Dear friends,

We have just wrapped up the Real Life Real Impact (RLRI) retreat season for 2019. RLRI events are the weekend retreats we do regionally across the US and Canada. Other members of CVM have modeled these events in Romania, Ghana, Nigeria, and Bolivia. These retreats started as student events, but now have expanded in some venues to include a half-day professional retreat. We had over 700 men and women attend in the events we sponsored in the Northwest (Miracle Ranch Camp), Western School of Veterinary Medicine (Pomona, CA), Texas A&M, Ohio State University, Auburn University, Camp Deer Park (NY), University of Minnesota, Colorado State University, Pioneer Camp (Alberta), St George University (Caribbean) and Ross University (Caribbean). We are grateful to our corporate sponsor Nutramax for their help in making these events happen.

Each year in the spring we do our annual lives of worship survey. One of the outcomes of the survey is the input we receive in areas where CVM members are finding challenges and difficulty. These results help us to find speakers who can prayerfully consider His word and their life experience and share with those who attend. These are rich times of fellowship, worship, and learning. I wanted to share a testimony from one of the events. Dr. Jay Griffin is a faculty representative for CVM at Texas A&M. He wrote the following after our event at Texas A&M.

“I shared my testimony. I was drowning in vet school. I had tried to find value, purpose, and happiness without God. Despite outward appearances, I was a wreck. The harder I tried, the worse it got. I called out to Jesus from deep water and He saved me. I told those listening to reach out to me if anyone had questions about Jesus.

The next day I sat at a table with a dear friend. He shared amazing stories of a short-term mission trip in which a large number of people had come to Christ. I celebrated with him. When it was my turn, I shared my experience. I had served at the university for many years. I had
invested in the lives of many students, helping them to grow in their Christian faith. Yet I had not had the opportunity to lead any students to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. My friend prayed that a student would come forward.

Two days later, I opened an email. It had been sent by a student about 30 minutes BEFORE my friend prayed. This student had been drowning and wanted to speak about Jesus. My wife and I host a student Bible study at our house. We invited her to come and stay afterward. We sat around the kitchen table for some time answering her questions. The conversation ended with her responding to the Holy Spirit and asking Jesus to be her Lord and Savior. “By the way”, she said, “my friend has similar questions and wants to speak with you.” I met her friend three days later, answered his questions, and prayed with him as he asked Jesus to be his Savior.

I was reminded that we serve a God who delights in overflowing our cup. He goes before us and He is with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. Because of Him, we can be strong and courageous. He desires that all men come to a saving knowledge of the Truth (1 Tim 2:4). To the prayer warriors who faithfully lifted up this year’s Real Life Real Impact: your prayers were answered! Thank you! God is doing amazing things in our midst. My sincere hope is that you will be encouraged and reinvigorated by these examples of answered prayer and changed lives through the ministry of Christian Veterinary Mission.” Dr. Jay Griffin February 2020

We appreciate you and your heart for us and His work through CVM. I pray that the glimpses of these outcomes encourage you in your journey of faith. We know the good news of Jesus Christ and are called to share that good news with others. Thank you for your prayers and support that allows us to do that through CVM.

In His Name,

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