

Christian Dental Society News-Brief March 2018

"May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely . . ."
1 Thessalonians 5:23

March is a busy month for missions, and the CDS is actively supporting many teams serving the physical and spiritual needs around the world. We added four more restorative kits to our inventory this month to keep up with the demand, and we send our thanks to **Dr. Randy Sanders**.

The CDS, Dr. John Spenn, Paul Shada, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer, just returned from the Chicago Dental meeting (over 29,000 in attendance) where **many were impacted towards dental missions**. For example, the CDS sold five pressure pot rings to help teams sterilize. We frequently talk to dental personnel that are not sterilizing instruments, and although we know better, many still justify some form of chemical disinfection as the best they can do. 15 of the CDS Dental Mission Manuals were purchased. CDS pamphlets and CDS informational handouts were distributed to over 250 interested in dental missions, as we continue to plant many seeds in the hearts and minds of those we encourage and assist.

Our next CDS Dental Convention exhibit booth will be at the Hinman meeting in Atlanta with Dr. Randy Sanders and Dr. Dave Moretz on March 22-24. After that the CDS exhibits in Portland, Oregon on April 5-7. **Dr. Ronald Fritz and Dr. Bob Meyer** will have an opportunity to speak on Dental Volunteerism at this convention.

When looking over the directory on the CDS website, www.christiandental.org we are noticing that **many of our members addresses and phone numbers are not current**. Just click on either the "public or private member's directory," click on "update your information," make changes, and click submit. Even if you do not think anything has changed, **please check the directories** and make sure all information is correct. If you own an office and have a website, please add that to the public directory so potential patients can access your office information when searching for a Christian dentist.

The American Dental Association will be filming **Dr. T. Bob Davis**, a long-time CDS member, at the 60-member dental and hygiene student trip to Guatemala on

March 16-24. The ADA Humanitarian Award will be awarded during the ADA convention this year using that video.

The CDS is planning to meet again, have social gatherings, and hold our yearly Board Meeting at the ADA Dental Convention, which will be held in Hawaii on October 18-20, 2018. CDS will not have a designated hotel in Hawaii, but several are staying at the Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki at 444 Kanekapoiei Street. If it is not in your plans to go all the way to Hawaii, please come to the San Francisco ADA meeting, September 5-7, 2019.

If you are serving, or planning to serve, you will be traveling, so our thoughts and prayers go out to you, as do the **assurances of the scriptures**:

Exodus 23:20 “Look! I am going to send a heavenly messenger before you to protect you during your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you.”

Isaiah 52:12 “Go in confidence and grace—no rushing, no frantic escape. There’s no need to be anxious—the Eternal One goes before and behind you. The God of Israel paves the way with assurance and strength.”

Psalms 139:7-10 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go to heaven you are there, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”

Psalms 91 “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. Surely He will save you . . .”