Greetings friends and family,

I pray that you are doing well throughout the fall. I’ve now finished five school visits and two conferences and heading off this week to Regional Rep training in Seattle. This week is a time full of meetings, but it’s special because all the region reps attend and it’s the only time in the whole year that we are all together. There are Curtiss and Kit from Washington, Lauren from Kentucky and Elizabeth from Tennessee. We meet with the rest of the CVM staff and prepare for the coming year and discuss a lot of logistics that are difficult to discuss online. We will spend time doing devotions together, but also sharing what’s going on in our lives and getting to know each other in a way that is hard to do remotely.

After rep training, November and December have less travel for me, but it’s a time of preparation for upcoming 2020 conferences and especially our Real Life Real Impact Student events. I also have students going on Short term trips in December and May, and hopefully some others will decide to go as well.

I’ve been back to thinking about some of the highlights of Joshua’s life and how those can apply to our lives as well. Joshua was mentored and trained by God through Moses. After Moses died, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. As he led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the Jordan River opened before them just as the Red Sea had parted when Moses held out his staff and the Israelites passed through. Joshua led the Israelites into the two significant battles of Jericho and Ai and then many other battles as they settled the Promised Land.

One of the programs we have developed within Christian Veterinary Mission Canada is a mentorship program where veterinarians are matched with veterinary or veterinary technician students to nurture and encourage them as they go through their schooling and early
careers. Today’s students face many challenges, and we want to help to equip and prepare them as God used Moses to help to equip and prepare Joshua for his task of leading the Israelite people. In each season of Joshua’s life, he had to trust that God was leading him and step out in faith. What if he didn’t take that step of climbing Mt. Sinai when Moses went to meet with God, of crossing the Jordan when God instructed, or giving the order for the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant and to march around Jericho?

Often it’s hard to take that first step in a project. We can struggle with trying to determine if this is something we are called to or want for ourselves. Sometimes we know that it’s something that God wants from us, but we are unwilling to step out in faith. I’m so glad that I said yes to God for so many things – for taking that small step of applying to the short term mission pool, for going on my first short term trip to India, for serving on the CVM Canada board for a season, for becoming involved with CVM Canada leadership.

What are the areas in your life where you feel God may be leading you to serve a bigger purpose for him? If you are a veterinarian, would you consider mentoring a student? If you are a veterinary professional, do you sense his calling to short or longer-term ministry? Is there something in your local church or personal life that He is calling you to? Why don’t you pray about being open to taking that “next step”? You never know where it might lead you!

**Praise notes**

- Praise for the veterinarians who have stepped up to mentor students at the veterinary colleges.
- Thanks for healing for several of those who have suffered injuries.
- I’m thankful for our long term CVM workers who have made the commitment to go and serve in various countries.

**Prayer Requests**

- Please pray for the students and student groups who are meeting, that they will be a light to those in their school.
- Pray for more veterinarians, technicians, and students to get involved with CVM Canada.
- Pray for the logistics of the student weekends to come together smoothly.

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