

Christian Dental Society News-Brief January 2019

God's great promises often come with conditions so let us do what it says in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all you heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and **He will make your paths straight.**"

The CDS has **updated our pamphlet of basic information** and can be found under "About Us" in the CDS website www.christiandental.org.



Jamaica student trip team members with 14 week-long trips completed in 2018

If you are **taking students on a mission trip**, they are eligible for a **free student membership** until December of their graduation year. We as CDS members want to encourage and mentor students towards Christian service and excellence in dentistry. Our members are taking about 500 dental and hygiene students on overseas trips each year, but most are not being properly introduced and invited into the CDS. **To be eligible for a free student membership a student must go on a trip with a CDS member and be willing to sign our basic CDS statement of faith.**

Under our CDS website under “Member Area” there is a new “**Free Student Membership Written Handout and Application to the CDS**” which can be clicked on, and run off as a guide to mentoring students about the CDS including: CDS history, membership benefits, why go on dental missions, CDS Statement of Faith, and a membership application. After a student is mentored by a CDS member about a free student membership they can either fill out the written application and submit it or go to our CDS website under, “Members Area”, and click on the “Free Student Membership Online Information and Application to the CDS.”

As CDS members, we are privileged to be able to impact others towards service and Christ. Please take the time to **look up this Free Student Membership Handout under the Members Area of our website** and run off a copy so you can easily and intelligently talk about the CDS and encourage students to join our great organization.

The CDS has been testing, helping modify, and now feels comfortable using the new, rugged, self-contained Task Force Deluxe Dental Operating Unit. The **CDS just purchased three of the units** to add to our equipment inventory in an attempt to keep up with the demand for portable dental units. The CDS also has **two battery-operated dental operating units, produced by Dr. Gayle Cheatwood**, available for dental missions. Hygiene kits have been in big demand this past year and **the CDS now has 10 hygiene kits available** with portable suction and ultrasonic capability. The CDS has **added another portable x-ray unit** to the inventory and now has three available for missions. God has blessed the CDS and we thank everyone for your support.



Dental Hygiene Kit which rents for \$75 for the mission trip.

Dr. T. Bob Davis, a long time CDS member, who won the ADA Humanitarian Award this past year, is in the process of building an **18-chair dental clinic in San Raymundo, Guatemala** to be completed in March of this year prior to his yearly dental/hygiene student trip. He has been mentoring dental students for over 40 years.

The CDS exhibit booths at major dental conventions have been extremely valuable opportunities to encourage, assist, teach, and equip those interested in dental missions—we connect with hundreds of professionals and potential volunteers at each meeting. The CDS plans on exhibiting at dental conventions in **Boston on January 31-February 2**. The CDS will be in Chicago on February 21-23, Atlanta in March, Anaheim, San Antonio, and Chicago (Pediatric meeting) in May, Pacific Northwest and Kissimmee, Florida in June. **San Francisco, with the ADA in October, will include the yearly CDS Board meeting followed by a Mission Banquet on Friday, September 6, so add**

this to your calendar. CDS will also exhibit at the Greater New York in November. Check the CDS website under “Events” for exact dates. Please join the CDS members running these booths if you are able to help us speak with attendees. Contact Dr. Bob Meyer if interested at 719-351-2152 or at bdmeyer@comcast.net

Another Promise of God with a condition is found in Rom 8:28, “**And we know that in all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.