

Christian Dental Society News-Brief March 2024



- John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'"
- 1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- Romans 6:8-11: "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him."

Our Hope Rests in Christ and His Resurrection!

The Christian Dental Society is very excited to announce a change in venue for the yearly, in-person CDS Board meeting which has normally been held during the ADA meeting. This year it will be held in conjunction with the Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC) which is a first-ever, premiere event! The CDS Board Meeting will be held at the Wyndham DFW Airport hotel close to the GCDC conference **from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd and will include dinner.** This will allow time for

people to arrive for the meeting and be available for the GCDC to be held on October 4th and 5th. The CDS Board meeting is open to anyone interested in the CDS.

The CDS, the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA) and their Residency + Program, Samaritan's Purse and others are excited to announce that the **Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC)** will be held on **October 4-5, 2024 in Dallas, Texas. Registration is now open** by going to cmda.org/events/great-commission-dental-conference/

The GCDC program will run all day Friday, including a catered mission banquet Friday evening, and continue all day Saturday until 5 p. m. This conference will be specifically dedicated to Christian Dental Missions and to sharing the Gospel throughout the world. There will be a strong Christian, mission, evangelistic emphasis throughout. The GCDC will have four plenary sessions including music and speakers, and will feature eight breakout sessions with three choices during each hourly session. Topics will address short-term and long-term missions, local Christian clinics, private practice dentistry, and other special sessions of interest to mission-minded dentists, dental students, hygienists, and other dental-related personnel. CHE credit will be offered for many of the sessions.

You do not want to miss out hearing from these Godly, experienced, missionary speakers: William Griffin, DDS (CMDA VP of Dental Ministries and a CDS Advisory Council Member and a Past-President); Robert Meyer, DMD (CDS Executive Director and a Past-President) and Diane Meyer, EdD (CDS Board Member); Jonathan Spenn, DMD (CDS President-Elect); Jody Yarbro, DDS (CDS Treasurer and a Past-President); Blake Westra, DMD (CDS Board Member); T. Bob Davis, DMD (CDS Member); David Moretz, DDS (CDS Advisory Council Member and a Past-President); Gayle Cheatwood, DDS (CDS Advisory Council Member and a Past-President); Bill Sasser, DDS (CDS Advisory Council Member); Van Haywood, DMD (CDS Member); Ryan Bowles, DDS (CDS Member); Glynn Reser, RDH (CDS Advisory Council Member); Thomas Lee, DDS (CDS Member); Brad Burlison, DDS; David Sperow, DDS; Scott Bedichek, DDS; Ryan Shinska, DDS; Kevin Seidler, DDS; Krystal Mattox, DDS; Jennifer Wade, DDS; Katie Musser, DDS; Robert Antolak, DDS; Yousef Jefferson, DDS; Liz Sawyer, RDH; Elise Shockley, DDS; Jaime Saint, Kevin Aduddell, DDS; and more forthcoming!

The conference will be located just SW of the Dallas/Fort Worth airport at the First United Methodist Church at 211 W. 3rd Street in Irving, Texas. The recommended hotel is conveniently situated on the way from the airport to the church. The hotel is a newly-renovated, 9.4 rated, Wyndham DFW Airport hotel, located at 4440 West Airport Freeway with a free airport shuttle, a complimentary breakfast with home-made pastries and omelets, indoor and outdoor pool, free Wi-Fi, and parking for only \$110/night plus taxes, and group rates for king beds. Click on the website to make a hotel reservation.

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/irving-texas/wyndham-dfw-airport/overview?checkInDate=10/04/2024&checkOutDate=10/6/204&groupCode=100424THE>

Change the reservation dates if you want to stay longer and add in the number of people staying in your room. You are already group-coded under the Great Commission Dental Conference, so click on select rooms and follow the prompts to register.

