

Christian Dental Society News-Brief May 2018

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16

The CDS is entering a very active season of mission trips, with most of our equipment and kits being loaned out, which warrants a praise to God! Be sure to return equipment and kits as soon as possible as our turn-around time is minimal at this time of year. The CDS sends our thanks to all who are serving and contributing to God’s kingdom around the world.

CDS has enjoyed a busy, productive season connecting at dental convention exhibit booths as we continue to encourage and impact others towards dental missions around the country. Late in April, the CDS exhibited, for the first time, at the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry convention in Chicago with Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer. In early May, **Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbrow, Dr. John and Vicki Ley, Dr. Mark and Darcie Mosier (and daughter Courtney), as well as Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** were at the Texas Dental Association meeting in San Antonio. **Dr. T. Bob Davis**, our ADA Humanitarian for 2018, presented on volunteerism for six hours encouraging others to serve dentally. Later in the month **Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, Mr. Jawn Swan, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** were at the California Dental Association meeting in Anaheim. We have been selling many copies of the CDS Dental Mission Manual, pressure pot weights, and portable chairs as we continue to assist those going on dental missions to the glory of our Savior.

The CDS will exhibit next at the Global Missions Medical Conference in Anaheim on June 21-22; www.gmmaconference@gmma7.org. Dr Frank and Tina Cho will be speaking on, **“Reflections on 13 years of dental ministry in Cambodia.”** Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer will also be speaking on, **“How to Perform Portable Dentistry Safely and Comfortably in Austere Environments.”**

The American Dental Association Foundation, the International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International hosted the first, **“International Volunteer Project Workshop,”** to explore the challenges

and to help develop best practices for dental volunteerism. Several members from the Christian Dental Society attended to include: **Dr. T. Bob Davis, Dr. Ronald Fritz, Dr. John and Amy Spenn and Dr. Bob Meyer,** held on Friday, May 11, at the ADA headquarters in Chicago. Over 60 experienced dental volunteers from numerous dental schools, volunteer organizations, and interested parties participated in a very interactive, well-organized consolidation of dental volunteer experiences, discussing best practices concerning dental mission volunteerism in 12 major areas. After the workshop outcomes are consolidated over the next few weeks, we will send them out to you.

Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and Mr. Jawn Swan showed off the newly completed battery-operated dental unit at the recent Anaheim Dental meeting, which has withstood rigorous testing and modifications over the past several years. The unit is packaged in a 45-pound Pelican rolling case durable enough to be transported on planes. The dental unit will have better suction than any comparable dental unit of its size, will run off a 12-volt car battery, as well as off 120 volts or 220 volts, and can be charged with solar cells. Gayle and John are ready to reproduce ten of the units, so if interested contact Dr. Gayle Cheatwood at 760-554-2820.

Aseptico, who makes the self-contained Task Force Deluxe Dental Operating Unit that CDS rents out, has replaced the breakage-prone case. Now there is a **significantly stronger, reinforced case.** If you have an old Task Force unit needing a new case, consider sending it to Aseptico. Call their customer service department at 866-244-7095 for instructions. CDS members still get a 20% discount on Aseptico equipment for being a non-profit organization.

Dr. Raymond Lansdowne, a member of the CDS, has deceased and the CDS sends our condolences to his family. We want to say a special thanks to the Lansdowne Estate for a generous contribution to the CDS Equipment Fund which will enable us to purchase three more self-contained dental operating units to help others with dental missions around the world.

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.

One of the Christian Dental Society ideals is to encourage and mentor others towards service: The apostle Paul told his young protégé Timothy, **“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”** (1 Timothy 4:12).