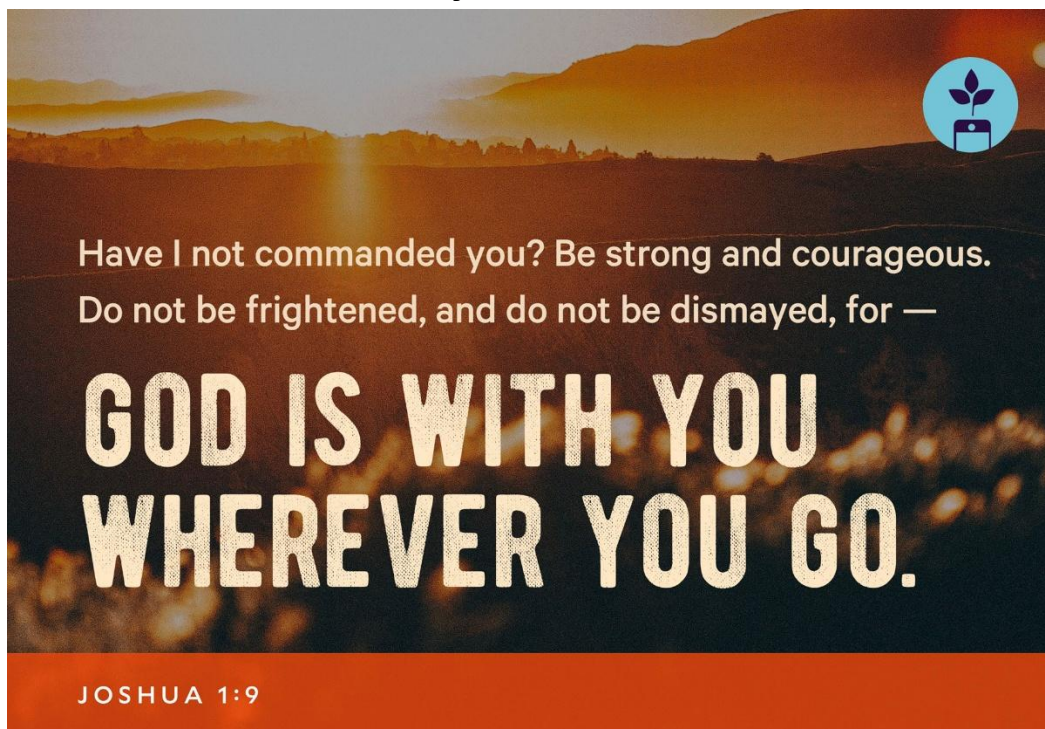


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This encouraging verse can help us during life's often challenging journey. Suffering is an inescapable part of life and it can come in many forms—from physical suffering, to family issues, to mental struggles, or mission challenges. We are frequently called to “pick up our crosses and follow Jesus” (Matthew 16:24). Yet, as Joshua points out above, God promises to be there for us during trying circumstances.

When preparing for missions, or when serving the Lord in various ways, or when just going through a difficult time in life, we often come under attack by the enemy who wants to destroy our joy which often comes from serving. Follow this advice: “. . . let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify you Father in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16). “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

It is often said, “The more struggles there are, especially on missions, the more is often accomplished for the Kingdom of God because evil did not prevail.” “Consider it all joy my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing,” (James 1:2-5)

A relevant, current example of God, and amazing CDS members, pulling together against seemingly impossible obstacles occurred this week. The relocation of a 33-person, student, dental/construction mission team from Belize to Jamaica happened within a week. SueAnn Morabito, the primary coordinator of the trip, with family support (her daughters, and her dentist husband and dentist son) did not give up when her large mission team was denied access

to Belize a week before departing, due to mistakes within the government. The enemy was not going to win as SueAnn and her family did not give up, but turned to God and His provisions. When we think that we are in charge, we are often reminded that it is truly God's trip. CDS members rallied to see if anything could be done and, Dr. Jim Carney, although leading a team in Jamaica, was able to coordinate with SueAnn, and the Jamaican clinic was remarkably available for the following week.

