Serving Canada & Beyond
CVM Canada Director’s Office

With a grateful heart, I welcome you to my journey with CVM. Since this is my first prayer letter, I will share with you some parts of my story and how I came to be involved with CVM Canada. I have been a veterinarian for more than 30 years and have loved all aspects of practice. While not having as varied or illustrious career as some, I have enjoyed small animal practice and have participated as a full time and part time associate, practice owner, and locum veterinarian. My husband (Stephen Cheung) teaches Exercise Science at Brock University in St. Catharines and we homeschooled our two boys, Zach, and Jake, who are now almost 17 and 19.

About 12 years ago, I was encouraged to get involved with missions in our local church and participated in or led teams to Argentina, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Cuba, Turkey, and Tanzania, but I always had the desire to be using my veterinary skills to serve God. I had been a member of a Christian Veterinary Fellowship group when I attended Ontario Veterinary College (1984-1988). After graduation, I wasn’t involved with CVM except through contact at professional conferences. I was always so encouraged by the stories of long term workers at those conferences; I just didn’t feel like I had the skills to go and serve. But I believe that God put that desire in my heart.

Seven years ago, our family was on sabbatical and living in Europe for a year. During that time, I had a growing sense that my next step was to join the CVM short term pool. That step led to the first of five short term trips to Northern India where we were working with nomadic shepherds traveling with herds of sheep, goats, and horses, or villagers who might have a cow and a few sheep. And yes, I did learn that my small animal skills are transferrable, and I learned a lot from my large animal teammates. Short term service has also taken me to Honduras with CVM through Honduras Outreach International where we were doing small and large animal care in the villages surrounding Rancho Paraiso.

Fast forward seven years and our family started another sabbatical, and I finished my time as a homeschool mom, paused my casual part-time veterinary practice and we moved our family to lovely Kelowna, British Columbia for the past ten months. Having a change of pace and lifestyle, God has opened up a number of steps over this time that I wouldn’t have imagined. I started by volunteering as the Western Canada rep for CVM Canada, then went to rep training in Seattle in November and became the Western Canada rep in December. The end of February, I expanded to be the Eastern Canada rep as well. I was humbled and honored when Dr. Kit Flower asked me to consider becoming the Executive Director of Canada.

I am passionate about CVM, CVM Canada, and student ministry, professional outreach, short
term, and long term mission. I am excited to see how God will grow CVM Canada as an organization and use the members to his glory. I will share more of recent happenings and upcoming events next month.

God bless you.

Praise

• For our family time in Kelowna on sabbatical and that it gave me the opportunity to pursue getting more involved with CVM Canada

Prayer Requests

• That God will grant a clear vision of how He would see CVM Canada move forward and grow
• Stephen has broken and dislocated his foot in a climbing accident. Pray for smooth and complete healing
• Safety for Zach and I as we drive across Canada and back to Ontario in June

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