



Christian Veterinary News



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A Message from the Executive Director	1 It is very clear that the Lord has called us to be part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Romans 12:4-8) and that we all have a special calling (Ephesians 4:1, Ephesians 2:10). This means that we are not lone rangers, but part of the body of Christ, part of the army of the Lord, and part of the team appointed to carry out His tasks.
Annual General Meeting	1 Each veterinarian, each vet tech, each student or any other member of the veterinary profession, is uniquely called by God to glorify Him.
Sierra Leone Project Update	2 The unique human-animal bond in companion animal care or the distinctive relationship a farmer has with his animals, allows animal care professionals to have a special influence, relationship and witness, especially when the animals become ill. Companion animals have a special relationship with their owners in our true-love-starved society. So situations of stress or disease in the animals create amazing opportunities to show God's love. However, many of us in the profession often find ourselves asking, "How do we witness or share God's love?"
CVM Shortcourse	2 This is where we as the body of Christ need to come together, as hands, feet, or mouthpieces to support, encourage, and build each other up. That is one of the functions of CVMCanada— to bring members of our unique profession together, to share our difficulties and successes in ministering to our clients, our employees, or our communities. We need each other to share God's love— to a society that is starving for the true love that can only come from God— by people who are filled with God's love.
Financially Blessed, Financially Challenged	2 Thus we continue to encourage our veterinarians, vet techs, students and others to be part of a Fellowship Group, so that we do not stand alone but are held together in the body of Christ. As such we will not fail, for failure only happens when we stand alone.
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CVMCanada's

Annual General Meeting!

October 19-21, 2007
Guelph, Ontario

AGM Banquet!

Saturday
 October 21, 2007
 All are welcome!
 Details to be announced...

To register, please contact us at
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Schedule of Events

Friday evening, October 19
 Pizza & Pop Presentation for Students

Saturday, October 21
 Board Meeting*
 Evening Banquet

Sunday, October 22
 Worship Service
 Board Meeting
 Lunch

*AGM Board Meetings are open to the public.

Sierra Leone Project Update

Dr. Conrad Van Dijk

Our Poultry Project hopes to set up poultry flocks for 100 farmers this year. Both last year's Avian Flu scare in other West African countries and the soldier revolts in Guinea resulted in difficulty in obtaining chicks, therefore, we are now flying chicks in from Holland for the first time.

A team of six people, including three veterinarians, a management consultant, a Sierra Leonean Geography specialist, and a crop science professor, are putting the final touches on the CIDA application. We are applying for a grant of up to \$500,000 to further the poultry work with a support complex including a larger feedmill, hatchery, processing plant, and supporting the growing of corn and soybeans for the feedmill.

Conrad Van Dijk will again travel to Sierra Leone in September (Aug. 30-Sept. 21) after going to Nigeria for a week to advise on a project there. Mike Tigchelaar, a builder by trade, will join him to assist in building the best model for poultry houses using local materials. He will also advise on a large poultry building for the Wellington Orphanage and on construction needs of the orphanage itself.

On August 11, there was a national election in Sierra Leone. For the last 5 years, since the end of the brutal civil war, there has been absolute peace and freedom from any security problems or violence. However, as the election neared, tensions were rising as three parties desire the power to run the country and all three parties are using former civil war fighters as bodyguards.

All issues mentioned here require our earnest prayers. Pray for peace, for righteous leaders, and for the alleviation of poverty, disease and ignorance and that our work in Sierra Leone may continue to grow.



**"Explore Your Faith...
Discover Your Calling!"**

September 12-15, 2007

CVM Annual Shortcourse in Kansas City, Missouri - Preceding the Central Veterinary Conference

Enjoy two full days of fellowship and learning together with other veterinarians like yourself! We offer a series of seminars for vets in practice in North America, for those considering long-term mission service overseas and for those involved in, or desiring to become involved with short-term cross-cultural service here and abroad.

**For more information or to register online,
go to www.cvmusa.org!**

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Dr. Conrad Van Dijk

The Lord is blessing CVMCanada and its ministries and we are thankful to the Lord that He has raised up people who volunteer their time in the different activities, who support our ministries with their prayers, and who donate the much needed finances to carry out these ministries.

Our income is growing and in 2006, we received the highest ever at \$240,000 for the year. At the end of June 2007, our income was about 25% higher than June 2006—and we thank the Lord for this! The challenge is, however, that we generally receive a quarter of our annual budget during the first six months of the year, which puts stress on our cash flow from May to October, especially our administrative functions, which are funded by the General Fund.

Fifteen percent of our donations come through regular monthly gifts. The rest arrive as our supporters are led to give. We are a faith-based organization, trusting completely in the Lord's provision through His people. We also, through prayer and with the Lord's leading, decide what ministries we should be involved with. We thank the Lord for His wisdom, revelation and guidance, and for the many supporters He continues to provide. Please continue to pray for CVMCanada and our financial needs.

W E L C O M E !

CVMCanada extends a special welcome to our newest staff member, **Ruth Visser**, who has been hired to help Tracy Van Dijk with our bookkeeping! Tracy voluntarily takes care of CVMCanada's finances and now Ruth will help carry some of the load! Ruth has a variety of experience and we look forward to working with her!

Dates to Remember

August 22-August 31

Trip to Nigeria
Conrad Van Dijk &
Charles Goossen

August 31-September 21

Trip to Sierra Leone
Conrad Van Dijk &
Mike Tigchelaar

September 12-15

CVM Annual Shortcourse
Kansas City, Missouri

September 30- October 6

Animal Health Week

October 19-21

Annual General Meeting
Guelph, Ontario

November/December

Trip to Jordan & Israel
Dr. Louis Kwantes