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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since, as members of one body, you were called to peace. And be thankful, "Colossians 3:15".

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching and the busyness of the Christmas Holiday season, may we find peace and be thankful for our many blessings.

The CDS will have exhibit booth #5629 at the Greater New York Dental Meeting later this month. Dr. Bob Meyer, Executive Director, and Advisory Council members, Dr. Vic Bradford and Mrs. Diane Meyer, welcome you to visit or join us. Dr. Bob is on the Sunday morning program, with the Academy of Dentistry International, speaking on the topic of, "Addressing the Need—Serving the Under-resourced, Why and How of Portable Dentistry."

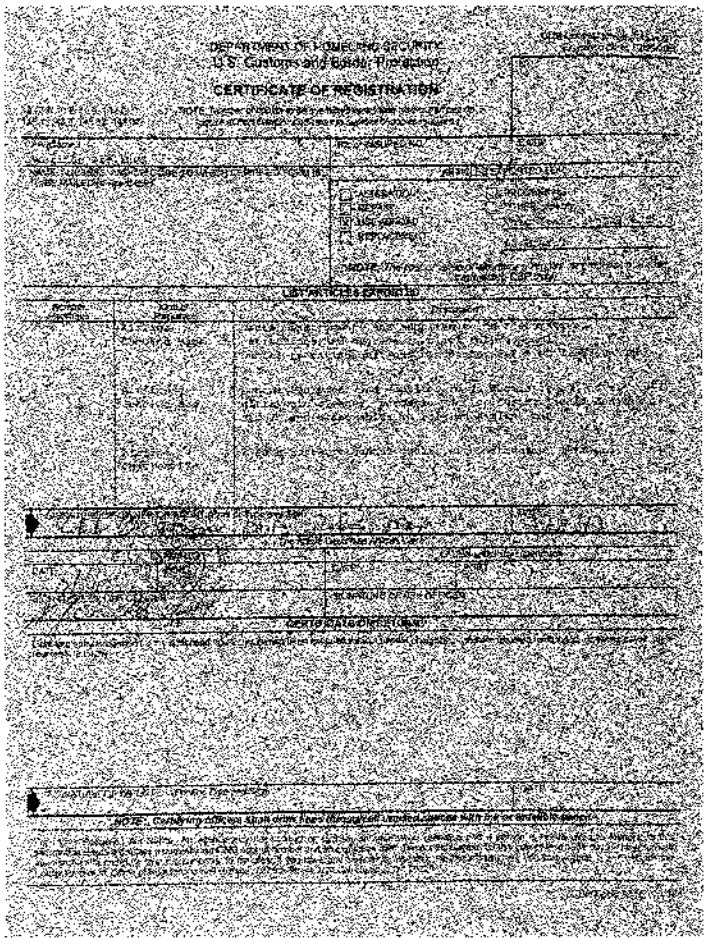
For those who have college debt holding them back from going on the mission field, check out MedSend www.medsend.org. For 25 years MedSend has been helping healthcare professionals get to the mission field by removing the obstacle of educational debt. They offer student loan repayment grants for full-time mission service, and are supporting numerous dental missionaries.

The CDS has ordered additional ultrasonic and suction units to increase the CDS inventory from six hygiene kits to ten kits to keep up with mission requests.

Are you familiar with USA Custom CBP Form 4455? Bringing dental items back into the U.S. is now a concern at some international airports. USA customs does not allow items purchased overseas (generally over $2500) without charging duties. There are no specific regulations and, when returning

through customs, it is often up to the discretion of the individual airport custom agent to determine if the returnee purchased items overseas. When bringing back dental items valued over/around $2500, proof is required that the items were not purchased overseas; otherwise, customs can impound equipment. A broker is then needed to get the items back at the traveler's expense.

To avoid this potential problem, use customs CBP Form 4455, which can be downloaded or obtained at the airport customs office, fill it out, and have customs sign and stamp the document along with an inventory of your dental items. If you have purchase receipts for the items, that may also work. "Once my local airport custom agent saw my dental items, he now signs the form without viewing the items, up to a week before I travel" (Dr. Bob Meyer).



Example of filled out Custom CBP Form 4455

The CDS is working on a generic CDS Informational Handout to go along with our CDS pamphlet. We need to give people, at the conference exhibit booths and at presentations, information about the CDS in general that is not covered in the CDS informational pamphlet. It will let everyone know what we have been doing in an encouraging way, list dental mission opportunities, explain and show the equipment and kits we rent out, talk about our website resources, to include our mission manual, and encourage exhibit booth month . attendance. You will be receiving it in the mail next

The CDS Board wants to thank you again for your membership and your ongoing support of the CDS. It is time again to renew memberships for 2018 to continue to receive news from CDS leaders and members on the mission field. Your membership dues support the only organization which exists primarily to encourage, assist, equip, and train dental volunteers to use their distinct talents with Christian groups, lovingly ministering to disadvantaged people worldwide to further God's Kingdom.



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