

Christian Dental Society News-Brief April 2024



The Christian Dental Society and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, along with numerous other Christian dental organizations are organizing a Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC), which will be a premier event for those interested in Christian dental mission service of any kind. We believe that you will be blessed by attending this inspiring and encouraging conference. Consider joining others who seek to transform the world for Christ through dentistry. CE credit will be available and the costs will be minimal.

This first conference will feature **over thirty presenters**, speaking on a wide range of topics: short-term mission trips, long-term missionary ministry, teaching trips, private practice ministry, community clinic involvement, portable dental equipment, funding missionary activity, student teaching trips, training indigenous people, sharing the Gospel, and more. There will be worship and prayer times, food provided with your registration, and some exhibit booths. The Texas State Fair, Rodeo, and museums are options for participants wanting to extend their stay. There will be something for everyone at this meeting, including sweet fellowship with others of like-minds from across the country and around the world. All dental personnel, students, and families are invited to join us for this unique meeting of Christian dental professionals!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8



Please register by going to <http://cmda.org/gcdc>.

The Great Commission Dental Conference will be held on October 4-5, 2024 in Dallas Texas at the beautiful Irving First Methodist Church that is only 15 minutes from the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

The recommended Wyndham DFW Airport Hotel offers a free airport shuttle, free breakfast, swimming pools, and is rated at 9.4. It is only \$110 a night for a room with a king bed and is on the way to the conference site.

The Christian Dental Society (CDS) will hold its annual, in-person Board Meeting at the Wyndham DFW Airport Hotel on Thursday evening, October 3rd at 5:30 p.m., with dinner included. If interested in learning about the CDS, you are invited to attend. If planning on joining the CDS meeting, please let Dr. Bob Meyer know at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

For a preview of conference speaker offerings, check out the recent [Dental Sound Bytes podcast](https://cmda.org/podcast/lessons-learned-from-the-adas-2024-humanitarian-of-the-year-award-winner/?zs=uGNeW&zl=a4444) at: [https://cmda.org/podcast/lessons-learned-from-the-adas-2024-humanitarian-of-the-year-award-winner/? zs=uGNeW& zl=a4444](https://cmda.org/podcast/lessons-learned-from-the-adas-2024-humanitarian-of-the-year-award-winner/?zs=uGNeW&zl=a4444) featuring Dr. Bill Sasser, the 2024 ADA Humanitarian Award winner and a CDS Advisory Council member.

Please share this information with anyone you know that might be interested in the GCDC. If there are any questions about the GCDC, feel free to e-mail or call Dr. Bob Meyer at 719-351-2152.



Dr. Frank Cho Praying in Cambodia

Dr. Frank and Tina Cho's dedication to Christian missions and the furthering of God's Kingdom through dentistry, Christian education, and Church planting has positively impacted multitudes of dental professionals, students, and patients for many years. Dr. Frank has been a member of the CDS since 1978, while in dental school, and has served on the CDS Advisory Council since 1997. In 1993, in response to a plea from the CDS for volunteers to teach at the only Cambodian dental school, Dr. Frank and Tina had a call and a vision to become full-time, Christian dental missionaries to Cambodia.



Dr. Frank Cho, third from the left, with his wife, Tina, just to his left with glasses.

From Jan 21-27, 2024, Dr. Frank and Tina Cho made their last trip to Cambodia. They provide an incredible example of using God-given gifts to reach out to others, leaving family, friends, and the safety of America to help underserved people and to spread the Gospel.

Dr. Frank reports on his final trip to Cambodia:

“Since we left Cambodia in 2018 after 14 years of mission work, we could not visit Cambodia due to Covid 19.

The place we went is the Siempang village of Stungtreng province located on the Laos border, north of Cambodia. It took the team 12 hours to drive from Phnom Penh. The village is beautifully mountainous, with clean water flowing quickly toward the mighty Mekong River, and is much cooler than other areas of Cambodia. The roads are only passable from January to April because of the muddy road conditions.

