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MANAGING GOD'S TIME

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I recently attended a seminar by Michel Bell on Managing God's Time. I was really struck by how he, as a high level Alcan Inc executive in a secular environment was able to use his walk with Jesus to be a successful executive to the point that in his official retirement announcement on 2002, the company stated, "He has been one of the most significant contributors to the strategic position our group (Bauxite, Alumina, and Specialty Chemicals) enjoys today. Perhaps his greatest legacy will be his **value mindset**, which has inspired his Alcan colleagues..."

Michel Bell abides by some very basic principles. **1.** Accept that time is fixed. Focus on managing well what you do in the available time. **2.** Set the right priorities. God first, family second, work third, and fourth, relationships. **3.** Daily go like a child to Jesus and ask Him how to spend the day to glorify Him. As Bell stated, "You will always be busy and you must know what God wants you to do". **4.** Have a "**Value Mindset**" - look for value in everything, because your boss is Christ. **5.** Do not have a "to do" list but a project list, and start the day with a plan. **6.** Plan and limit technology use, setting specific times and protocols for use of cell phones, voice mail, emails and the internet, or it will control your schedule. **7.** Have a daily stewardship alert. Ask "How am I doing with God's resources" and "Am I doing what God has called me to do"? **8. Be secure in Christ and do not compromise.** You hear God by staying close to Him. Be obedient and fair, and love others. **9.** Never let the process overtake the purpose. Always be available to be a good Samaritan. **10.** As decisions usually affect how you spend your time, learn to say "no" and follow a decision making process, in which you assess the Parameters, the Principles, the Priorities, and the Peace effectiveness process. Include selective neglect (i.e. make decisions on what you are NOT going to do).

There are many other worthwhile things to learn from Michel Bell. I highly recommend attending one of his seminars, "Managing God's Time" or "Managing God's Money", put on by Focus on the Family, or reading his two books by the same names. You will be blessed!

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WE'RE BACK!!!!

First CVMC Group Shuttle to Haiti Successfully Completed!

We have just completed an important part of our journey of faith which started with a small student CVM Fellowship group at the University of Prince Edward Island a few years ago. Last year some of these students asked me to help organize their first CVM short-term mission trip – the Lord does answer prayer in His own time! Haiti was last on our list but first on the Lord's. With the Lord's guidance, we assembled a faithful team of team of 7 including Heather Richardson and Robin Masland (both 4th year vet students (AVC)) , Dr. Andrea Fraser (AVC grad from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia), Dr. Denise Jones (from Sherwood Park, Alberta), Dr. Christine Haney (AVC grad), Lloyd Dalziel (AHT at AVC), and myself (Dr. Chris Riley).

This team left from Miami on January 27 to teach small animal medicine and surgery to the Haitian veterinary agents and to conduct clinics in the Central Plateau region of Northern Haiti. Protected by the Lord's grace throughout this journey, we returned on Feb. 10, and had been truly blessed by the Lord to have such a wonderful team. Our wonderful new friends in Haiti had touched our hearts, stretched our perceptions, challenged us to face each day with prayer and praise to the Lord, and had shown us the real meaning of truly living with hope and faith in Christ.

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ONE DAY IN HAITI

From Dr. Chris Riley's Diary - January 25, 2005



Tuesday was to be our first clinic day, and our first day meeting our new 'clients'. The team, already working as one, quickly loaded the truck for the ride to La Belle Mer, a remote area an hour or so by truck, east of Pignon. This involved us all standing in the back of the truck (much more comfortable than sitting – believe me), and ducking all the branches and thorny twigs that the truck brushed through. Of course, flexibility is an important skill to cultivate here. We had to cross a river to get the La Belle Mer, but our driver Elizert found that it was too dangerous to cross (there is no bridge, so one has to drive literally through the river). A young man happened to be by the river and offered to guide us to another crossing down an even narrower road for a few dollars. A few nicks and cuts, a drive into and along the river and out, and 2½ hours after our initial departure, we arrived in the middle of a 3-way dirt road intersection next to a stone church. These people appeared poorer than those we had encountered before, with sugar cane being the main crop that we saw at this time of year.

