

Christian Dental Society News-Brief

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In a fallen world filled with sin, suffering, and death, God has assured every believer's heart that He has an incredible future in store for those who receive and worship His Son, Jesus Christ. This blessed revelation, as it talks about in John 3:16, renews our spirits and gives us peace because we know we are going to a "New Heaven and a New Earth."

The "**New Heaven and New Earth**" is a central biblical promise describing God's final restoration of creation after the defeat of sin, death, and evil. It appears in both the Old and New Testaments — Isaiah 65:17–19, Isaiah 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13, and Revelation 21:1–4.

- Sin and Curse are removed—Revelation 22:3 says "there will be no more curse."
- No more suffering—Revelation 21:4, 22:5 says death, mourning, weeping, pain, and night will be absent.
- The New Jerusalem—a Holy City "coming down from Heaven" will dwell on the New Earth, with streets of gold, pearly gates, and the tree of life, from Revelation 21:2, 22:2.
- God's dwelling place—God will dwell with His people, and they will dwell with Him forever, from Revelation 22:3.

The "New Heaven and New Earth" is the culmination of God's redemptive plan, reversing Adam's curse, fulfilling His promises to Abraham, and restoring all creation to its original purpose. For Christians, this is a promise of eternal fellowship with God in a world free from sin's effects. Praise the Lord!

The Great Commission Dental Conference

Sept 11-12, 2026 in Dallas Texas



He said to them, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts. 1:8

The CDS encourages members to participate and to announce to dental professionals, students, and others about the third Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC) on September 11-12 in Dallas, Texas at the Bent Tree Fellowship Church (where it was held last year). This year, we are planning on having 32 breakout sessions that include Christian mission plenary speakers, preaching, music, and eight hours of CE available. Register, book a hotel, and find the schedule, speakers, and more for GCDC at: www.cmda.org/gcdc We hope to see you all there!



Attendees at the 2025 Conference

Once again, CDS will be giving away many donated dental instruments and supplies on a “first-come” basis. If you have any items you would like to donate for dental missions, please feel free to bring them to the GCDC.



Items Donated by the CDS and Others Last Year

The annual CDS in-person Board Meeting will be Thursday evening, Sept 10th, at 5:30 in the conference room at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, Dallas Plano (same location as last year) in conjunction with the GCDC conference. The meeting will include dinner, and anyone interested in the CDS is welcome to attend.



The CDS Board Meeting Attendees in 2025

We thank **Mr. Jamie DiBease** and Day One, at www.marketingfromdayone.com for running the CDS website, and the CDS leadership are still working to make additions and to improve the site at no cost to the CDS.

Mrs. Robbi Jan, who runs a successful dental social media organization, www.brightsmilesdigital.org, is managing the CDS social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. She was led by God to the CDS to help us for free. **If you have not checked out the CDS social media, Facebook and Instagram, there have been numerous positive changes and videos.**

Ms. Tina Land, our CDS Executive Secretary, has worked for 32 + years for the CDS. Her new address and the location of the CDS office is 2335 Terrace Drive in Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. The CDS mailing address is PO Box 1005 in Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. The CDS e-mail and phone number remain the same.

Dr. Gayle Cheatwood initiated, designed, and arranged (with three different manufactures of Coroplast over the last 20 years) to manufacture the inexpensive, blue, portable, lightweight, corrugated plastic, patient dental chair, the storage box which holds the chair and converts into a table, and a waste container. The storage box, chair, and waste container only weigh 21 pounds and the box was intentionally made large enough to hold an additional 29 pounds of supplies to meet the 50-pound weight and size limit of an airline checked bag. Initially, Gayle made a plastic dental stool. Later, he found a much more comfortable Camptime stool that had back support, and was inexpensive, lightweight, and easily transportable within the chair storage box. Gayle arranged, with the CDS, to purchase these items to loan out for mission trips and to sell to individuals who wanted to purchase them. The CDS has purchased and rented out or sold hundreds of these chairs for a nominal fee and made a small profit from the chairs. Dr. Bob Meyer says, “I have personally used this lightweight, portable dental chair and stool, setting it up hundreds of times for over 20 years. and it has saved my back, allowing me to continue to do portable dentistry in austere settings.”



The CDS Portable Dental Chair
and Stool



Dr. Gayle and his wife Nita. They led
the translator to the Lord in Nepal

Dr. Gayle also arranged or personally transported these chairs to his home and stored them. He has packaged them and taken them to UPS, which is an hour from their home, all at no cost to the CDS. These chairs have helped countless dental professionals provide dental care to patients comfortably in rugged settings around the world for decades. The CDS is exceedingly grateful for his hours of service and many sacrifices to make these chairs available to benefit innumerable people!

Dr. Gayle has asked if he could be relieved from ordering, storing, packaging, and shipping these chairs. The CDS sells about 25 chairs a year and now has 23 of the chairs left.

Dr. Meyer has checked into paying someone like Amazon or Walmart to take over the storage and distribution, yet because the volume is so low, the chairs fairly large, and they would be stored and shipped from multiple geographical locations so this is not cost-effective

option. The CDS needs prayer for someone within the CDS who feels the calling to arrange for the production, transportation, storage, and shipment of the chairs if this ministry is to continue. The CDS is willing to pay for storage and a coordinator, if it can be reasonably done, so we are praying for God to provide. The alternative is for the CDS to simply rent out chairs and not make, store, ship, and sell them.

If anyone would consider taking on this ministry, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at rdmeyer7@gmail.com.

The CDS continues to provide encouragement, expertise, dental equipment (many thanks to Dr. David Moretz), and dental instruments (many thanks to Dr. Randy Sanders) to support dental missions around the world. Our impact has been increasing since COVID-19 and the CDS provides a vital service to those wanting to provide dental care in more austere settings. The patients treated and the doors opened to the Gospel message are too numerous to count. The CDS thanks all involved and appreciates all those serving our great Lord!



Jamaica August 2026 Student Team and Praying for a Patient

This dental team of 19 dental students was from Texas, led by Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbrow. The trip was Christian-oriented and there were only a couple of unbelievers in Jesus on the trip. Meaningful conversations were held with them as Christian students asked for better ways to share the Gospel message. Students prayed with patients throughout the week, wanted to return again, and hoped to attend the GCDC in September. The team leaders, mentors, and the CDS were encouraged that this experience in dental student missions will lift up future leaders willing to use dentistry to increase the kingdom of God.



"These things I
have spoken to you,
That in Me
you may have peace,
In the world you
will have tribulation;
But be of good cheer,
I have overcome
the world."
John 16:33