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# The Missions Journal

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**Welcome** to CVMCanada's Short Term Missions Newsletter! Here you will find current short term mission openings with CVMCanada and CVM US, information about short term mission resources and training opportunities, an update on our current missionaries on the field, and much more.

If you have participated in a shuttle in the past, we would love to share a short story or anecdote from your trip that may interest and encourage others who are thinking of going overseas. Please send your ideas, pictures, and stories to [shortterm@cvmcanada.org](mailto:shortterm@cvmcanada.org).



## Mission Opportunities

There are many short term mission opportunities available through CVMCanada and CVM US this fall and winter. If you have been thinking about how you can use your veterinary skills to minister to others in need, there is no better time than now! Have a look at the opportunities on every page of this issue, and let us know if any of them interest you!

\* **INDIA:** There are a number of opportunities through the fall, and then again in Feb. 2011. Most trips involve **mixed animal** medicine and surgery, with emphasis on water buffalo, as well as animal health training. You will be working with

nomadic farmers. Serve two weeks. **Open to vets, students and vet techs.**

\* **HONDURAS:** Two 1-week trips available (Dec 11-18, January 2-8) and

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## Preparing to Go

**Dr. Ed Neufeld** and **Mrs. Anne Neufeld** are preparing to travel to Mongolia to work with V.E.T. Net. Ed spent 10 days in Mongolia last year and is returning this year with his wife for a two week term. Ed will be working in the small animal clinic, training and mentoring the Mongolian veterinarians. This year he will also be teaching a course module at the Veterinary College in Ulaanbaatar. Their trip dates are Oct 15 – Nov 4.

**Haiti Team:** On October 19 to November 2 a team of four clinician veterinary technicians and three students from PEI, led by Mr. Lloyd Dalziel, will be going to Haiti and will be treating animals and training in disease prevention together with a local mission and agricultural organization.

## In From the Field

**John Keunen**, a retired dairy farmer, has just returned from Rwanda with Dr. Rachael Spence to work with the Udder Project. John also went one year ago and could see visible progress. The project is to help local farmers, using a local breed of cattle to improve milk production through better animal husbandry and feeding program as well as pasture management and genetics.

**Dr. Elizabeth Barlett** has just returned from Honduras (July 31-August 14) with a CVM US mission team, working with HOI (Honduras Outreach Inc.). A team of three veterinarians went (Elizabeth - small animals as well as a mixed practice veterinarian and an equine practitioner) as well as a spouse, a technician and four veterinary students. It was a pleasant trip, there were lots of animals to treat and lots of interaction with the local people and children. It was truly a mission trip, showing Christ's love through veterinary medicine.

**Conrad Van Dijk** was in Sierra Leone from July 29 to August 14 as part of the ongoing effort to expand the Poultry Project. Sierra Leone, a country rich in resources, is virtually the poorest in the world. The emphasis on this trip was very much on further planning and prayer targeted against spiritual forces that are keeping the people so poor (2 Chron 7:14, Deut 28, 30:19-20). Besides daily morning prayers, a special day of prayer was held on August 11. A release was felt but further prayer is necessary for the local team (SCHDO) to truly be an agent of change in Sierra Leone and the Poultry Project to be a blessing to many.

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the possibility of further trips next spring/summer. You will be working with HOI (Honduras Outreach Inc) and involved in Christ-centered outreach to villages through veterinary work, children's ministry, and partnering with HOI to build relationships. The veterinary work includes **mixed animal** medicine and surgery. **Vet students** are especially welcome on these trips— if you are in your fourth year of study you may want to consider one of these trips as an elective (if your school permits it).

\* **ETHIOPIA:** Mekelle University faces an acute shortage of trained staff and needs **veterinarians to teach any** of the vet courses. They are very flexible, so this could be done in a two week or longer block. They follow a very western curriculum with many similarities to what

students are taught here. The University will make the necessary arrangements to schedule as many lectures as you can handle in two weeks time, even if it is just a portion of a course. Graduate training is not needed to teach these courses. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with students and minister to them. Dates: September through January (2 weeks or longer).

