

Christian Dental Society News-Brief December 2018

Christmas is when the carol sings in my heart,
when the candle light glows within me,
when the star shines from my own eyes
is most of all when Love of the Child
is part of every card I send,
every gift I give, and every prayer.



The CDS is giving and receiving Christmas cheer:

Dr. Michael Vaughn, the CDS President-Elect, has given the CDS a Nomad portable x-ray to add to the equipment inventory. The CDS has one x-ray, but during the past year there have been numerous requests for a second and we sincerely thank Dr. Vaughn for this additional unit.

Several CDS members have given generous monetary donations to the CDS enabling the CDS to purchase the highly requested, newly updated, Aseptico, self-contained dental operating units this coming year. CDS is also increasing the hygiene kit inventory featuring ultrasonic and suction units to keep up with requests. More surgical and restorative instruments are also being ordered to keep up with demand and the CDS sincerely thanks all contributors.

So many volunteers are participating on dental missions to more countries than ever before, helping the under-served and sharing God's love through spreading the Gospel. May God bless every individual and every mission trip, provide His protection, and use our talents for the Kingdom.

The CDS is also sending a financial Christmas blessing this year to Umal, a local national from Uganda, who was trained through mPower by Dr. Bill Griffin and Dr. Bob Meyer to extract teeth on his countrymen and to share the Gospel message. He has since helped I-Tec train indigenous Kenyans with Dr. John Spenn (who recently joined the CDS Advisory Council) and Dr. Bill Griffin. Umal has a strong desire to become a dentist and has met admission pre-requisites, but the cost of his dental training in Uganda is about \$16,000—a nearly insurmountable cost for Umal. Dr. Bill Griffin recommended the CDS use our Endowment fund of \$10,565 to help fund Umal, it was supported by the CDS Executive Committee, and just approved by a unanimous vote of the CDS Board. Umal is giving glory to God with a prayer that “He finish in me the good work He has started in me.” The CDS is privileged to be able to support such a worthy individual and thanks everyone for their support and for living out their faith in word and deed.



Umal, 3rd from the left, receiving his training certificate from mPower



CDS Members and Guests at CDS Exhibit Booth in Hawaii with ADA

The CDS exhibit booths at major dental conventions have been an extremely valuable opportunity to encourage, assist, teach, and equip those interested in dental missions—we connect with hundreds of professionals and potential volunteers each meeting. The CDS plans on exhibiting at dental conventions in Denver on January 17-19 and 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, and the Greater New York in November. Check the CDS website under “Events” for exact dates. Please join us if you are able to help us speak with attendees.

Live like Christ in this season. Be compassionate, forgiving, and sensitive to the people with whom you work and play.

Be joyful at Christmas! You are celebrating the greatest event in the history of the world—the arrival of God in human form who gives us hope as it says in Titus 3:7, “So that being justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”