We unloaded our supplies on some tables in a shelter that constituted part of the church. Animals were tied everywhere along the roadside and in the fields surrounding the clinic, ready for their check-up and treatment. The local Pastor, his wife, and their children welcomed us in their Sunday best. It was incredibly humbling to be received with such respect by people who have so little but for their faith and human dignity. Then the Pastor, welcomed us in Kreyol, and the people recited by heart Psalm 23, and then sang a beautiful Kreyol hymn. It was very moving and as we listened to their

harmonious voices, we felt suspended in time, standing still in wonder at the presence of the Holy Spirit, and bathed in the grace of the Lord. After a brief prayer they insisted that we rest after our journey and offered us bread and coffee. These people are incredibly generous.

Then we started clinics: cattle under the trees on the right, horses in the church courtyard on the left, pigs and goats where they were tied, and dogs by the church pews. It was a blessing for me to see how the team gravitated to where they could best serve as they examined, vaccinated, dewormed and treated animals. Our HAFF interpreters were as busy as we, and it was difficult to stop and take a brief lunch break in the presence of so many waiting people and animals. As some animals were finished, people brought others in their place in a seemingly endless parade. We worked frantically with a couple of the vet agents to see them all, but were disappointed that a few could not be seen because we had to leave so we could cross the river before dark. We were amazed to discover that we had examined and treated 24 donkeys, 6 mules, 27 horses, 53 cattle, 64 goats, 58 pigs, 3 dogs and 2 cats (237 animals in ~ 6 hours!), bringing to mind the story of the fishes and the loaves feeding the many. Internal and external parasites were frequent concerns, as was malnutrition. Many donkeys and horses had pressure sores from a combination of poor body condition and heavy loading. How do you counsel people about these problems who are so poor they can barely feed themselves, and rely on these animals daily for their own survival?

The trip home was also eventful. As we approached the previously mentioned river, we could see some young women bathing and doing their washing in the river. They smiled and waved as we drove into the river and along it. Elizert was unable to get the truck up the other side! This raised concern among us as repeated attempts appeared likely to cause the truck to topple. Of course the young Haitian women and boys thought this was very funny. A combination of Eli's skillful driving, some human weight over the rear axle, and the rest of us pushing from behind finally got the truck out. Denise and I managed to collect a fair bit of soil in our faces and down our shirts. We cheered, the Haitians laughed at us and we went home. Needless to say we rested well after our showers and supper that night! The Lord was with us every step on that day.



Calling Horse Practitioners!

Camp Arnes, an outreach camp on Lake Winnipeg, is holding three 1-week "Rock'n a Ranch" camps between July 11 & August 13, 2005. They will have 16 -20 young people out for a week at a time, to receive in-depth training on horses and horsemanship.

They are currently looking for people who love the Lord and are willing to talk to others about their faith, **and people who work in the horse industry** - veterinarians, farriers, trainers etc - to speak to the youths on a level they can understand. Some themes could be First Aid, Basic Care, Feeding, Shots, Exercise, Buying a Horse, etc.

All meals are included, and speakers and their families can stay at the hotel like facilities. Please contact Daniela Hildebrandt, Head Wrangler @ (204) 642-4265 or d_hildebrandt@hotmail.com for more information. Feel free to check out their website www.camparnes.com.

SIERRA LEONE - Poultry Project Update

Conrad Van Dijk, Executive Director

We have all seen the horrors of the Tsunami right after Christmas, and our prayers and attention have been in that direction. However, Sierra Leone, officially the poorest country in the world, struggles on with very little media and international attention. It is estimated that 75% of the country live in desperate poverty, existing on an income of less than \$2 per day.

The only solution is giving these people a steady income so that they can give their families a balanced diet, pay for medicines when needed, and pay for schooling for their children so that future generations can earn a decent living. Currently, literacy in Sierra Leone is only 36%.

Our poultry project in SL is still in pilot project phase (i.e. we are still testing and learning the best way of setting up farmers with poultry flocks). It costs only about \$500 to set up a farmer and then he can earn between \$50 and \$100 a month, or roughly \$1000 a year, from the poultry. He can also earn additional money from the crops he raises. Currently, we are working with about 50 farmers, but our goal is that at least 1000 farmers become self-sufficient and earn a decent wage.



