

Christian Dental Society News-Brief February 2023



“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
Hebrews 11:1

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence. A belief in God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.” Martin Luther

As a Christian we live under grace, through our Savior Jesus, and have an assurance of salvation! No other religion can make that claim.

Mark Curtis recently went to be with the Lord. He, along with his wife Susan, has created and managed the CDS website, printing needs, created the CDS tooth logo, web design, and book covers for the *Mission Manual* and *Encouraging Missions* books. We will miss his loving, voluntary support for the CDS mission. Below is a brief correspondence expressing the CDS's appreciation, love, and respect for Mark, which was sent to Susan along with a beautiful plant.



Mark Curtis

"The Christian Dental Society lovingly sends a heartfelt thank you for the incredible impact the Curtis Group has made on the CDS for many years. The loss of Mark Curtis brings great sadness as we contemplate the unbelievable generosity that he and Susan have bestowed on the CDS through the gift of the CDS website, the printing of innumerable items, and the artistic, creative ways in which the Curtis group benefits the CDS mission as a non-profit organization that serves around the world through dental humanitarian trips.

On behalf of all the CDS members who will miss Mark immensely, we find it extremely difficult to put our profound love and admiration of both Mark and Susan into words. Mark will truly be missed and it was an honor to know him! We are so grateful that he is with our Lord and Savior now and forever."

Mark gave Dr. Bob Meyer a couple of stellar words for all men out there and Bob thought he would pass them on. When dealing with wives, Mark thought it wise to keep these two statements handy: 1) "What do you expect, I'm just a man!" 2) "Wow, great idea. I wish I would have thought of it."

The CDS is encouraging, helping, teaching, and equipping dental teams throughout the world. Thank you all for your support in fulfilling the CDS mission.

Dr. Mike Kahler just returned from his 24th annual, dental mission to Guatemala providing treatment to the residents of Manos Amigas, a home for abused women and their children.



Dr. Mike Kahler in Guatemala

The clinic is fully equipped with seven chairs and five dental units with a full compliment of instruments for surgery, restorative, and hygiene. The mission also brings in several local dentists to help with the ministry. Dr. Mike, who is 80 years old, is looking for someone to take over the dental ministry and needs to transition leadership to a younger, willing dentist. His hope and prayer is that this blessed ministry will continue into the future. The wonderful, Guatemalan people and the country have always been gracious and thankful. This is a great dental mission opportunity. If you are interested in partnering with Dr. Mike, contact him at 913-851-9558 or mgkahler9000@comcast.net.



Guatemalan Clinic and a Happy Patient

The yearly, dental student trip to Guatemala is scheduled for March 11-18 in the newly constructed, 21-chair clinic in San Raymundo. This trip will be run by CDS members: Dr. T. Bob Davis, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, Dr. Jody Yarbrow, and Dr. Jim Wolf. Dr. Lee Bridgeman, a pastor as well as a dentist, works with CMDA dental students. Several CDS and CMDA student leaders participating in this mission have trip expenses underwritten by generous donors. The CDS is excited to be working together with the CMDA to encourage students towards dental missions.



The San Raymundo, Guatemala 21-chair clinic in 2022. It will be bigger this year!

Dentists Needed to Mentor Dental Students: Mission Trip Opportunity to Honduras



Date: Saturday, April 29th to Saturday, May 6th Cost: \$975 plus airfare

Location: Gracias, Lempira, Honduras (in the mountains with wonderful temperatures)

*Set-up in churches using portable dental equipment

*Have worked with long-term missionaries (the Sowers Family) for 15 years

*Stay in a nice hotel with good food.

*Visit Copan Mayan ruins on the last day

Contact: Dr. Annette Merlino at 412-401-6465 or annettethedentist@gmail.com

Dr. James Carney has numerous, student, dental mission trips planned throughout the year to Jamaica. They go often and they have their own advertisement on the CDS website. Go to: www.christiandental.org and click on the first picture of mission opportunities and then click on Jamaica. Contact Dr. James Carney at jamescarney1@sbcglobal.net.



Jamaican Dental Team at Treasure Beach

The CDS plans to participate in these upcoming dental conferences:

March 17-19, 2023: **Hinman** dental meeting in Atlanta, GA with Dr. David and Gail Moretz, and Dr. Randy Sanders.



Pictures from the recent Rocky Mountain Dental Conference with Dr. Randy Sanders working on the blue bears. At the Yankee dental meeting in Boston, Dr. Bob Meyer stands with a 450-pound, gentle giant who did not believe the 13-pound, portable, CDS dental chair would hold him. Thanks to CDS member Dr. Kunio Chan for his assistance in Boston.

April 13-15, 2023: **Oregon** Dental Meeting in Portland, OR with Dr. Andrew Walls and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, who will present on short-term missions for three hours.



Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer presenting on Missions at the Rocky Mountain Convention.

April 27-29, 2023: **Star of the North** dental meeting in St Paul, MN with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. This meeting has a \$500 exhibiting fee and the CDS has never attended this meeting before due to costs. Dr. Tom Love has volunteered to pay the booth fee for this conference.

May 4-6, 2023: **Texas Dental Association** Meeting in San Antonio, TX with Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbrow, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, and Mrs. Glynn Reser.

May 18-20, 2023: **California** dental meeting in **Anaheim**, CA with Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. Dr. Tom Love is also covering the \$500 booth fee and CDS appreciates his contributions.

October 5-7, 2023: **ADA meeting in Orlando, Florida** with various CDS members. The CDS is hosting its annual, in-person Board Meeting and a Mission Banquet, catered by Dr. and Mrs. Chad Araki and Family, at the Orlando Central Baptist Church at 5281 Central Florida Parkway, a short distance from the Orlando Convention Center on **Thursday** afternoon and evening, October 5th. Note that the Board Meeting and Banquet are on Thursday this year.



Orlando Central Baptist Church

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.

May God bless you and your families as we look forward to warmer weather!

