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Dear Friends,

The “new normal” has allowed Jan and I to have many special hours in our yard and gardens. We live in a valley with many tall trees. We have worked over the years to carve out some gardens and flower beds amongst all these huge fir and cedar trees. We are happy with the results. We wish you could come over, have a cup of coffee, and enjoy the beauty. As we enjoy the beauty of this creation, we can remember back to the hard work involved. Much of that work resulted from creating gardens within the reality of the roots from all those tall trees. Each new project involved digging up and supplementing the soil. We were constantly amazed at the incredible network of roots. These huge trees are said to have as much root infrastructure below the ground as there is above the ground. We can give testimony that this is true!

As we consider the new CVM fiscal year theme of “Rooted” and the charge to be rooted in Christ and His love, the memories of the root systems of these huge trees have a special meaning. Our verse for the coming 12 months is:

“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth and to know that love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”
(Ephesians 3:17-19)

Consider what it means to be rooted and grounded in love. Our world needs men and women who are purposed to do just that! I think of the massive root structures of the trees

in my yard and I consider how well rooted I am in His love. The complexity of those root systems brings life to the trees that they might serve their created purpose. The amazing and abundant growth of these massive trees is an expression of their deep and productive root systems. Our world is in need of the love of Christ. May you and I be rooted and grounded in His love and know the breadth, length, height, and depth of His love.

God speaks a wonderful promise through the prophet Isaiah to Hezekiah in:

“Then this shall be the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD will perform this.”
(2 Kings 19:29-30)

Our calling is to take root downward and to bear fruit upward. God is bringing transformation in our lives as we purpose to be rooted and grounded in His love and the disciplines of our faith. In turn, we bear fruit to our world. His transforming work in us generates fruit that encourages transformation in others.

God is doing that in the lives of those involved in CVM. We have the blessing of hearing the testimonies each day. This morning a young veterinary student wrote to ask for prayer.

“I’d love prayer during this time to remember to be speaking in love and not having a harsh or judgmental tongue. The world is very opinionated and polarized right now and it’s a perfect opportunity for God’s followers to be the city on a hill and be His light and show the world that we are His followers by the love that we have. It’s not always easy, but it’s so worth it! Prayer to continue to live that way when so many around me are not would be amazing!”

God is at work let us join in prayer for one another and be rooted in Him! We thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to join us to serve to His glory!

In His Name,

Kit and Jan Flowers