Dear friends,

As we finish out the fiscal year this June and begin a new fiscal year this July, CVM also finishes our year-long focus on Joshua 1:9—“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

This verse is particularly appropriate as we have been packing up our home and office to relocate to Pennsylvania so that Ron and I can live near our two grandchildren, Caleb and Kaylee. We will continue to serve with CVM from our new location. For the move, we will be driving across the USA in a reversal of how my family emigrated West over 100 years ago. My great-grandfather, Jackson Agee, came west with his family to Oregon on a wagon train.

It was a hard trip for them. Livestock was lost, possessions discarded, and, sadly, children, like Jackson’s sister, died en route. They had to be strong. They had to be courageous. And I am grateful that the source of their strength was God. They had a strong faith which they passed to their children and their grandchildren.

As Ron and I travel east, we will begin in Oregon, visiting a few of the sites where my family settled. On our first night east of Portland, we plan to camp in a covered wagon. After that, we hope to visit some national parks on our way, although with the COVID-19 restrictions in place, much of our trip is still tentative as I write this, and most visits to relatives and friends have had to be canceled.
As I write this in June, the majority of our overseas fieldworkers are continuing to serve despite lockdowns and restrictions, reaching out to their neighbors in every way that they can. Some share food, others make masks, and provide health education while still others are actively encouraging their brothers and sisters in Christ despite difficulties in accessing food or travel. For those workers who have had to return to the USA during this time, they too are creatively finding new ways to serve their neighbors remotely, such as with zoom training classes and other technology. Please remember them in prayer as they serve with strength and courage from God.

In partnership with you,

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