

CVM E-Learning Courses

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For people interested in short-term mission service

Blessing Your Missions Host

In this brief presentation, Dr. Lauren Charles discusses ways to bless your short-term or long-term missions host.

Call to Veterinary Missions

Understanding God's call for our lives is important, but we often feel confused or overwhelmed when we think about it. This course addresses discernment of God's call to missions service from the perspective of veterinary professionals.

CVM Doctrinal Statement

Understand what CVM believes and why its doctrinal statement is important.

Missions Debriefing: 6 Tips for Short-Termers

Although short-term missions is great, a mission experience can sometimes be frustrating. Objectives may go unmet and discouragement can steal the joy of serving. Instead of continuing to press forward in the same manner, the process of debriefing can lead to adjustments and a new-found joy in ministry. This course will show how important debriefing is and will make suggestions on how to debrief in a helpful way. Through honest daily evaluations and adjustments, and sharing your findings with others, your ministry will have an impact that reaches far beyond what you can accomplish as an individual.

Participatory Training: 12 Principles

When we set out to train others, we too often take the role of an expert with all the knowledge and we treat those we come alongside as though they have very little knowledge. We tend to adopt university-style lecture methods and an attitude of parental superiority. This course will challenge you to close the distance between the teacher and the student. By understanding and implementing 12 basic principles of participatory training, you can facilitate training sessions that are dialogue-based and encourage learner discovery. Course content by Dr. Karen Stoufer.

Sharing About Your Short-Term Trip

The way you share about your mission trip can be inspirational and challenging, or it can be detrimental to your cause. What is the difference? How can you inspire instead of discourage? This course will give you some suggestions on how to share your experience in a way that respects the people you serve and excites others to experience God's work on a mission trip as well.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 1 Introduction

CVM aims to support short-term missions with a long-term impact, and this objective undergirds the work of short-term trip leaders. This course establishes the foundation for our trip leader training by connecting CVM's short-term missions objective to our expectations of trip leaders.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 2 Caring for your team

This course provides practical information to short-term trip leaders so that you will be able to care for your teams.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 3 Framing the experience for your team

The trip leader is key to a positive short-term mission experience. In this course, we discuss the need for a leader to put the mission trip in context for participants. Framing the experience helps the mission team to focus on what is important and not become sidetracked by secondary things. This course will show how communicating purpose, setting priorities, and leading by example will help you mentor your team toward short-term missions with long-term impacts.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 4 Communication

A good trip leader is key to a positive short-term mission experience, and this course addresses the need for a trip leader to be a clear and reliable communicator. Effective communication with your mission host, your team, and CVM staff will help you lead a short-term mission that has a long-term impact.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 5 Difficult circumstances on the field

This course discusses the need for a team leader to address difficult circumstances that arise during a mission trip. This will help the mission team stay safe and continue to be a good witness to those they came to serve. This course will show how to understand potential difficulties, plan for their occurrences, and communicate the plan to your team. This kind of guidance will have a lasting impact on the mission participants as well as those that they serve.

Short-Term Trip Leadership: 6 Balancing preparation with flexibility

In this course, we discuss the need for a team leader to be well-prepared and also flexible. Proper preparation will put a mission team at ease, and team leader decisions will be easier to make while on the field. Unfortunately, not everything goes as planned on a mission trip, and a trip plan can become detrimental if the leader is inflexible. This course will review the importance of good preparation and the steps necessary to create a trip plan. It will also show the importance of following that plan with humility and flexibility. By coupling preparation with flexibility, a team leader puts their team in the best position to make a lasting impact.

Short-Term Trips to Asia

This course gives a brief overview of CVM's mission and values, short-term trip sites, and opportunities for long-term service in Asia.

Short-Term Trips to Latin America

This course gives a brief overview of CVM's mission and values as well as short-term trip opportunities in Latin America.

Short-Term Trips to North America

This course gives a brief overview of CVM's mission and values, short-term trip sites, and opportunities for long-term service in North America.

Traversing Cultures: Cultural Values and Intercultural Tensions

This course, developed by Dr. Karen Stoufer, teaches why cross-cultural awareness is important for missions. It describes six sets of cultural values and provides illustrations, applications, and knowledge checks for each.

Traversing Cultures: Hot- and Cold-Climate Cultures

Hot-climate cultures tend to be more relationship-based while cold-climate cultures are more task-oriented. This course, developed by Dr. Karen Stoufer, helps learners understand the differences between these two cultural types in order to be sensitive in cross-cultural situations.

Traversing Cultures: Sharing the Gospel Cross-Culturally

In this brief presentation, Dr. Karen Stoufer discusses the three major spiritual worldviews and how they should impact our sharing of the gospel.

Other courses in our online catalog

Abiding In Christ

Conference Volunteer Training

CVF Leader Training 2018-2019

CVM Ministry Models

Discerning Your Call and Ministry

Hosting a Short-Term Mission Team

Joy Devotional Series - Interactive Devotionals

Managing Personal Debt as a Vet Professional

Marital Peace 1: 4 Rules for Communication

Marital Peace 2: Understanding Expectations

Marital Peace 3: Accepting Your Differences

Minimizing Debt as a Vet Student

Rabbit Keeping and Stewardship of Animals

Raising Support for Long-Term Missions

Roadblocks to Long-Term Missions Service

Season of Waiting

Sharing Your Faith in Your Christian Vet Practice

Sharing Your Faith in Your Secular Vet Practice

Singleness and Marriage in Long-Term Missions

Why Member Care is Important