

Christian Dental Society News-Brief April-May 2023



The CDS recently held a Zoom Board Meeting to connect, encourage, and update each other. The CDS would like to share the minutes of this meeting to give our membership insight into this great ministry and some of the leaders who are running the CDS.

Initial greetings occurred and the meeting was opened with prayer by CDS President, Dr. Michael Vaughan.

Dr. Jim Carney stated that the Jamaica student clinics are going well with at least six trips already planned. They were able to fix the clinic after a fire and more shipments of chairs are bringing the total to 16-18 chairs at the Treasure Beach site. They are planning to construct an additional building to increase the size of the clinic. Dr. Jim was excited that students are capturing the vision of missions and stated they “are remembering why they went into dentistry—to serve the dental needy.” Several new dental schools will be involved and they could always use more mentor dentists for their eight sites in Jamaica, including an endodontic program for residents. A pre-dental, student outreach will potentially be effective. Dr. Jim said that he and his wife, Dr. Sue, are improving in their health concerns and we all praise the Lord for His guidance and healing.

Dr. Ron and Tina Lamb staying busy with their his outreach ministries with World Dental Relief. They are renting out surgical kits for short-term missions and has an inventory of supplies for mission trips.

Dr. Denny Scharine and his wife, Bonny, went on their annual spring mission trip to Belize. He is interested in other trips, as well.

Dr. Frank Cho is putting together a trip to Cambodia in January 2024 and invited dentists and hygienists for that trip. CDS is thankful that Dr. Frank and his wife, Tina, and Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood will run the CDS booth at the Anaheim Dental Convention this next week. The CDS thanks Dr. Tom Love for providing the funds to rent the exhibit booth.

Mrs. Glynn Reser described her Starfish Ministries Organization (a non-profit she has led for years that primarily provides dental and hygiene services in the Yucatan Peninsula and Peru). She will also go on the San Antonio CMDA trip with Pastor Mike Roberts to the Dominican Republic this next week. CDS is grateful for Glynn and her staff's help at the San Antonio Convention (Texas Dental Association) recently, along with Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbrow's assistance. Glynn received 52 contacts of interested professionals at the TDA meeting and needs two dentists and an assistant for her trip to Peru (Sept. 21-Oct. 1, 2023).

Dr. David Moretz reported that he has assisted CDS in sending out large equipment for 15 trips to 11 countries so far this year (including Thailand, Uganda, Ethiopia, Belize, Nicaragua, and others). He stated that Aseptico has found another case maker for the Task Force units. He is also dealing with possible problems with one of the Nomad units and is working on that. There was discussion concerning Chinese units, Ergomon-X self-developing film (found on Amazon), and ways to get the self-developing items into countries without exposure.

Dr. Randy Sanders stated that he has assisted CDS in sending out about 15 kit rentals this year. Hygienists are more frequently requesting ultrasonics and hygiene kits. CDS appreciates Dr. Randy and Dr. David's involvement at the CDS booth at the Hinman meeting in Atlanta recently. Mr. Larry joined them to advertise his eyeglass ministry and it was a successful meeting. Dr. Spenn recommended "Global Vision 20/20" as a good ministry for eyeglass mission opportunities.

Dr. Blake Westra is planning a February dental trip with his offices to Honduras.

Mrs. Tina Wendel has been with CDS as the Administrative Assistant for almost 29 years and much love and appreciation was expressed for her continued faithfulness. The CDS continues to pray for the Lord's blessings on her and her family's lives. She completed taxes for this year and has plans to continue streamlining taxes in 2023.

Dr. Chad Araki is active in short-term missions to the Philippines, N. Iraq (Yazidis), Christmas Island in the Pacific, and others.

Dr. Michael Vaughan will be putting out an updated report soon concerning the Mattamores Ministries.

Dr. Bob Meyer finished the meeting with announcements. He reported that the student Guatemala trip went well and CDS members are hoping to run more student trips to Guatemala in conjunction with the CMDA. He told of incidences where the Lord has directed potential mission workers to the CDS booths at various conventions. God is using

the CDS to impact many people for His glory. The CDS organization is being used by the Lord in many important ways.

(This is just a small sampling of missionary activities CDS members are involved in at home and around the world. Without the CDS encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental missions, many could not or would not serve using their dental skills to further His Kingdom. The CDS fully acknowledges God's hand in guiding hearts, minds, and hands to put service to others above self. The CDS feels privileged and honored to be part of this powerful, impactful, and Godly ministry.)

The CDS, in-person, **yearly Board Meeting (2-5 p.m.) and Mission Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.)** will be held on **Thursday, October 5th**, rather than on Friday during the ADA convention. The location is close to the convention center at the Central Parkway Baptist Church, 5281 Central Pkwy in Orlando, Florida. We appreciate and look forward to Dr. Jody Yarbrow and Dr. Randy Sanders as the keynote speakers.

Several CDS leaders are being inducted as Fellows into the International College of Dentists on Friday, October 6th. Congratulations to Dr. Dan Hudson, Dr. Diane Meyer, Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Jonathan Spenn, and Dr. James Wolf.

After the CDS Board meeting in October, there will be leadership changes and opportunities:

- a. Dr. Michael Vaughn will turn over the CDS Presidential leadership to Dr. James Wolf.
- b. Dr. David Moretz, as Past President, will go off the Board for at least one year.
- c. The CDS Board needs to think about nominating the next CDS President-Elect, who must come from the current Board members.
- d. There will be a Board position open for someone from the Advisory Council to join the CDS Board.
- e. Please consider nominations for the Advisory Council.

The CDS membership thanks Mrs. Susan Curtis for doing much of the work with our CDS website. She will continue to manage the CDS website as a ministry, even though Mr. Mark Curtis has passed—we send our continued condolences, prayers, and appreciation to Susan. To simplify the domain site and registration requirements for the CDS website, the CDS is switching from Network Solutions to GoDaddy.

The CDS's insurance carrier, Center Insurance Group, has been taken over by the Philadelphia Insurance Company. The transition was easy and the CDS works with the same administrative person with the same coverages to meet CDS needs at no extra cost.

Dr. Gayle Cheatwood has arranged for the CDS to obtain another 100 pressure pot weights as CDS continues to impact missions.

CDS exhibit booths at major dental meetings continue to encourage and assist many towards missions. Since the CDS's last Zoom, CDS has exhibited at the Denver, Boston, Atlanta, Oregon, Minnesota, and San Antonio meetings

Dr. Randy Sanders offered extra CDS instruments to people who may be starting dental clinics—contact him with questions. Dr. Jim Carney was asking for digital sensors, as well.

The CDS thanks Dr. Denny Scharine for setting up the Zoom meeting.

Dr. Jonathan Spenn closed the meeting in prayer.

The CDS will host exhibit booths at the upcoming dental conventions. Please join us!

June 15-17, 2023: **Pacific Northwest** Dental Conference in Seattle, Washington.

October 5-7, 2023: **ADA meeting** in Orlando, Florida. Note that the **Board Meeting and Banquet are on Thursday, October 5th** this year at the Orlando Central Baptist Church at 5281 Central Florida Parkway.

November 26-29, 2023: **Greater New York Dental Meeting** in New York City.

Please send your mission trip pictures and reports to Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net so the CDS can encourage others through your ministry as you serve our Lord.