Numerous, key, Christian dental leaders are diligently working on coordinating this event and include Dr. Bill Griffin, Dr. Jim Wolf, Dr. Bob Meyer, Dr. Jon Spenn, Dr. Katy Musser from the Dental Residency, Dr. Ryan Bowles, Dr./Pastor Lee Bridgeman, Dr. Jennifer Wade, Dr. Katie Musser, and supporting staff from the CMDA: Danielle Taylor, Julie Irmeger, and Doug Lindberg. We are looking forward to how God will assist His servants in putting this conference together. “What then shall we say to these things. If God is for us, who is against us?” (Romans 8:31-35)



There are varied family activities in Dallas at that time of year: the Texas State Fair, a rodeo, museums, lakes, a zoo, and more. We are hoping to have family members join in on this exciting conference! More information will follow concerning the schedule and speaker topics. There are many people excited about this GCDC and we believe that you will be encouraged and blessed. Please register for the GCDC and reserve hotel arrangements as early as possible by clicking on the websites listed above.



The Guatemalan team touring a coffee plantation while enjoying a day off.

The Dr. T. Bob Davis' Dental Student Trip to Guatemala on March 8-16 included CDS Members Dr. T. Bob, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, Dr. Jody Yarbrow, Dr. Jim Wolf, and other CDS mentors, dental students, and family members totaling 57 American participants, 19 Guatemalan dental students and mentors, 2 hygienists, 17 Spanish interpreters, and 8 local support staff working in 23 dental chairs to treat 1,100 patients. Clients were presented with the gospel message and given OHI. Other procedures included prophies, extractions, fillings, several root canals, and six interim partials (made by two prosthetic dentists from the Air Force in San Antonio). Praise the Lord!



Dr./Pastor Lee
Praying with Patients



Dr. Sae and Dr. Song
with the Pros Lab



The Students Bonding After Hours



Dr. Jennina Treating Patients with Her Husband



Izzy Evangelizing Using Gospel Beads



Many Enjoyed Playing Soccer

Dr. Dylan Patrick and two additional pediatric dentists, anesthesiologists, Dr. Patrick's office staff, and other helpers treated 55 operating room (OR) cases and did 194 cleanings in the week following. The pediatric team provided OR treatment to children who could not be reasonably treated by the previous, Guatemalan team.



Treating Children in the Guatemala OR



Dr. Dylan Patrick Leading the Team

Guatemala is only one of the CDS student trips. CDS members also lead numerous missions to Jamaica at an 18-chair clinic that was set-up and has been managed by Dr. Jim Carney for years. Dr. Mike Haddon, a CDS Advisory Council Member from the Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, recently took 22 students and 5 faculty and treated 290 patients in the Treasure Beach area of Jamaica. Numerous other student trips to Jamaica are planned for this year and for information, contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescarney1sbc@gmail.com



Dr. Mike Haddon, bottom right, with the Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry

A dental student trip to El Salvador is being planned with Global Health Outreach (GHO) and CDS/CMDA members on June 8-16, with the goal of encouraging GHO involvement in dental student mission trips. GHO is offering \$1500 scholarships to each student and a one-time offer of \$1500 to new dentists going on a GHO mission trip. If interested, contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net

The CDS enjoys featuring mission trips which inspire other dental personnel towards dental service. If you are willing, please send your stories and pictures to Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net This report is from Dr. Bruce and Dr. Tam who were thanking Dr. Sanders and Dr. Moretz for sending CDS rental equipment and kits. This story shows God's hand at work even in trying circumstances.



Oral Hygiene: So Important



Always Cover the Teams with Prayer

Hello Dr. Sanders and Dr. Moretz (Randy and David),

Greetings to you! Thank you so much for supporting our recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I am glad to know that the equipment and supplies arrived at your offices safely. I want to briefly share our trip with you.

Our team was comprised of four pastors and two dentists. Between 2/24/24 and 3/2/24, we visited Mission Gloria in the underprivileged Mendoza section of Santo Domingo. Mission Gloria supports a local school with 520 students between kindergarten and 6th grade and three local churches, including two churches in Mendoza and one in Mucha Aguas, about two hours away from Santo Domingo.



