

Christian Dental Society News-Brief November-December 2022



The CDS is honored to welcome Dr. Randy Sanders back onto the CDS Board with 100% approval and a vote of confidence from the CDS membership. Congratulations and thank you, Dr. Randy, for serving and helping lead the CDS.

Dental missions have been on the rise and we praise God for opening doors to those desiring to serve on missions who share the Good News of Jesus Christ through dentistry. The CDS would like to feature this recent dental mission to encourage and inspire you.



Dr. Jody Yarbro in the center of his Texas team

Dr. Jody Yarbro, a two-time CDS President, current Board member, and CDS's Treasurer has been going to Mexico on mission trips two or three times a year for the past 45 years. His team returned in October 2022, after a three year break due to COVID-19.

His team traveled by pickup truck from the Waco, Texas area to Chihuahua, Mexico. Each day they we left the compound, where they slept, traveling to a different rural village in the surrounding area. The local people were very happy to see us and waited for hours to receive dental and medical treatment. Some people traveled as many as eight hours.



U.S. and Mexican dental providers working together with CDS equipment.

Many of the patients were Tarahumara Indians from the mountainous area called Barranca del Cobre, or Copper Canyon. Dr. Jody's team of two, local female dentists from Chihuahua, an interpreter, and a sterilization-assistant provided extractions, fillings, and ultrasonic cleanings. Dr. Jody said, "Of course, we used the CDS blue chairs, two Aseptico portable dental units, and the sterilization pressure pot. Our team of eight from Texas teamed with six from Chihuahua working four days in different locations, thanks to the ability to use portable dental equipment."



The family in the picture dressed in the brightly colored clothes are Tarahumaras. This family did not own a toothbrush between them. Several families had recently relocated from the mountains due to drug violence. Praise God that the team was always safe, everyone stayed healthy, and they travelled safely with no vehicle problems.

Dr. Jody's organization is Gloria Al Padre, or GAP, and they plan to return in April and October 2023. If anyone is interested in going with Dr. Jody call 254-717-1557 or e-mail jhyarbro51@gmail.com.

Exhibiting at dental conventions has been an extremely valuable opportunity to encourage, assist, and connect. Thank you to those who have participated in various conferences. The CDS recently participated in the following conferences:

1. October 21-22, 2022 **Global Medical Missions** conference in Irvine, California with Dr. Frank Cho, Ronni Araki (a junior dental student), and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer who presented concerning short-term missions on Friday and Saturday.



GMMA Conference

2. October 23, 2022 **National Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD)** conference with the Loma Linda College where Dr. Ron Fritz and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer set up a portable clinic and talked about CDS's mission.

3. November 10-12, 2022 **Pacific Northwest** conference in Seattle, WA where Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer had an exhibit booth and presented to the local Christian Dental Society concerning short-term missions.

4. November 28-December 2, 2022 **Greater New York** dental meeting in NYC with Dr. Vic Bradford and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

The CDS plans to participate in these upcoming conferences:

1. January 19-21, 2023 **Rocky Mountain** dental conference, in Denver, CO with Dr. Randy Sanders and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, who will present on short-term missions for two hours.

2. January 26-28, 2023 **Yankee** dental meeting in Boston, MA with Dr. Kunio Chan and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

3. March 17-19, 2023 **Hinman** dental meeting in Atlanta, GA with Dr. David and Gail Moretz, and Dr. Randy Sanders.

4. April 13-15, 2023 **Oregon** Dental Meeting in Portland, OR with Dr. Andrew Walls and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, who will present on short-term missions for three hours.

5. April 27-29, 2023 **Star of the North** dental meeting in St Paul, MN with Dr. Denny Scharine and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. 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.

6. May 4-6, 2023 **Texas Dental Association** Meeting in San Antonio, TX with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer and Mrs. Glynn Reser. TDA made a special exception for the CDS to obtain a booth rather than a table for \$150 so we could display the dental clinic. Dr. Tom Love has agreed to also pay for this booth fee.

8. May 18-20, 2023 **California** dental meeting in **Anaheim**, CA with Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. This event carries a \$500 fee which Dr. Tom Love paid last year and volunteered to pay again this year.

9. July TBD 2023 **National Dental Association** meeting, TBD with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer

10. September 15-17, 2023 **Ohio** dental meeting in Columbus, OH with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

11. 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 at a nearby church TBD.

As the year comes to an end, the CDS leadership would like to thank those life-time members and those who have rejoined for 2023. If you have not rejoined yet, the CDS, would like to remind you that your dues support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental missions to help the underserved and in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world. As a non-profit organization, the CDS would also welcome any year-end contributions to support dental missions. These gifts are tax deductible through the CDS and done through the website www.christiandental.org, by sending a check to the CDS home office at PO Box 296 in Sumner, Iowa 50674, or by calling Tina at 563-578-8887 and giving her a credit card number.

May God Bless you and your families during the Christmas Season and give you a Happy New Year.

