

## **Christian Dental Society News-Brief June 2017**

May your Summer be filled with meaning, and “...may the peace of our Lord, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20, 2017 in Atlanta** for the ADA convention, as CDS has another spectacular Mission Banquet planned, to be held at the historic Atlanta First United Methodist Church at 360 Peachtree Street NE, within walking distance to the convention and downtown hotels.

The CDS would like to introduce you to our two featured Mission Banquet speakers:

**Dr. T. Bob Davis** has taken more than 1,500 dental students and about 500 dentists to Latin America over the past 36 years on dental missions. Dr. T. Bob, who is currently the President of Academy of Dentistry International, says, “Do what you can while you still can!” He was featured in the April 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the ADA News. Dr. T. Bob and Janis have a private dental practice in Dallas, Texas. Dr. T. Bob has over a dozen CD’s published as a professional concert pianist and will also be playing music at the banquet, so we are in for a real treat.

**Dr. Andrew Walls** is a young, energetic, and up and coming CDS member (he will join the CDS Advisory Council this year). He and his wife, Rebecca, attended the first formal CDS dental mission training trip in Mexicali, Mexico in December 2015, which was directed by **Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood**. Dr. Andrew’s in-laws are missionaries in Thailand and he wanted to take his young family there to not only visit, but to provide much needed dental care. Dr. Andrew, and his wife Rebecca, had little knowledge about how to do a portable dental mission. After the CDS training, they felt confident doing portable dentistry and took their children to Thailand. Come hear about their dental mission journey and relive their experiences of God blessing their family through dentistry. They plan to go back to Thailand this December.



Dr. T. Bob Davis in Guatemala



Dr. Andrew and Rebecca Walls in Mexicali

The CDS will have **Booth # 465** on the exhibit floor from Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the ADA convention.

On **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**, the CDS is planning an informal get-together dinner at Mary Mac's Tea House on 224 Ponce De Leon Ave NE in downtown Atlanta. All CDS members and guests are invited.



On **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**, the CDS will have our yearly Board Meeting from 1:30-5:00 p. m. at the Atlanta First United Methodist Church. **Members of the CDS are encouraged to attend** and see what the CDS leadership is planning.

### **Dental Conferences in 2017:**

**Dr. Kathy Barlow and Dr. Bob Liebler**, CDS Board Members, will hold a CDS booth at the Florida meeting on June 22-24.

The Academy of General Dentistry invoked a new ruling this year eliminating complimentary exhibit booths at their yearly convention. It would have cost the CDS over \$2,000 to register for a booth at the upcoming Las Vegas AGD convention in July. **Dr. Denny Scharine, CDS President, and Dr. Bob Meyer, CDS Executive Director**, wrote letters and talked to the AGD, trying to convince them that it was important to have volunteer organizations at the local conventions who advocated humanitarian work as a worthy endeavor for dental personnel. The CDS just received news that we will be granted a complimentary booth space at the **July 13-15 AGD dental conference in Las Vegas and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** will run the CDS booth. Praise the Lord! Kudo's to the AGD for changing their decision.

The CDS will also hold exhibit booths at the California Dental Meeting in **San Francisco, August 24-26**, at the Ohio Dental Meeting in **Columbus, September 14-16**, at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in **New York City (over 50,000 dental participants) on November 26-29**, and at the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention in **Denver on January 18-20, 2018**. The CDS is connecting with hundreds of dental, mission-minded individuals in the exhibit halls, and the booths have been a significant way to impact others in our profession.

**Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** have been invited by the Rocky Mountain Convention in Denver to speak on "**Why and How to do Portable Short-term Dental Missions**" on Friday morning, January 19, 2018, from 8-11 a.m.



CDS Booth in Oregon, **Dr. Andrew Walls** (center)

### **Jamaican Dental Mission Trips:**

**Dr. Jim Carney and Dr. Bill Griffin**, both CDS Board Members, are running student mission trips to Jamaica on almost a monthly basis. They have recently been featured in the ADA News on May 1<sup>st</sup> in that they have started working with the American Association of Endodontists, taking resident endodontists to Treasure Beach, Jamaica to provide endodontic services to the underserved several times a year (see [www.aae.org/foundation](http://www.aae.org/foundation)). If you are a student, dentist, or hygienist interested in a mission trip to Jamaica, you can connect at [dentalmissiontrips@gmail.com](mailto:dentalmissiontrips@gmail.com). **Thank you, Dr. Jim and Dr. Bill**, for opening doors to hundreds, encouraging and helping them use dentistry to help those in need and potentially setting the stage for a lifetime of service.



Jamaica dental trip which included dentists, hygienists, students, and spouses

### **Advertise Dental Mission Trips and Organizations:**

If you are **planning a dental mission trip** and need more participants, please access the CDS website, [www.christiandental.org](http://www.christiandental.org) and go to the “Member Area,” where you can easily fill out and submit a mission trip opportunity request for help, which will go out to all CDS members.

If you know of **Christian dental organizations in the USA or Internationally** who need dental volunteers, enter them on our website. Go to “View Opportunities Christian organizations requesting dental personnel” and click either “USA Opportunities” or “International Opportunities,” fill out the simple form and submit.

### **Membership:**

The **Curtis Group** (who donate their technical support at no cost to the CDS) and our CDS secretary, **Mrs. Tina Wendel** are striving to assure all CDS **membership information is correct** on our website directory. Please take a moment to check your public and private membership data. If not correct or complete, click on the “Update” of the directory section. Our **membership has grown to over 500** and God continues to bless CDS. Thank you for your support.

If you have not rejoined for 2017 yet, the CDS now has the option for automatic renewal either through our dues renewal letter or on the CDS website under “**Automatic Renewal.**”

**Fund Raising Opportunity:**

Please help CDS in a **wonderful financial opportunity** which does not cost anything, but can significantly help CDS financially. Instead of going directly to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) to shop, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Just below the merchandise search box there is an option to choose a charity designation. Please choose the “Christian Dental Society—Sumner, IA” and the AmazonSmile foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the CDS. Tell your patients and friends as the potential is amazing! Our CDS President, **Dr. Denny Scharine** says, “This is an exciting way to further the Kingdom without asking for specific donations.”

“... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16