



## RLRI Southwest 2024 Program Summary – UC Davis

### Friday Evening February 9

CVM Hosts **Curtiss Gibbs**

Registration 5:00-6:30pm

Dinner 6:30pm

Evening Challenge 7:45pm

**Bliss Steele - "This Little Light of Mine"**

Are you letting it shine? We are commanded to let our light shine, so we will take look at John 1:5 and Matthew 5:16 on just how significant the light of Christ is in our lives and how we are to let it shine in the world around us.

Worship/Prayer

### Saturday February 10

Breakfast 8:30am

Session One 9:30am

**"Am I Called to Long Term Missions?" – Dr. C.**

Do you need a special call to go into foreign missions? What is the remaining task, and can this be accomplished in our lifetime? Based loosely on the book *The Insanity of Obedience*, we'll ask some hard questions, and look at some statistics regarding finishing the task. Most of the unreached are unreached for a reason! The unreached and unengaged are in hard places - difficult to get to, and often requiring creative access. Did you know that veterinarians are uniquely qualified to get to those places? Let's be strategic in our efforts so that all may hear!

Session Two 10:30am

**"Short Term Mission Trips – Maximizing Effectiveness" – M.**

M. will lead a discussion of development principles based loosely off of the books *When Helping Hurts* and *Toxic Charity*, and how to do short term missions without causing harm. When you become a veterinarian, you take an oath to "do no harm." You should apply this same oath when you set out on a short-term mission trip!

Session Three 11:30pm

**“How to Share the Gospel and Your Testimony” - Dr. Mary McDonald**

Mary will walk through ways to share both the Gospel as well as one’s own testimony. This session will focus on practical ways to begin to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others around you, including your own story and testimony of faith.

Lunch 12:30pm

Session Four 2:00pm

**“Witnessing in the Workplace with a Christ-like Character” – Dr. Ehren McClarty**

Working from the life of Daniel, as well as other verses in the Bible, Dr. McClarty will share about witnessing in the workplace through a Christ-like character. This session will also incorporate encouragement, particularly to students, to maintain faith in and commitment to Christ as they pursue their careers in a secular culture and this often means moving away from the direct influence of the Christians homes and churches they may have experienced while growing up.

Session Five 3:00pm

**“Mobile Veterinary Medicine: Is it for Me?” – Dr. Tami Waterman**

The face of veterinary medicine is quickly changing. More women are becoming veterinarians than ever before and struggling to maintain their careers and raise a family. Small Animal Mobile Veterinary medicine is growing and could be a fit for you to not only practice what you love, but minister to your community and give you the flexibility that many of us moms desire. This is Tami’s story of how God opened a door for her to start our own practice in mobile veterinary medicine. Could God call you to do the same?

Session Six (2) 4:00pm

**“Hope: Lessons Learned from my Scottish Highland Cow” – Dr. Mary McDonald**

Dr. McDonald will share about lessons she learned about hope – from her Scottish Highland Cow on her farm in Virginia. God can teach us lessons in faith, hope, and love through Creation in many ways – and certainly through animals.

**“The Power of Significance” – Bliss Steele**

Are you significant, do you have self-worth and value? Our value is not dependent on our ability to earn the fickle acceptance of people, but rather, its true source is the love and acceptance of our creator, God. When we’ve tasted significance, there’s no going back. And as leaders, as people who influence others, it’s never been more important to live and inspire a life of significance.

Panel 5:00pm

We will have an open time to pose questions to our speakers, hear additional stories of serving in the workplace and/or in the mission field, and allow others in the room to share a response if they feel inclined.

Dinner 6:30pm

Evening Message 7:45pm

**“Light Shines in the Darkness” – Curtiss Gibbs**

Curtiss will share both a challenge and an encouragement from the opening chapter of John. Let us examine ourselves and our walk with Christ, as well as share Christ with others. We will shine a light on ourselves in a reflective way, so that we can also shine a light for others.

Worship and Prayer

Sunday

February 11

Worship at area churches, with Life Pointe Church being suggested, yet others are available.

