

Christian Dental Society News-Brief

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“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. . .It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23-24). It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it.

The ADA meeting in San Francisco (and the CDS annual meeting) is only three months away. Please make plans to attend. Our CDS board meeting will be on Friday, September 6, from 1-5 p.m. at St. Patrick Church (756 Mission Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, just NW from the Moscone Convention Center) followed by a banquet with a fabulous Philippine buffet meal starting at 5:30 p.m. Music will feature **pianist, Dr. T. Bob Davis**, who has published 14 CDs. **Drs. Anthony and Naomi Wong, American, short-term missionaries since 1987** have formed their own non-profit called Friends of Grace and will be our keynote speakers. They travel often to difficult-to-reach countries like Iraq, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and many others. The meal will be a **home-cooked, Philippine dinner catered by “Hapan Pilipino”** restaurant featuring strawberry walnut salad, pansit miki-bihon noodles, steamed rice, chicken barbecue, beef caldereta, fish fillet excabeche, vegetables, and a fruit platter medley for dessert. It would be appreciated if you could stop by the **CDS booth #3138** and sign up for the banquet. Cost: \$30 at the door and students pay only \$20. Dress is casual.



St. Patrick Church

The CDS exhibited at the Anaheim meeting and thanks to those who assisted: **Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, Dr. Frank Cho, Mr. Jawn Swan, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer.** The CDS also exhibited at the Pedo meeting in Chicago for the first time with Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer. In June, the CDS will exhibit at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference in Bellevue, Washington on June 20-21. **Dr. Bob Meyer will be speaking** at the Christian Dental Fellowship breakfast on Thursday morning, June 20th at 7 a.m. in the Maple room of the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. On June 27-29th, **Dr. Jonathan and Amy Spenn**, will host a CDS booth at the Florida Dental Meeting. Please stop by if you are attending any of these meetings.

If you are inexperienced and would like to join a family-friendly dental mission trip to gain an understanding of how short-term, portable dentistry can be done safely and comfortably in the developing world, there are some excellent opportunities from seasoned CDS couples.

1. Dr. Bill and Suslee Sasser have a trip to **Quito, Ecuador on October 4-12, 2020** working with Global Health Outreach basing out of North Quito. Contact Dr. Bill Sasser at drbillsasser@gmail.com or phone at 843-345-5025.

2. Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer have a trip to the **Dominican Republic on January 4-11, 2020** working with One Child Matters basing out to Santiago. If interested contact Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net or phone at 719-351-2152.

3. Dr. Gaye and Nita Cheatwood have a trip to **Oaxaca, Mexico on January 13-20, 2020** working with Dental Vision Mission and basing out of Puerto Escondido. Contact Dr. Gayle Cheatwood at gacdds@prodigy.net or phone at 760-554-2820.

4. If you want to mentor U.S. dental students to Jamaica for a week, the CDS has recently added an informational handout about Jamaica student trips on the CDS website (www.christiandental.org) To access, click on the first picture under “View Opportunities” and then click on the “Jamaican Opportunity.” Last year, **Dr. Jim Carney, Dr. Bill Griffin** and other leaders from the CDS led 15 mission trips to Jamaica taking over 450 participants to help the under-served in Jamaica and the same is happening this year. Contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescarney1@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or would like to proceed with the registration process.

5. If you have a trip where you would like to mentor others, please let Dr. Bob Meyer know at bdmeyer@comcast.net and we can add it too the next News-Brief.

Our CDS members are going on so many mission trips and the CDS would love to share some of your stories and opportunities for mission projects in our monthly News-Briefs. **Dr. Denny Scharine, our Past-President has a report from his recent trip to Belize in May:**



Patchakan Clinic Building



Dr. Denny Scharine

Hello fellow CDS members! I'd like to give you information about the Presbyterian Medical (also dental) Clinic in Patchakan, Belize. We first became aware of this mission opportunity at a CDS Family Conference in 1999. We went there on our first-ever mission trip as a family in 2000 and have fallen in love with the people and ministry. For the last several years my niece, a hygienist, has come along and been greatly appreciated by us and the patients!

There is an established, full-time, medical clinic with a newly air-conditioned dental room available for visiting dental professionals. There are two dental chairs with working units providing handpieces, air/water syringe, and suction. An autoclave is also present and working.

The clinic has a full-time, national chaplain who shares the gospel with all medical and dental patients while they are waiting for their pre-scheduled appointments. The staff at the clinic are very welcoming and helpful. A translator is available as needed. Housing is provided on site with clean accommodations and heated water for showers.

This is an opportunity for someone to have a relatively comfortable first exposure to missions as a single, couple, or family, or for mission veterans who want short flights for a change. Over the last 20 years, God has used this ministry to deepen our personal walks with Him as we have had the opportunity to share His love with the people of Belize! Please **contact Dr. Denny Scharine** at dds@scharinedental.com or call at 920-750-8360 with any questions.

If you have a dental mission story or opportunity you would be willing to send out to our CDS members, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

If you have pictures or short stories you would like to publish on the CDS Facebook, text them to Diane Meyer at 719-216-2217 or email them to bdmeyer@comcast.net.

The ultimate measure of a person is not where you stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where you stand at times of challenge and controversy. **"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small (Proverbs 24:10).**