

Christian Dental Society News-Brief January 2020



The CDS Needs Your Expert, Mission Input!

The CDS recently sent out a survey on “Recruitment Considerations for Christian, Dental, Short-Term Missions Relating to the Holistic Development of Dentists.” **Many have filled out the survey and we thank you.** The more input we can gather the more valid the study. The Christian Medical and Dental Association is getting ready to e-mail the survey to their dental membership. A copy of the letter sent out and the link to the survey is shown below. If you have not filled out the survey yet, please consider helping us. Also, please send to your Christian dental colleagues who are not members of the CDS or the CMDA. Just forward this e-mail and have them click on the link.

Dear Dr.

The recruitment of Christian dentists for short-term, dental missions is being studied. Your responses, taking 5-10 minutes, will greatly aid Christian organizations in their promotion of faith-based trips to provide dental care and spiritual outreach to under-resourced people.

Although consent details are required by all educational institutions, there is no need to sign anywhere. You may go directly to the survey icon at the end of the

consent and click on the survey. Whatever your level of involvement with dental missions, your perspectives are invaluable.

As an avid, dental missionary for over 25 years and as a member of the Christian Dental Society, the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, and other faith groups, I pray that you would help in this worthy endeavor by clicking on this survey link:

<https://www.christiandental.org/dentalmissionsurvey/>

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The next CDS exhibit booths will be at the Rocky Mountain Convention in Denver on Jan. 23-25, the Yankee meeting in Boston on Jan. 30-Feb. 1, and at the Chicago Midwinter meeting on Feb. 20-22. Please connect with the booth if you are there or at any of the other activities listed under CDS Upcoming Events on our website: www.christiandental.org.

It is not too early to plan for the ADA meeting in Orlando, Florida on Oct. 15-17. Note that the convention center in Orlando has three, large building and they are spread out. The ADA will be in the West building and not the North or South buildings. The CDS will not have a designated hotel as so many like to choose and have points or rewards to use. There are lots of hotels available, but few within walking distance of the West building. To give you an idea, Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer booked one of the closest hotels, within easy walking distance to the convention, called the Midpointe Hotel by Rosen Hotels and Resorts through Hotels.com for \$85 a night, which includes all taxes and fees.



Orlando Convention Center West Building

The CDS will have its annual Board Meeting on Saturday, October 17th from 1-5 p.m. All are invited to the meeting and a Mission Banquet on Saturday evening. The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) is moving their Dental Council Meeting to the ADA conference for the first time this year and the CMDA plans to join the CDS for our Mission Banquet. Dr. William Griffin, the CMDA dental director and a former President of the CDS, will be one of our speakers. We encourage everyone attend.

The CDS is supporting a number of dental teams with equipment and kits this January to numerous continents around the world. We sincerely thank all those who are giving of their time, energy, and resources to help the disadvantaged and to open doors to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ around the world. Keep the CDS in prayer as God is blessing in amazing ways as the CDS serves His Kingdom.

A recent comment from a CDS member on the surveys we sent out was, "Thank You! I hope CDS will always be here as a way for dentists like myself to have the access to equipment and guidance before a trip like this. The organization is so helpful and welcoming and without CDS many mission trips may not have taken place."



A CDS Hygiene Kit rents for \$75 with portable ultrasonic and suction unit

The CDS has just ordered five more portable ultrasonics and suction machines for more hygiene kits to keep up with the demand. Go Hygiene!!

"A new command I give you: Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are y disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34