\* **UGANDA:** Symposium and Community Outreach in Kampala. Teach/share/demonstrate topics as you are able in order to provide CE for veterinarians at the Symposium, and also (even simpler version) for vet students at vet school. Meet, get to know, and encourage Ugandan veterinarian believers, and participate in community outreach and evangelism (often

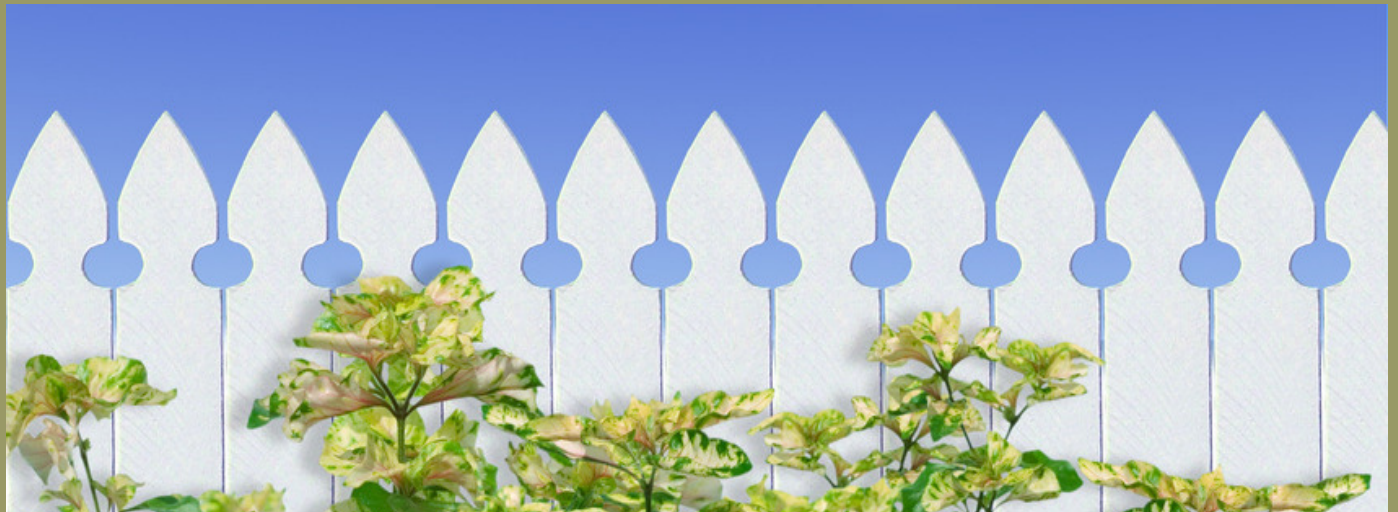
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## Who Are Our Neighbours?

When veterinarians go overseas on a mission trip, they often help people who are beaten up by poverty, sickness, cultural restriction, demonic forces and environmental challenges among other things. In Luke 10:25-37, an expert of the law challenged Jesus with questions like, "Who is my neighbour?"

This passage about the Good Samaritan is loaded with everyday practical truths. First, Jesus points out that we must love God above all, with everything we have, and then, to love our neighbour. Loving our neighbours could mean traveling great distances to Africa, Asia, or South America to help animal-dependant farmers survive, but it could also mean helping someone in our own community who is beaten up by life's challenges.

CVMCanada loves to help veterinarians serve their worldly neighbours through mission trips but we also want to hear about opportunities in your local area, where the uniqueness of our veterinary profession can open doors for ministry. Like a sign above a church's exit door which says "You are now entering your mission field," CVMCanada wants to encourage ministry wherever we walk.



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combined with some veterinary fun as well). Uganda is a beautiful, fascinating country. Participants often coordinate together to arrange safaris, rafting or other trips before or after scheduled trip. Murchison Falls or Queen Elizabeth National Park are often favourites. **Open to vets and students.** Dates: September 7-17, 2010.

