Dear friends,

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

We are starting a new fiscal year at CVM. With a fiscal year different from the calendar year, we are blessed to have a “Happy New Year” twice each year! A centerpiece of our work each year is our annual theme. We spend time in prayer, reflection, and dialogue about a theme in the fall of each year. At our annual planning meetings in November, we chose a theme and a verse. We then begin to integrate that theme and verse into our work at the start of a new fiscal year. This year our theme is: “Strong and Courageous” with our verse being found in Joshua 1:9.

A study of the book of Joshua is a great place to reflect on our Christian journey. The theme of the book is the establishment of Israel in Canaan, the promised land. The Israelites had a charge from God to take possession of this promised land. We also realize that the testimony of this book is the promised fullness of salvation we have in Jesus Christ as well as the charge to take possession if the promises before us. Crossing the Jordan is a picture of salvation; however, most of the story of the book of Joshua and of the Bible as a whole is about living in the fullness of the promises He has given.

The charge to be strong and courageous is appropriate. As we move in to take possession of what Christ has for us, we enter a spiritual battle. We need to be strong and courageous. As I write, I consider my own faith journey and the purposed effort it takes to continue to pursue those promises. We need, like Joshua, to encourage one another with this exhortation, “Be Strong and Courageous!”

You encourage us through your prayers and support. We are serving through CVM to encourage others to be strong and courageous. For some, it will be to take a step of faith and pray for the first time with a client. For others, it is to share the hope of the gospel message with someone. And for yet others, it is to take a step of faith to serve in missions. We each are called to these steps of obedience and faith. We are also each called to charge one another, “Be Strong and Courageous.”
For others, the charge to be “Strong and Courageous” comes in times of emotional and physical challenge. We stand with many faithfully praying through such times, seeing to encourage each one to find hope in their faith, in His word, and in the love and encouragement of the body.

Join us on this journey. Consider who God has put in your path each day to encourage and to challenge to be strong and courageous. Be honest with others when your strength weakens or when you need your hope renewed. Ask others to be strong and courageous with you.

We appreciate your partnership,
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From the CVM Home Office: 2019 Prayer Cards have been mailed! This year we changed our approach to a postcard-style piece. Due to post office processing, you may have received a blemished item that we feel does not represent our best efforts. If you would like to view an unblemished version of the prayer card, you can view it here https://cvm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Flowers-2019-PC.pdf

If you prefer to receive an unblemished prayer card, we would love to send another to you! Please make that note on the detachable portion of the return slip, place it in the enclosed envelope and place it in the mail. Thank you for your continued support for the work and ministry of Kit and Jan.

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