We need your prayers for God to guide and direct us, so that the project will continue to fall in place. We also need the finances to maintain and expand this project.

MONGOLIA UPDATE

Rodney & Heather Gale Return To UB After A Brief Visit Home



It was a tremendous gift to be able to go home and have a visit with family and friends and get the house and our belongings in order. It really was a great time of refreshing and our friends blessed us so very much with their love and caring while we were there. We are now back into the swing again – have had a couple of days of work already and it is kind of like we were never away. The plans for the all the Continuing Ed classes in UB and also the extensive travel that Rod and his team will be doing over the next year is coming together. My team is making the changes to the summer school teachers roster, and we are pulling the curriculum together to be ready for training in April and May. It is also a time of vision casting for the expansion of their work with Claim a County projects and also planning for establishing a daycare here in UB for the V.E.T. Net staff and others.

It is -30C for the highs right now – UB is covered in the coal/wood smog and we've lost our hot water for the last two days. The lows have been averaging – 39C. We are so thankful to be in one of the old well built Russian apartments and not living out on the steppe in a ger!

Tsaagan Sar is the White Month celebrations originating when Chingas Khan would hold a feast to celebrate the abundant milk products they had. Essentially it is like our Christmas with visiting, eating and giving of gifts. We had the pleasure of visiting a few of the V.E.T. Net staffs homes and share in the fun.

Thank you for the prayers for the team here in Mongolia – they all have various situations that make life hard and yet they press on. Hoygaa is doing well since the death of his 5 year old son in the ger fire. They have been given a new ger, have a new hasha with electricity and through donations have furniture, clothes and all necessities. It is a testimony to his wife, who was not a believer before, to have the outpouring of love and caring from all the V.E.T. Net family.

Please pray for us as we continue to re-adjust to Mongolia, for quiet times with God and each other despite the busy schedules and for wisdom in our work and directing those under us.

In Christ Jesus,
Heather and Rodney



Cake celebrating Tsaagan Sar



Please take the opportunity to look at our **webpage!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE (2005)	EVENT/LOCATION	NAME /CONTACT
Second Saturday Monthly 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner	CVMC Fellowship Group Burlington, ON	Contact: <u>Corrine Loh</u> (905) 331-0238 corrine_loh@hotmail.com
Third Saturday Bimonthly 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner	CVMC Fellowship Group Toronto, ON	Contact: <u>Sal & Effie Rocha</u> (905) 472-4177 salefrocha1125@rogers.com
Every other Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Breakfast	CVMC Fellowship Group Edmonton, AB	Contact: <u>Ed Neufeld</u> (780) 434-7802 or eneufeld@shawbiz.ca
Every Tuesday 12:00-1:00 p.m.	OVC Staff Bible Study University of Guelph	Contact: <u>Bonnie Mallard</u> bmallard@ovc.uoguelph.ca
Every other Monday 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	U of G Student Fellowship OVC Rm 1702, Bible Study	Contact: <u>Gary Partlow</u> gpartlow@uoguelph.ca
September 23-25, 2005	CVMC Annual Meeting Saskatoon, SK	Contact: <u>Conrad Van Dijk</u> cvandij@attglobal.net

Veterinary Position Available

Full time position available immediately in mixed practice in Northern Alberta. The practice is at least 50% small animal, with large animal portion primarily cow/calf and some equine. Growth occurring in small animal portion of practice. This is a beautiful area of the country and is ideally suited for someone with a good personality, strong work ethic and desire to become an essential member of a growing community. The successful applicant would be working with an experienced veterinarian and two licensed animal health technologists.

Contact: **Dr. Wendy Quist**, Box 670, Fort Vermillion, AB T0H 1N0;
Tel: (780) 927-4500; Fax (780) 927-4503.

Attention Quebecers and French Speaking Veterinarians!

Early in February 2005, Cameroon started its CVM affiliate. In the past, **Cameroon and Benin have Requested veterinarians to come on short term Mission Trips.**
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
Please contact us @ CVMC!

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