

Christian Dental Society News-Brief
July-August 2025



This encouraging verse can help us during life's often challenging journey.

The May-June edition of the CDS News-Brief (shown on the CDS website, www.christiandental.org under "About Us") gave an example of God's divine providence, and CDS members pulling together against seemingly impossible obstacles, to relocate a 31-person, student, dental/construction mission team from Belize to Jamaica within a week. The CDS promised a follow-up mission report from Sue and Ashley Morabito:



Little Yellow Bird Foundation team working in the Helping Hands Dental Clinic in Jamaica.

“We had originally planned to serve in Belize, but just one week before departure, we learned our dental application would not be approved, despite submitting everything months in advance. What could have been a roadblock turned into a divine redirection as CDS members introduced us to Dr. Jim Carney. With just days to shift logistics and repack supplies, we rerouted and said ‘Yes’ to whatever and however God directed.

We arrived in Jamaica with 31 volunteers who provided clinical care, upgraded equipment, poured concrete, built ramps, repaired water lines, and most importantly, poured love into every person we encountered. A small group also led a joyful Vacation Bible School for young children, planting seeds of faith and joy that we pray will continue to grow.



A snapshot of what God and this team accomplished!

The numbers only tell part of the account. Behind every filling, every construction project, every repaired dental chair—there is a name, a face, and a story. There were patients who had not seen a dentist. Children danced and sang songs about Jesus. Team members stepped outside their comfort zones and left with hearts forever changed. We came to serve—but we were blessed just as deeply in return.

On Friday, October 11, in Annapolis, Maryland, the Little Yellow Bird Foundation, in partnership with Morabito Family Dental, will open their doors and their hearts for their Semi-Annual Give Back Day, dedicated to providing free, life-changing dental care to those who need it most. If interested in participating or supporting, find information on www.lybfoundation.org”



Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church near Dallas, Texas and Dental Students from Last Year

The most exciting annual event that the CDS helps coordinate is the Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC), that was successfully held for the first time last October. The CDS and CMDA are excited to announce that it will occur again on September 12-13 at the Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church near Dallas, Texas, located at 4141 International Pkwy, in Carrollton, TX. Numerous members of the CDS will present on various mission topics. This amazing, Christian, dental, mission conference provides an opportunity to connect with Christian-minded dentists, hygienists, students, and others from around the world who are interested in using dentistry as a mission outreach.

The venue site has been changed this year to accommodate an even larger audience than last year. The break-out sessions have increased from 24 to 32, spiritually-inspired, educational, and encouraging topics. The GCDC will have a professional worship leader, missional exhibit booths, fascinating plenary topics, continuing education credit, and great food served on-site.

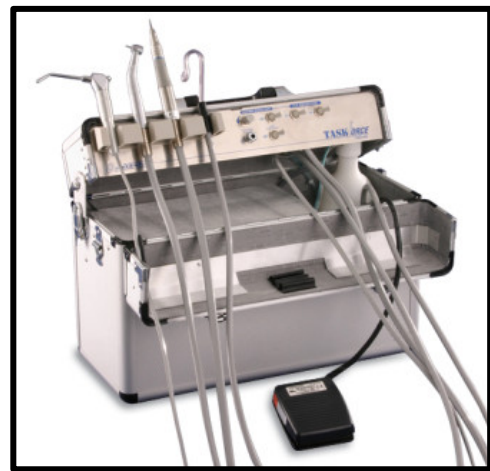
Last year, CDS members brought in a room full (about \$200,000) of instruments, equipment, supplies, toothbrushes, etc. to donate towards missions, and it was gone on the first day. If you have unused dental items sitting around that you would like to get back into circulation, please bring them to the GCDC. We will again have room to redistribute dental items towards missions.

Two suggested hotels close to the church are Marriott properties. We have secured reduced, block rates at The Courtyard Dallas Plano Parkway at Preston Road located at 4901 West Plano Parkway, Plano TX for \$106 per night and the Fairfield Inn and Suites Dallas Plano at 4712 West Plano Parkway, Plano TX for \$84 a night. The link to book lodging is available on the Great Commission Dental Conference website www.cmda.org/gcdc.



The CDS Kits Storage Room with Drs. Sanders and Meyer

The CDS has never been busier loaning out equipment and kits. Dr. Randy Sanders spends hours organizing and equipping teams with surgical, restorative, and hygiene kits. This is a tremendous service to so many as you can see the extensive, packed storage area below. The CDS cannot thank Dr. Randy Sanders enough. Dr. McKinley Soult and Dr. Tanner Swanson provide the space in their Colorado office to house and support this valuable CDS benefit.



Handpieces for the Portable Dental Operating Unit Needed

The CDS frequently loans out portable dental units, which all use the 4-hole handpieces that were the standard in the past. Lately, more dentists are using electric handpieces and do not have air-driven handpieces. The CDS is realizing that we may have to provide handpieces for the portable units. If anyone has older, air-driven, high-speed and slow-speed handpieces, or has switched to electric handpieces and would be willing to donate them to the CDS for a tax write-off, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Dr. Bob Meyer at 2613 Rigel Drive in Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Or, better yet, bring them to the GCDC!



Dr. Jon Spenn, CDS's President-Elect, and Drs. Diane and Bob Meyer in Louisville, KY

The CDS has been attending numerous Dental Convention Exhibit booths to encourage dental professionals, presenting the Gospel message, and inspiring others toward using dentistry to help under-resourced people. Most recently, CDS members exhibited and spoke at the National Dental Convention in Kansas City in July and at the Kentucky Dental Convention in Louisville last week. The CDS will have a booth at the GCDC on Sept. 12-13, at the Ohio Dental Conference on Sept. 25-27, and at the ADA Convention in Washington DC on Oct. 23-25.



Recreation of Noah's Ark at the Ark Encounter

While in Louisville, KY, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer took the opportunity to see the life-sized Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. Both attractions are outstanding and inspirational, and take about a day each to experience. They are Christ-affirming and accurate, Biblical validations of God's amazing power and plan for His creation.

Isaiah 40:31

**But those who trust in
the LORD will find new
strength. They will soar
high on wings like
eagles. They will run
and not grow weary.
They will walk and not
faint.**