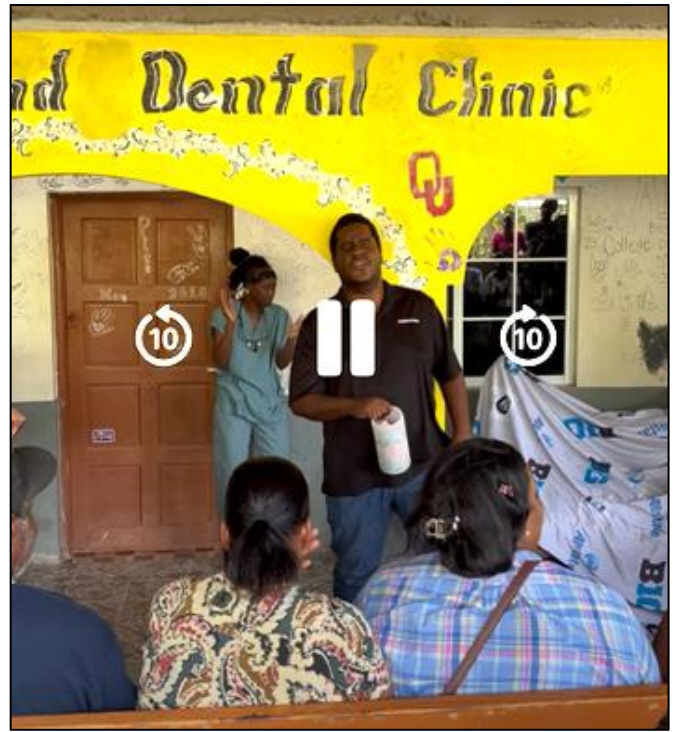


Dr. Carney's Jamaican Student Dental Clinic from Manitoba

Fortunately, in God's timing, Dr. Jim Carney was already in-country running a student team from the University of British Columbia, Manitoba. Did you know that the CDS members help Canadian students on missions? Dr. Jim was able to plan for SueAnn's follow-on student dental team by preparing equipment, instruments, supplies, and logistics. Since there was also a construction team on the trip, Dr. Jim coordinated with the pastor, who lives on site, to build a needed room onto their home. Dr. Jim and the pastor quickly arranged and helped pay for a foundation to be completed and purchased materials prior to the construction team's arrival. Nothing is too difficult for God and His servants to accomplish! Dr. Jim then rushed home to help his wife, who is under cancer treatment and had caught pneumonia. (Please pray for Drs. Sue and Jim Carney). As this story unfolds, SueAnn is scrambling with airline flight changes from Belize to Jamaica, departing tomorrow. See below for more Jamaican clinic pictures from Dr. Jim.



We Work for Hugs



Lennox, Blind from Birth, Leads Worship Before Clinic

The CDS has never been busier loaning out equipment and kits. Dr. David Moretz had to get nine more chairs from Dr. Gayle Cheatwood to help fill one order. Dr. Randy Sanders is looking at increasing the number of surgical, restorative, and hygiene kits. This is great news as the CDS is enabling and encouraging dental missions to further God's Kingdom. Praise the LORD and thanks to our hard-working volunteers, Dr. Moretz and Dr. Sanders, as well as our Executive Secretary, Tina, who does all the administrative coordinating.



One of many shipments of dental chairs and dental units

The CDS website is improving and the "Mission Helps" section has recently been updated with enhanced, updated mission information and pictures under the headings of "Equipment, Supplies, Instruments" as well as "Books to Help and Inspire," and "Resources for Missions."

The CDS is still working on the “Directory” and, if you have questions, please contact Tina at the CDS home office (563-578-8887).

The Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC) is organized and run by the CDS and CMDA and 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. 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.

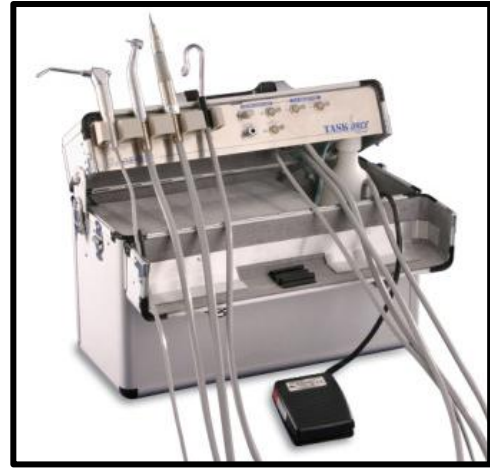
The venue site has been changed this year to accommodate an even larger audience than last year. The break-out sessions have increased from 24 to 32 spiritually inspired, educational, and encouraging topics. The GCDC will have a professional worship leader, missional exhibit booths, fascinating plenary 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 in circulation, please bring them to the GCDC. We will again have room to redistribute dental items towards missions.



Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church near Dallas, Texas

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



Handpieces for the Portable Dental Operating Unit Needed

As you probably know, the CDS loans out portable dental units, which all use the standard 4-hole handpieces, that were the standard in the past. The CDS has not been sending handpieces with the portable dental units, as they are costly, need daily maintenance, and most dentists could supply their own, preferred handpieces. 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, which we currently do not have. 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!