The CDS has NOMADS Work with What You Have The Joyful Crowd

Our plan was adjusted as our dental instruments and supplies were confiscated at customs. However, we were able to bring the Aseptico unit and Nomad unit into the country. As pastors were preaching the gospel at the church services with Bible studies, we began our dental work, seeing local people for oral examinations and dental radiographs, hoping to provide dental care as soon as we got our baggage back out of customs. Since our toothbrushes and toothpaste were held up at customs, we went out and purchased toothbrushes and toothpaste and handed them out to the people that we

screened. With the help of a local dentist, we could buy fluoride at the local dental supply company and successfully applied it to 255 school children.

Finally, on 3/1/24, the day before our departure, we got our baggage back at 5 p.m. with the help of Pastor Gloria. We set up the dental clinic in the sanctuary and worked until 10 p.m., primarily extracting non-restorable and infected teeth from 25 people in pain. We are grateful to the Lord who guided us through those speed bumps. Thank you so much for your encouraging words, kind support, prayers, and the Scriptures in Gal. 6:9-10, Heb. 6:10, and Matt. 25:31-40.

God Bless You!

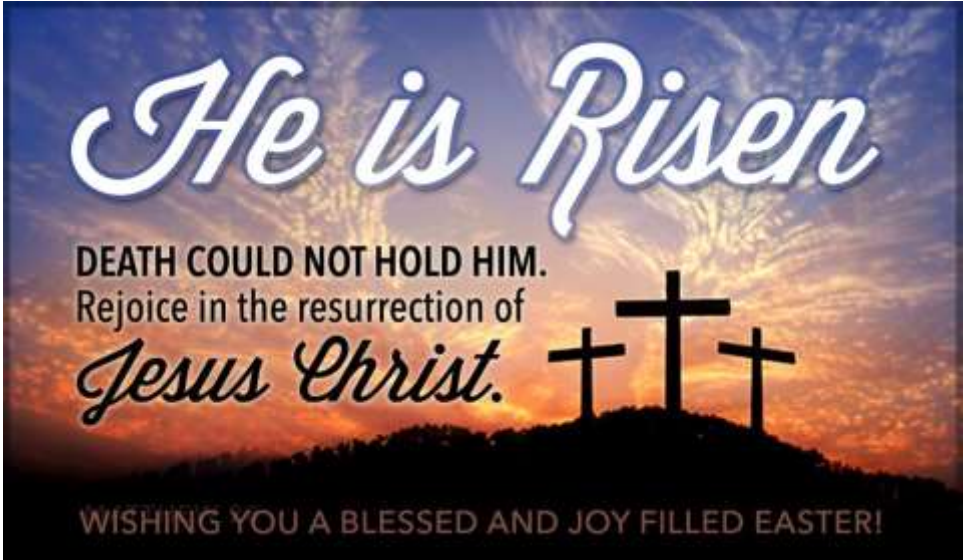


Dr. Dave Moretz, Dr. Syretta Wells, and Dr. Randy Sanders at the 2024 Hinman Meeting

The CDS conducts exhibit booths at major dental meetings which continue to encourage and assist many toward missions.

Upcoming conferences include the Portland, Oregon conference on April 4-5 and the Star of the North conference in St. Paul, MN on April 25-26 with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. Mrs. Glynn Reser (hygienist on the CDS Advisory Council) will run the CDS booth at the Texas Dental Association meeting in San Antonio on May 16-18. The CDS will also be exhibiting at the Global Medical Mission Association conference in Irving, CA on June 28-29, the Star of the South conference in Houston, TX on July 26-27, the International College of Dentists conference in Nashville, TN on September 6-7, the ADA meeting in New Orleans, LA on October 17-19, and the Greater New York meeting in New York City on December 1-4.

The CDS truly appreciates all members for their support and looks forward to continued service as a volunteer organization for our Lord through dental missions.



He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!