will apply my learning to teaching vet tech students now and also teaching in future long-term missions to glorify God.”

“Life changing.”

“I see a slow shift in the teaching methods that my extension agents use.”

“I can incorporate what I learned into practice management and short-term mission trips.”

“I will be using these methods for future farmer trainings.”

“I plan to implement it into my teaching (on short and long term missions).”
“I will share these techniques and ideas with the people I work with so we can become more effective and see what the possibilities are.”

“I will use the methods learned for a future learning experience with Haitian farmers.”

“I will create my own lesson plans to use at my church and use it during Bible study.”

“I will implement feedback ideas into practice management.”

“I will incorporate these participatory principles into action during a trip to Honduras in March.”

“I will incorporate at least one skill into each lesson I teach.”

“Since the first day, I started seeing things that I will be able to use in my everyday life.”

“I will translate some of the materials that I received to teach other people in my community.”

These are excerpts from the comments of the missionaries we trained following the course. Thank you for your prayers for us. We had a wonderful week of learning and laughing together. Many new friendships were made. We were a mixed group of veterinarians and agriculturalists, men and women, ranging in age from recent veterinary college graduates to those of retirement age. Some traveled from Canada and the US for this training; others were Haitian or missionaries serving in Haiti. It was a real encouragement to me to see this group unite around their desire to honor God by serving farmers and communities around the world.

Thank you for your prayers and support that make my work possible.

In partnership with you,

Karen and Ron Stoufer