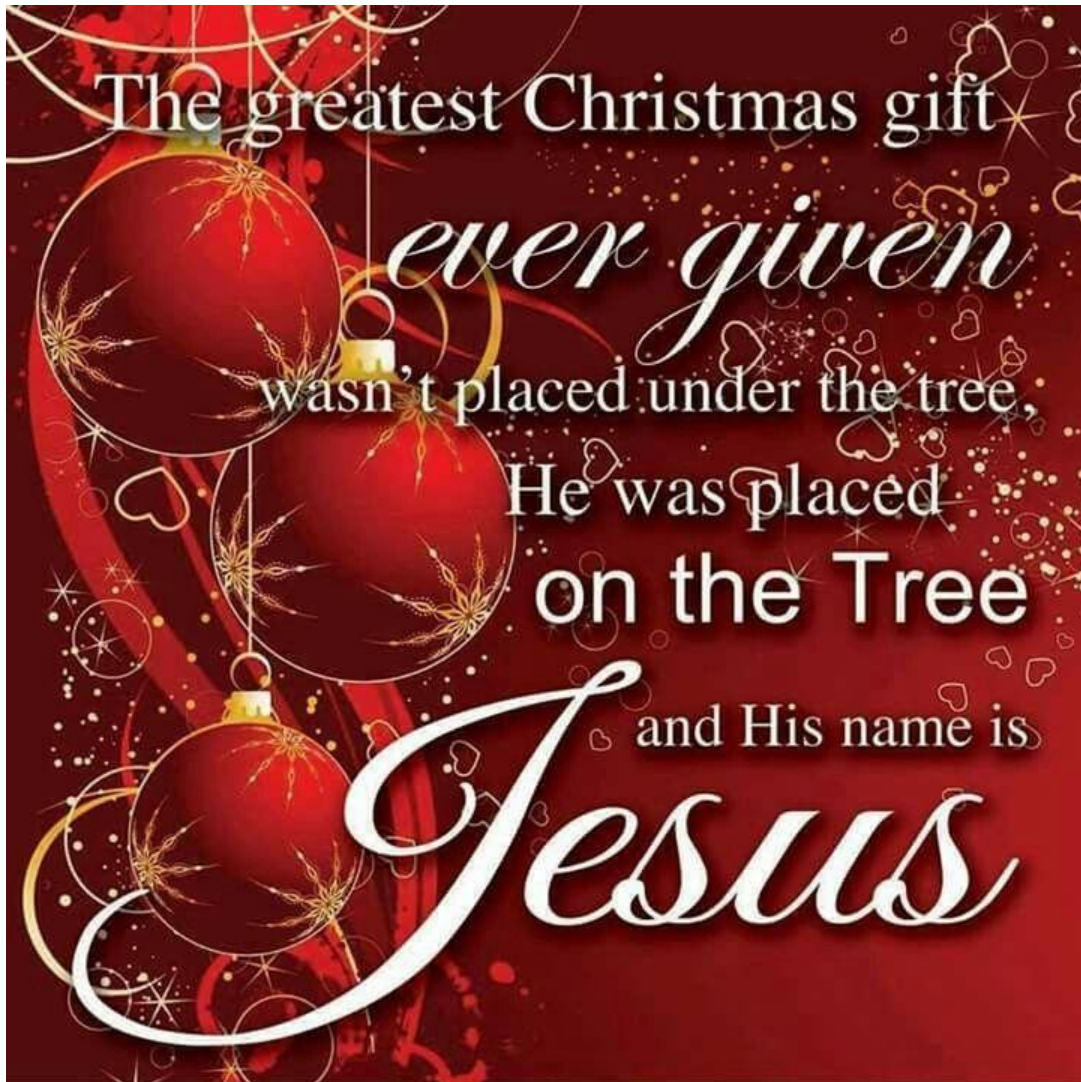


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May the miracle of the birth of Jesus fill your heart with abundant joy and love this Christmas.

The greatest gift we can receive this Christmas is not wrapped in a box, but found in the purity of a humble manger.

May the light of Christ shine on you and your loved ones, illuminating your path and bringing you hope for the future.

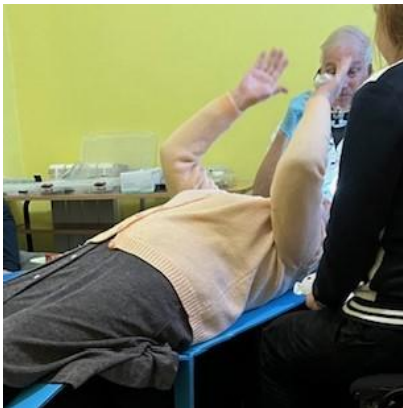
May the joy of the season be with you and your family, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

The CDS would like to reflect upon the real reason for the season and upon all the Lord has done for the CDS to help further His kingdom.

Let Us Give Thanks to God For:

* Allowing the CDS and its members to continue to encourage, assist, train, and equip hundreds of dental teams to open doors by sharing the Gospel and helping the needy worldwide.

The CDS spreads the Gospel as it serves the Lord in so many ways in so many places:



Ukraine, Praising the Lord
12 Miles from the Front

El Salvador, Dental/Medica/Eye Glasses
with Dental/Medical Students and Locals

Guatemala, Treating
Children in the OR

* CDS members to mentor dental students and others towards service and missions. Jamaica participants have conducted numerous student trips throughout the year and has a trip of over 40 from several schools going during the Christmas break. Check out the CDS website under Jamaican opportunity and contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescarney1@sbcglobal.net. The Guatemalan clinic www.guatemalansmiles.com hosted several teams this year and, with the large student trip in March, took a team of nearly 100 and treated 1200 patients the first week and took 55 children to the operating room the following week. Praise the Lord!

* Providing the need, finances, and opportunity for the CDS to purchase another 100 corrugated, plastic, portable dental chairs, and 100 pressure pot weights to help missions, with the assistance of Dr. Gayle Cheatwood. The CDS also bought five more portable, Aseptico dental operating units. CDS thanks Dr. David Moretz for maintaining the equipment, Dr. Randy Sanders for organizing the surgical, restorative, and hygiene kits, and Tina Land for coordinating with teams that help so many missions trips each year.

* Allowing the CDS and the CMDA to be your hands in organizing and running the first-ever Great Commission Dental Conference (GCDC) in Dallas, Texas this October as it attracted hundreds of participants and was a resounding success. This was such an encouraging time to learn about Christian missions, network, and enjoy sweet fellowship with like-minded servants

from around the world. Next year, the GCDC is planned for September 12,13 in Dallas, so put it on your calendar and do not miss it.



*Helping the CDS run exhibit booths at 13 major dental meetings in 2024 to encourage, assist, and connect so many towards dental missionary service. CDS members were also able to present about missions at several of these conferences to share the joy of service, present the gospel message, open opportunities for service, and teach about how to do portable dentistry.

* Servant, Godly leaders who are dedicated to supporting the CDS as volunteers (12 CDS Board Members, 18 Advisory Council Members, and an Executive Director). Tina Land has been our Executive Secretary for over 30 years and is our trusted administrator providing consistency and institutional knowledge.

*Bringing Day-One with Mr. Jamie DiBease to administrate the CDS website and for the Curtis Group who ran it for years. Both organizations have amazingly provided the website service for free to the CDS as their ministry!

The CDS has been blessed in so many ways other than the few highlights listed above. The CDS has a **unique mission niche** and we sincerely believe that **God is assisting us** as the CDS continues **to follow His mandate to spread the Gospel** throughout the world.