\* **SUDAN:** Nasir. **Large animal** (mostly cattle) treatment and training, and sharing the gospel through chronological Bible storying (an oral form of the Word). Dates: Oct 30-Nov 14.

\* **ZAMBIA:** Mwandi, via Livingstone. Visiting local Kraal's and examining the **general herd health** and treat 1000+ cattle, sheep and goats for various conditions

including lumpy skin, pneumonia, chronic parasitic conditions, wounds tumours, mastitis. Provide seminars for farmers on basic nutrition and calving. Assist with rabies vaccination and education and small animal spay and neuter. Participants will integrate personal testimony and short Bible stories that will be given during seminars and while doing work in communities. Optional Tourist trip: Victoria Falls, boat cruise, game drive [www.maramba-zambia.com](http://www.maramba-zambia.com). Dates: Sept–Nov (final dates not set). Partner: Mwandi United Church of Zambia Agriculture Project.

\* **MONGOLIA:** There are many opportunities throughout the year, for **vets and non-vets** alike. Veterinary work includes working in either the **small or large**

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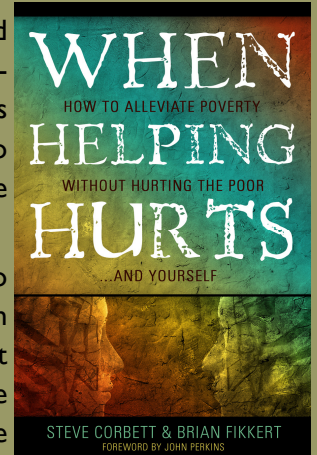
# Short Term Missions Resources

The Chalmers Center for Economic Development now offers free webinars based on the book **When Helping Hurts** (ISBN 978-0-8024-5705-9). From the Chalmers website: "Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty, resulting in strategies that do considerable harm to poor people as well as to themselves. *When Helping Hurts* is a book by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development that directly addresses these assumptions."

The webinars are a series of **one hour web based training sessions** on how to effectively minister to the poor. The webinars are intended for anyone who works with the poor or supports ministries that do so. Pastors, mission committees, long and short term missionaries and their families, and donors will all benefit. Previous webinars are available for download. Also available for download is a **free study guide** which can be used personally or used to help lead a small group study, teach a Sunday school class or to help prepare a ministry team for service.

In addition, a series **focused specifically on Haiti** is available, which focuses on relief and development as they pertain to the Haiti earthquake.

For more information, see <http://chalmers.org/when-helping-hurts/webinar/schedule.php>.



## About the Author



*Dr. Angie Bosman first became involved with Christian Veterinary Missions of Canada when she was a student at the Ontario Veterinary College. Angie had the privilege of being the first student representative on the Board of Directors, and held that post until she graduated in 1996.*

*Recently she has had the opportunity to volunteer some of her time at the CVMCanada office by filling the role of Missions Director. Angie's veterinary experience is in small animal medicine, and she is currently working as an emergency veterinarian.*

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**animal** clinic, training Mongolian veterinarians, working in the countryside training veterinarians and farmers, and helping with the continuing education program (preparing powerpoint slides and notes). Non-veterinary work includes English teaching, school teaching, day care, accounting and finance, IT, human medicine, sports training, carpenters, computer teachers, and business people. If you have a skill, it is likely they can use you! Minimum term recommended is two weeks.

- \* **HAITI:** Work with CVM fieldworkers Dr. Kelly Crowdis and Dr. Keith Flanagan to provide **rural veterinary clinics** and **animal health training**, and to build relationships for local missionaries to follow up with. Dates: Dec 15-22, 2010. **Open to veterinarians and students.**

Contact Missions Director Dr. Angie Bosman at [shortterm@cvmcanada.org](mailto:shortterm@cvmcanada.org) for more information on these and other exciting opportunities!



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