

Christian Dental Society News-Brief March 2023



He Has Risen

Easter is the greatest celebration of the Christian faith which never fails to excite our spirit as believers in the risen Lord. On Easter, we celebrate the event that sets Christianity apart from all other religions and cultural traditions of the world. It is the day that Jesus rose from the dead and is the foundation of our faith. Easter is a time to rejoice as we have been redeemed and our sins are forgiven through the shedding of Christ's blood. Through His grace, we have the assurance of salvation and the gift of eternal life.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Jesus Christ from John 11:25-26

As the CDS prepares to celebrate Easter, we remember to give thanks for our relief from the restrictions of COVID-19 which severely restricted our mission. As Christian dental providers, we aspire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, while encouraging and serving others at home and abroad. The CDS is once again fully engaged in encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental missions.

A recent thank you note from a CDS member stated, "Thank you for your special support of our Lamb Dental Mission Trip. To see these little lambs smiling back at us was priceless. All of the dental care we provided could not have been possible without the use of all the portable dental equipment and supplies! We are so grateful! Your

support brought smiles to those children and their caregivers. Thank you again for your support of our mission.

Sincerely, Dr. Rick and the Mission Team

If you are going on a dental mission trip between Christmas and the New Year of 2024, Dr. Chad Araki, an experienced missionary dentist, is looking for an opportunity. His mission trip to the Philippines was canceled and his contact information is (808) 398-2843 and e-mail chadronaraki@gmail.com.

If you are seeking an opportunity for a mission, need someone to join you on a trip, or are willing to share your trip to encourage others, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net and we can add it to the CDS News-Brief or send out a separate e-mail to our membership.



One, recent shipment of CDS equipment from Dr. Dave Moretz, the CDS large equipment manager.

CDS recently helped equip mission trips to Kenya, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Missions are returning in a big way.

CDS members Dr. T. Bob Davis, Dr. Jody Yarbrow, Dr. Jim Wolf, Dr. Brett Murphey, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, along with Dr. Russell McFarlane and Dr. Lee Bridgeman (a pastor as well as a dentist who works with CMDA dental students) just returned from the yearly, Dr. T. Bob Davis Guatemalan Dental Student Trip. Several CDS and CMDA student leaders, dental students from both U.S. and Guatemalan schools, hygienists, and family members participated in this mission. Dr. Bill Griffin, CMDA's VP of Dental Ministries came for a two-day visit and expressed a desire and a willingness to influence more schools in support of multiple student trips utilizing this fully equipped, 21-chair dental clinic each year. The CDS is excited to be working together with the CMDA to encourage students towards dental missions.



The 2023 Guatemalan Dental Student Trip Team in San Raymundo



Prayer ended the soccer game played between the U.S dental and the Guatemalan medical teams

Dr. James Carney just concluded a dental student trip to Jamaica and has numerous, student, dental mission trips planned throughout the year to Jamaica. They go often and 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.

Aseptico, who provides the Task Force Deluxe, self-contained dental operating unit which the CDS loans out for dental mission trips, has recently changed the case to make it more dependable.



The same dependable, simple to use, Task Force Deluxe unit in a new case.

The CDS recently requested that Dr. Gayle Cheatwood order another 100 CDS pressure pot weights since so many people around the world are using CDS's technique of sterilizing in 10 minutes with a Presto pressure cooker. Recently in Guatemala we used two pressure pots which kept up with 20 chairs.



The two sterilization stations in Guatemala with each supporting ten chairs. From left to right; Dr. Diane, the Meyers' Granddaughter Izzy, Dr. Brett's Son Brett Jr., and the Meyers' Grandson Bryce. It is a great impact to take your children and grandchildren on short-term mission trips.

From right to left in the picture below, are Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Dave Moretz and Larry Hanby at the CDS exhibit booth in Atlanta at the Hinman dental conference. Larry Hanby provides eye glasses to patients on dental mission trips and was looking for more opportunities to use his skills. Larry's contact information is (610) 772-4026 and lhhanby@gmail.com.



Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer will be arranging and attending these upcoming CDS dental exhibit booths with CDS members as listed. Please join us!

April 13-15, 2023: **Oregon** Dental Meeting in Portland, OR where the CDS will present on short-term missions for three hours.

April 27-29, 2023: **Star of the North** dental meeting in St Paul, MN where the CDS will have an opportunity to speak on dental missions in the exhibit hall for 30 minutes. 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 and Mrs. Glynn Reser.

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

June 15-17, 2023: **Pacific Northwest** Dental Conference in Seattle, Washington was recently added to the schedule.

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

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.

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

“If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”
1 Corinthians 15:14

“He is risen; He is not there.” Mark 16:6

