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"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

On Friday, October 20, the CDS held their yearly, official Board Meeting at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Atlanta. Here are highlights:



CDS Board and Advisory Council and Spouses on October 20th in Atlanta

Dr. Pete Fotos and Dr. Roy Wrather moved off the Board this year and we thank them for their service. Dr. Michael Vaughn was nominated to step up from the Advisory Council to become a CDS Board Member. Dr. Michael has a wealth of missionary and leadership experience, and we are fortunate to have him. Our Bylaws allow for 8-12 Board Members and we have 10.

Dr. Victor Bradford, Dr. Kunio Chan, Dr. Josh Phillips, and Dr. Andrew Walls were voted in as members of our Advisory Council. These are all experienced, dedicated, missionary Christians with exceptional leadership qualities and a desire to serve

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Reports of our kits and equipment were provided by Dr. Randy Sanders and Dr. Dave Moretz and we are renting out to more teams than ever before. We have added more portable chairs, dental operating units, and surgical kits to our inventory to keep up with the increased demand. Last year we added three hygiene kits (increasing that to six this year) and are still not keeping up with the hygiene demand. The Board decided to add four more hygiene kits this coming year.

The CDS recently purchased 75 more portable, blue, dental chairs, as we had sold our last one and the demand for purchasing them has increased. The need for pressure pot weights, to help with sterilization, has been high and 200 were made this year. We thank Dr. Gayle Cheatwood for producing and procuring these items. The chair and the weight are unique to the Christian Dental Society and the CDS is the only one who produces them. The CDS also sells our manual, "Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips."

Financially, the CDS is doing well with a membership of over 520. We have had the money to purchase new equipment and kits, while meeting all our obligations. Tina, our full-time, executive assistant for the last 23 years, is the only person who receives monetary compensation, as CDS' only employee. The CDS is a volunteer organization, and would not function without the thousands of volunteer hours spent by so many, who serve to further God's kingdom through dental missions. The CDS does not pay members to go to Board Meetings, to run and maintain our website, to go to conventions and run exhibit booths, to maintain and rent out our equipment and kits, to track our finances, and to do the administrative duties that Tina cannot do. We heartfully thank all our volunteers!



CDS Members and Guests at CDS Exhibit Booth in Atlanta 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. In 2017, the CDS attended 11 major conventions, three of which we have never exhibited at before. In 2018, the CDS plans on going to Denver and Boston in January, Chicago in February, Atlanta in March, Anaheim in May, Global Medical Mission Alliance in California in June, Honolulu with the ADA in October, and New York in November.

Other items on the agenda which were discussed, but not detailed here were:

*Report on dental units by Paul Shada from Bell Dental
*Report on battery operated equipment by Dr. Jonathan Spenn from I-Tec
*Terms of service for Advisory Council, Board Treasurer, and Board Secretary
*Dental Mission Trip Opportunities by Dr. James Wolf
*Report on potential seminar "Faith in the Dental Practice" by Dr. Bill Griffin
*Smile.amazon.com report by Dr. Denny Scharine
*Code of Conduct for mission trips by Dr. Bob Meyer and Dr. Bill Griffin
*Discussion on the CDS website, Facebook, news-briefs, mission manual
*Discussion on US custom CBP Form 4455
*Discussion concerning adding "Frequently Asked Questions" to our website



CDS Executive Assistant Tina, her husband Woody, and daughter Monica at Banquet

The CDS had a wonderful Mission Banquet at the historic First United Methodist Church in Atlanta on Friday, October 20th. We enjoyed a home-cooked Southern meal cooked by the church staff. Dr. T. Bob Davis once again blessed us with his piano music and we sang along with him to begin the program. He gave gifts of his piano CDs to everyone.

Dr. Andrew Walls gave a heartfelt presentation on God's calling to do dental missions. He shared how the CDS trained and equipped him and his wife for a family mission trip to support his parents-in-law, who are full time missionaries in Thailand, and how he helped them evangelize through dentistry.

Our second speaker was Dr. T. Bob Davis, who has over 40 years of mission experience mentoring over 1500 dental students and others on the mission field. Through his inspiring presentation he shared favorite stories and encouraged us to look for opportunities to influence others in their careers and in their walk with the Lord.



Dr. Andrew Walls



Dr. T. Bob Davis

The CDS voted to continue to hold our yearly Board Meeting at the ADA convention. In 2018 it will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 19, 2018, so please mark your calendars.

We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1 John 4:16.

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