

Christian Dental Society News-Brief

June, 2016

On June 16-18th, Dr. Katy Barlow, Dr. Robert Liebler, and Dr. John and Amy Spenn will exhibit at the Florida Dental Convention in Kissimmee, Florida.

We have **revised and are currently updating our website** to make it even better. **Thank you to the Curtis Group.** With our current format, we do not have enough room for all the member data we need, and feel we can improve on the website in other ways. If you have not updated your personal contact information, please go to the website www.ChristianDental.org and do so on the website or by contacting our home office: 563-578-8887 or e-mail cdsent@netins.net.

We have converted four of our five Aseptico Deluxe portable dental operating units into a hard Pelican case as we have been having trouble with the cases not holding up to the rental market. **Thank you, Paul Shada from Bell Dental** for engineering this for our dental operating units.

We are renting out more equipment and kits than ever before and we **thank Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Dave Moretz, and Tina** for their many hours of work assisting others with dental missions by renting out equipment and kits.

The **Academy of Dentistry International** www.adiint.org has invited our **membership and spouses** to attend their three-hour CHE dental mission presentation, at no cost, given by CDS members, **Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and Dr. Robert Meyer.** This event will be held at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel on October 19th, Wednesday morning, from 9-12 a.m., a day before the ADA convention which starts on October 20, 2016. Everyone is also invited to an ADI orientation after lunch, and to the ADI Gala Banquet, held that evening at 7 p.m. (cost for the banquet is \$125 per person). **Dr. T. Bob Davis**, one of our long-time CDS members, is the ADI President Elect, and will take over later this year. ADI has dentists in 67 countries, and we view this as a wonderful opportunity for the CDS to open doors to a more international audience according to God's leading. If you can come to the ADA meeting a day early, please consider coming to the ADI mission presentation. Let Dr. Bob Meyer know if you plan on attending any of these events.

The portable ultrasonic donated by **Dr. Monica Oliver-Hewitt** has withstood the rigors of field mission work, and we have purchased two more. Thanks to **Dr. Randy Sanders** for putting the kits together, as we will now have three hygiene kits available for rent.

Save the date! Don't miss the **CDS Annual Board Meeting and Mission Banquet** to be held at the American Dental Association Convention in Denver, Colorado on Friday, October 21, 2016. All Board members and Advisory Council members are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited to all CDS events: the CDS Booth # 2062 (ongoing at the ADA Exhibit Hall), the CDS Board Meeting (1-5 p.m.) and the CDS Mission Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.), both to be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. The catered dinner will include dentist and hygienist mission speakers and interaction time between CDS members. If anyone would like to help at the CDS booth at the ADA Convention or any other convention—thereby receiving a free exhibit hall badge—please contact bdmeyer@comcast.net. Some board members are staying at the Days Inn Denver Downtown located at 930 East Colfax Ave in Denver, Colorado (phone number: 303-813-8000). It is the only hotel we could find that is under \$100, with free breakfast, free parking, free Wi-Fi and within walking distance of the convention. Other hotels are available through the ADA.

If you have recommendations for this year's "**Ron Lamb Mission Award**" to be given at the annual CDS Banquet, please submit a nomination by going to the CDS website under the "Member" section, fill out the form, and submit on-line before the end of July.

Trip opportunities: If you have a trip planned and want to get the word out to others, go to the CDS website www.christiandental.org under "Members," click on the "Mission Trip Opportunity," fill out the simple trip information data, and submit so that your trip can be advertised. This is facilitated by **Dr. Jim Wolf**.

The **Anaheim Dental Convention** was very successful. **Thank you to Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood** for representing the CDS as they encouraged, instructed, and assisted others interested in dental missions.

Sales of the CDS ***Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips*** are going well, with proceeds supporting the CDS. This valuable resource is available on Amazon and on Kindle versions.

The **CDS Facebook** page—“Christian Dental Society”—is being noticed! Please add “likes” and posts to it. Mission trip reports attract attention.

Our members continue to be heavily involved with dental missions here and overseas. Thank you and blessings to all CDS members who continue to support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental personnel to provide dental care to the underserved and to open doors in support of God’s kingdom.

Please send short articles and announcements for News-Briefs to CDS Executive Director, Dr. Bob Meyer: bdmeyer@comcast.net

Quotes from CDS Members

“Our lives will never be the same. Dental missions transformed our kids from consumers into servers. We can’t wait to take our grandkids.”

“It’s the hardest job I’ve ever loved. Even though I am sometimes exhausted after few days of demanding dentistry on an international mission field, the warmth and fulfillment of serving so many people in the Lord’s name has become a pearl above price to me.”

Bible Verses

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). “He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy” (Titus 3:5).