

I Heard About *This Club...*

Being away from home at a secular university leads many to walk away from their faith. To reverse this trend, CVM has Christian Veterinary Fellowship groups on veterinary school campuses across the nation. The Bible studies and community formed in these groups is life-changing for students. Your support of CVM allows these groups to help students like Nicole walk toward Christ, forever changing their lives. Here's her story:

Nicole Freeman had strayed from her faith in undergrad, "I kinda had some bumps in my journey."

When she began vet school at Virginia Maryland in 2023, her three closest friends were similarly distant from God, but one of them, Madison, said, **"I heard about this club, and we should all go."** So, they started attending Christian Veterinary Fellowship meetings every Thursday and also found a local church together near campus.

As they became more involved with CVF they learned of the opportunities to serve in short-term missions. Nicole was nervous about the ministry part of a mission trip as she didn't feel confident in sharing her faith, but with the encouragement of Madison they went together and served in Honduras. **Being surrounded by a group of believers was a beautiful experience for Nicole.**

Later, Nicole sought out local CVM Associate, Dr. Mary McDonald, and Southeast Region Representative, Dr. Nancy Moore, for mentorship to strengthen her faith. Over dinner they connected deeply.



CVM Associate Dr. Mary McDonald (left) and CVM Region Rep Dr. Nancy Moore (right) encourage Nicole



Serving in Honduras on a CVM Short-Term Mission Trip



West Region Rep Curtiss Gibbs baptized Nicole at RLRI!

In the Lord's providence their newfound friendship continued on to a CVM Real Life Real Impact (RLRI), but not the one on the East coast where they all lived. Nicole flew across the country to the RLRI hosted by Oregon State to be with some of her teammates from her Honduras mission trip and was surprised to find Mary and Nancy both there as well!

Seeing her teammates a year after their mission trip together was powerful. In that year, she had committed to church and reading the Bible. It was so uplifting to be with them again after growing so much in her faith. **That RLRI reunion felt like a perfect place to be baptized, surrounded by CVM friends who had journeyed with her toward Christ.**

When Nicole returned from RLRI she started serving in her church as a greeter and got involved in a small group. She's looking forward to serving on another short-term trip with CVM, **and this time she won't be so nervous about sharing her faith.**

Together with you, CVM equips students like Nicole to move from stagnant faith to being committed to Christ. What began with an invitation to a CVF group has transformed Nicole into a bold follower of Jesus, serving the vet community, her church, and preparing for her next CVM mission trip.

This fall, hundreds of students like Nicole will walk onto campus searching for something real. You can make sure they find it. Your gift of \$50 provides resources for one student to attend a RLRI weekend. \$100 equips two students to join this Christ-centered event.

Please, give today. Students are deciding right now whether to walk toward Christ or drift away.

Will you give \$50 today to help the next Nicole find Christ-centered community?

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