The team was led by Dr. Mak Makara whom I evangelized and trained. He leads the American Dental Clinic that I set-up for missions when we left. For this mission trip, we were able to get a government permit in Dec. 2023 and got the final permit from Stungtreng province on Jan. 19, 2024 just before we left. Initially, five U.S. dentists desired to attend, but only Tina and I were able to go. Usually, the British Youth With A Mission (YWAM) would get the permit and there was not a problem. The long-term,

medial missionary who usually accompanies us from Siempang village, a three-hour drive from the provincial capital Stungtreng, said that the new government, run by the son of Prime Minister Hunsen, has instituted strong restrictions on evangelical activities.



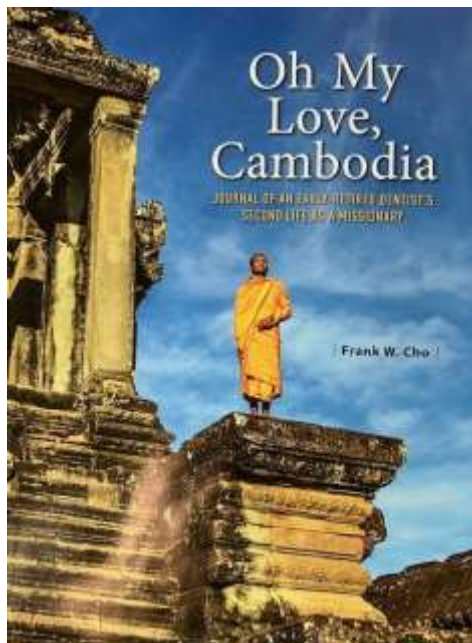
Four Evangelists Shared the Gospel After Treatments.

The team included myself, OMF missionary, Kreg Mallow, and Cambodian dentists whom I trained in Phnom Penh at the dental school where I taught for 10 years. These include Dr. Makara, Dr. Sambo, Dr. Buntha, Dr. Sakoin, and Dr. Chinda. There were five dental assistants: Mrs. Tina Cho, my wife, Mrs. Sambo, Luon, Heng, and Sovan.



Five dental lab workers joined for hot-cure dentures and interim, partial dentures. The lab staff had to work until midnight to finish the dentures. After the end of the second day, all of the denture teeth we brought were gone, so I stopped choosing denture patients and turned away those who wanted denture services. We treated 401 patients and delivered 20 full dentures and 34 partials.”

Dr. Frank Cho has written a fascinating, beautifully-inspired book titled, *Oh My Love, Cambodia* which can be found on Amazon books.



The CDS conducts exhibit booths at major dental meetings which continue to encourage and assist many toward missions. The CDS attended the Portland, OR conference on April 4-5 and the Star of the North conference in St. Paul, MN on April 25-26 with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

Mrs. Glynn Reser (hygienist on the CDS Advisory Council) will run the CDS booth at the Texas Dental Association meeting in San Antonio, TX, on May 16-18. The CDS will also be exhibiting at the Global Medical Mission Association conference in Irving, CA on June 28-29, the Star of the South conference in Houston, TX on July 26-27, the International College of Dentists conference in Nashville, TN on September 6-7, the ADA meeting in New Orleans, LA on October 17-19, and the Greater New York meeting on December 1-4.

Due to great demand, the CDS once again ran out of CDS pressure pot sterilization weights which provide an easy, efficient way to sterilize in the field. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and Mr. Jawn Swan for making them and keeping the CDS supplied with these items that assist in dental mission, infection control.



A four-quart, stainless steel, Presto Pressure Pot #01341 on an electric heater, with a CDS aluminum ring on the black regulator

The CDS is helping many dental teams with missions which are going out regularly. The CDS leadership truly appreciates all members for their support and looks forward to continued service as a volunteer organization for our Lord through dental missions. The CDS hopes to see everyone at the Great Commission Dental Conference on October 4-5 in Dallas.

**Dear children, let us not love with words
or tongue but with actions and in truth.**

- 1 John 3:18 -



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