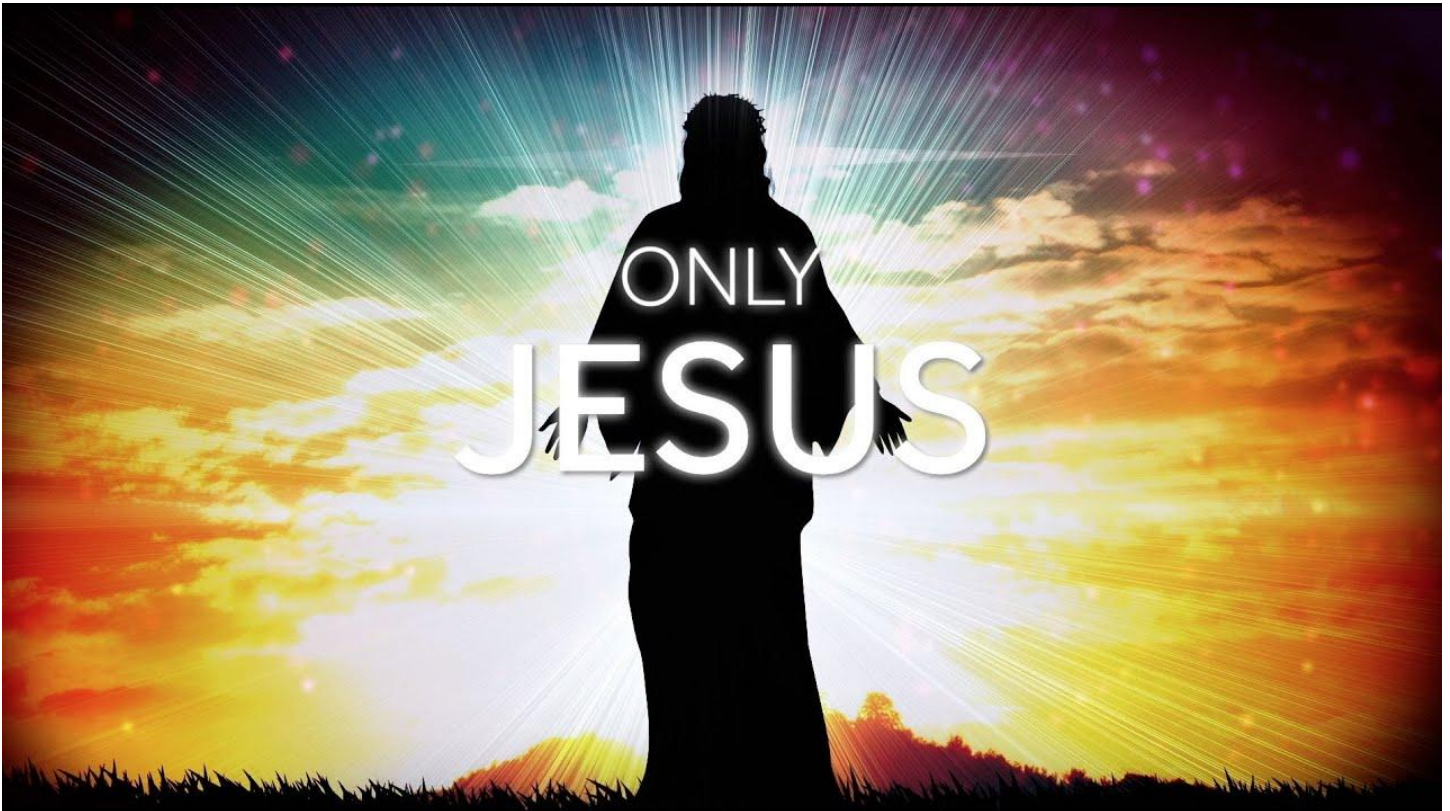


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The song, “*Only Jesus*” by Casting Crowns, strips away the vanity of modern ambition to ask what remains when our public personas turn to dust. It is a sharp rejection of the “legacy trap” that keeps us running until we collapse. The lyrics to “*Only Jesus*” include:

**Jesus is the only name to remember.
And . . . I don’t want to leave a legacy.
I don’t care if they remember me. Only Jesus.**

Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself
Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else
Make a name the world remembers
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams
I got lost in the lie that it was up to me
to make a name the world remembers.

**Jesus is the only name to remember.
And . . . I don’t want to leave a legacy.
I don’t care if they remember me. Only Jesus.**

Nichole Nordman in her song, “*Legacy*” says:

To make a mark on things, I want to leave an offering.

