

## Christian Dental Society News-Brief

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The Christian Dental Society desires to send regular **news-briefs** to all CDS members to briefly summarize current CDS news, mission trip reports, trip opportunities, and other pertinent information. Please send short articles and announcements to Executive Director, Dr. Bob Meyer: [bdmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:bdmeyer@comcast.net)

Come to the **Phoenix Dental Convention (April 8-9, 2016)** and meet CDS members **Dr. Richard and Judy Martin, Dr. John Ley, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** at the CDS Booth. A dinner is planned for CDS members on Saturday night.

**Trip opportunities** to Romania in September and Oaxaca, Mexico in June are currently available, along with trips to Jamaica at numerous times this year to help train dental students. If you have a trip planned and want to get the word out to others, go to the CDS website [www.christiandental.org](http://www.christiandental.org) under “Members,” click on the “Mission Trip Opportunity,” fill out the simple trip information data, and submit so that your trip can be advertised. This is facilitated by **Dr. Jim Wolf**.

**Save the date!** Don't miss the **CDS Annual Board Meeting and Mission Banquet** to be held at the American Dental Association Convention in Denver, Colorado on Friday, October 21, 2016. All Board members and Advisory Council members are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited to all CDS events: the CDS Booth (ongoing at the ADA Exhibit Hall), the CDS Board Meeting (1-5 p.m.) and the CDS Mission Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.), both to be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. The catered dinner will include dentist and hygienist mission speakers and interaction time between CDS members.

Sales of the CDS ***Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips*** are already in the hundreds, with proceeds going to the CDS. This valuable resource is available on Amazon and Kindle versions.

If you have recommendations for this year's **“Ron Lamb Mission Award”** to be given at the annual CDS Banquet, please submit a nomination by going to the CDS website under the “Member” section, fill out the form, and submit on-line.

The **CDS Facebook** page—“Christian Dental Society”—is being noticed! Please add “likes” and posts to it. Mission trip reports attract attention.

**Thanks to CDS Members** who have helped CDS in the following areas recently:

**\*\*Dr. David Moretz** (CDS Large Equipment Manager) and **Dr. Randy Sanders** (Small Equipment Manager) spend hours helping to equip many mission trips. Our CDS Secretary, **Mrs. Tina Wendel**, and the **Curtis Group** also assist CDS tirelessly.

**\*\*Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood** ran the first CDS portable dental mission training program in Mexicali, Mexico with great success. The dentists trained have already participated on subsequent dental missions. Contact Gayle at 760-554-2820 or [gacdds@prodigy.net](mailto:gacdds@prodigy.net) if interested in this ongoing training opportunity.

**\*\*Dr. Randy and Kathy Sanders** organized a CDS Breakfast and **Dr. Randy Sanders** ran the CDS Booth at the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention in Denver in January. Others staffing the booth included **Dr. Bill and Linda Griffin, Paul Shada, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer**.

**\*\*Dr. Kunio Chan** helped **Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** staff the CDS Booth at the Boston Yankee Dental Convention in January.

**\*\*Dr. Monica Oliveira-Hewitt, Dr. Scott Hewitt, Paul Shada, Dr. Jim Carney, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** facilitated the CDS Booth at the Chicago Midwinter Dental Convention in February.

**\*\*Dr. Jim and Sue Carney** led a January and March Dental Mission Trip for dental students in Jamaica.

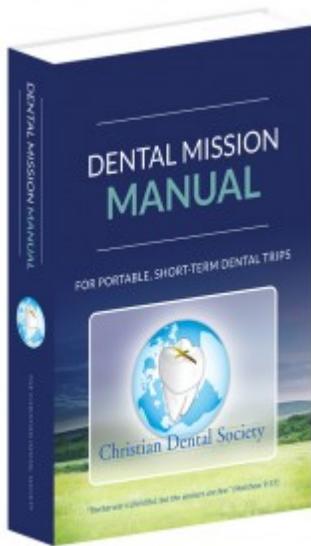
**\*\*Dr. T. Bob Davis (Team Leader), Dr. Jody Yarbrow, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** helped train 60 dental and 16 hygiene students on a Spring Break Mission Trip to Guatemala. 1,000 children were treated and future dental mission leaders were mentored. CDS helped equip the mission and **40 students joined CDS!**

**\*\*Our CDS brochure is now available in Spanish** thanks to **Dr. Monica Oliveira-Hewitt and the Curtis Group**. Check it out on the CDS website.

**\*\*CDS members** are developing portable dental units, as it is difficult to keep up with the rental demand. **Dr. Gayle Cheatwood** is designing a 12 volt dental operating unit system which is almost ready, and **Paul Shada** from Bell Dental is constructing another new portable unit and is reconfiguring the Aseptico units into hard, Pelican cases to help them hold up to the rigors of field use. **Dr. Monica Oliveira-Hewitt** is also sharing creative ideas concerning the CDS equipment. Ultrasonic scalers to be put into future hygiene rental kits are being tested.

Thank you and blessings to all CDS members who continue to support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental personnel to provide dental care to the underserved and to open doors in support of God's

kingdom. Please inform Dr. Bob Meyer concerning your mission trips and happenings for the next CDS news-brief.



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