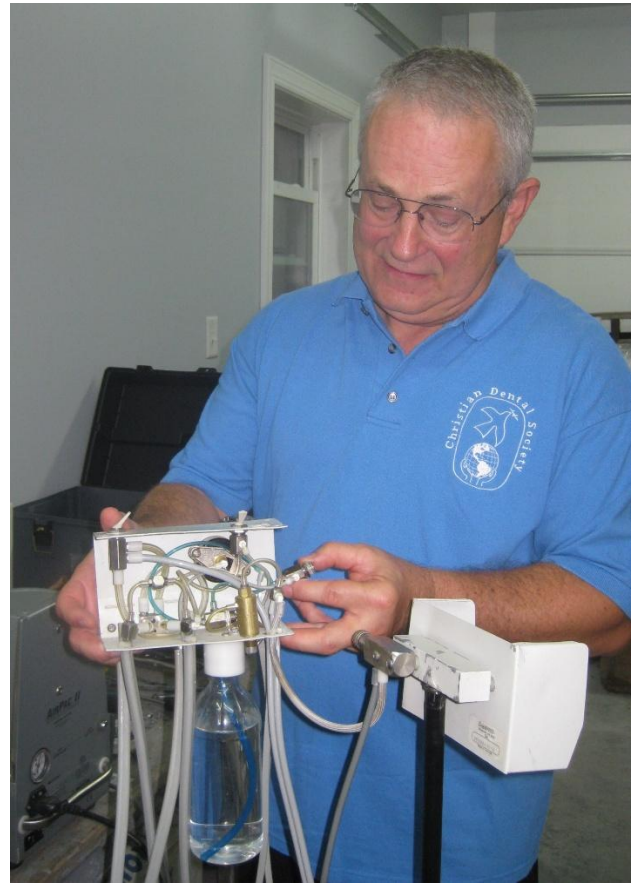
**A child of mercy and grace, who blessed Your Name unapologetically,
And leave that kind of legacy . . .
Just want to hear instead, “Well done, good and faithful one.”**

As true Christians, we want to be introduced, thanked, or remembered as Christ’s servants, rather than as people who strive personally to be noticed for a “legacy” attached to our name. Paul says in Ephesians 2:8-10, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Therefore, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” Matthew 5:16 [NASB]



The CDS Board is thankful for Mrs. Robbi Jan, a dental therapist/hygienist who discontinued her dental practice and started www.brightsmilesdigital.org, a successful dental social media organization. The Lord brought her as a volunteer to the CDS, and her group helps us with social media. If you have not looked at the CDS’s Facebook (christiantentialsociety) or Instagram (thechristiantentialsociety), please take time to see how the CDS is interacting on social media. Thanks to Robbi’s group.

CDS members have been very busy around the world sharing the Gospel by opening doors through dental trips as they experience the joy of service. May God continue to bless you all and, may you be encouraged by these mission accounts.



A shipment of CDS portable dental units sent to various dental mission teams just before Dr. David Moretz went in for back surgery. We thank the Lord that David is recovering well.



A March student trip to Jamaica with Detroit Mercy students led by Dr. Mike Haddow, a CDS Advisory Board Member.



This team treated 402 patients with extractions, fillings, cleanings, and root canals.

This “before and after” picture shows two root canals and some beautiful restorative treatment.

Starfish Ministries of Texas, founded and run by Mrs. Glynn Reaser, RDH, a CDS Board Member, recently completed a dental mission to Cancun, Mexico. This trip included volunteers from five different states and treated patients from six different countries. Besides performing much needed dental care, they prayed for and ministered to 70 individuals on a one-on-one basis. They worked in two different churches and in a small, community setting.



Starfish Ministry Near Cancun, Mexico in March



Picture of Starfish Ministry in Action in Mexico

Dr. T. Bob Davis's large student trip to Guatemala blessed 860 patients, primarily children, from the San Raymundo community in March with 30 American dental and hygiene students, 7 Guatemalan dental students, 10 dental and hygiene mentors (most of who were CDS members), 20 interpreters, and numerous helpers.



Team Worshiping and Praising the Lord



Pictures of the Two Sides of the 21-Chair Clinic in Action

This team identified children to be treated by a follow-up team of eight pediatric dental specialists, an hygienists led by Dr. Dylan Patrick, who treated 62 children in the operating rooms downstairs, as well as several hundred other children upstairs.



Operating Rooms in San Raymundo Clinic Treating Local Children

Remember to put on your calendar, the Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC) on September 12-13 at the Bent Tree Fellowship Church near Dallas, Texas. This Christian, dental mission conference connects dentists, hygienists, students, and others from around the world who are interested in using dentistry as an evangelistic outreach to serve others.



Pastor Stan Key Will Return this Year to Provide Biblical Teaching at the GCDC

The GCDC will feature two days of Bible teaching, singing, fascinating dental plenary sessions, 32 break-out classes on various, spiritually inspired, dental mission topics with eight hours of CE credit available, fellowship over delicious meals, and missional exhibit booths.



Register for next year's GCDC at: www.cmda.org/gcdc

The CDS will hold its yearly, in-person Board Meeting at the GCDC Fairfield Inn and Suites Hotel conference room at no cost to the CDS on Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. prior to the GCDC conference, with food provided by the CDS. The Board Meeting will be Zoomed for those not able to attend in-person.



Dr. Bob Meyer with the Aseptico Task Force in the newly modified case at the Oregon Dental Meeting



Drs. Randy Sanders, Brian Tappen, and David Moretz at the Hinman Meeting

The CDS has just recently exhibited at the Hinman Dental Conference (Dr. Tappen has researched the efficiency of Pressure Pot sterilization at different altitudes) in Atlanta and at the Oregon Dental Conference in Portland. Upcoming exhibits include San Antonio, Anaheim, GMMA meeting in Anaheim, the Montana meeting in Missoula, the GCDC meeting in Dallas, and the Greater New York Dental Conferences, so far.

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God's Blessings to all!

