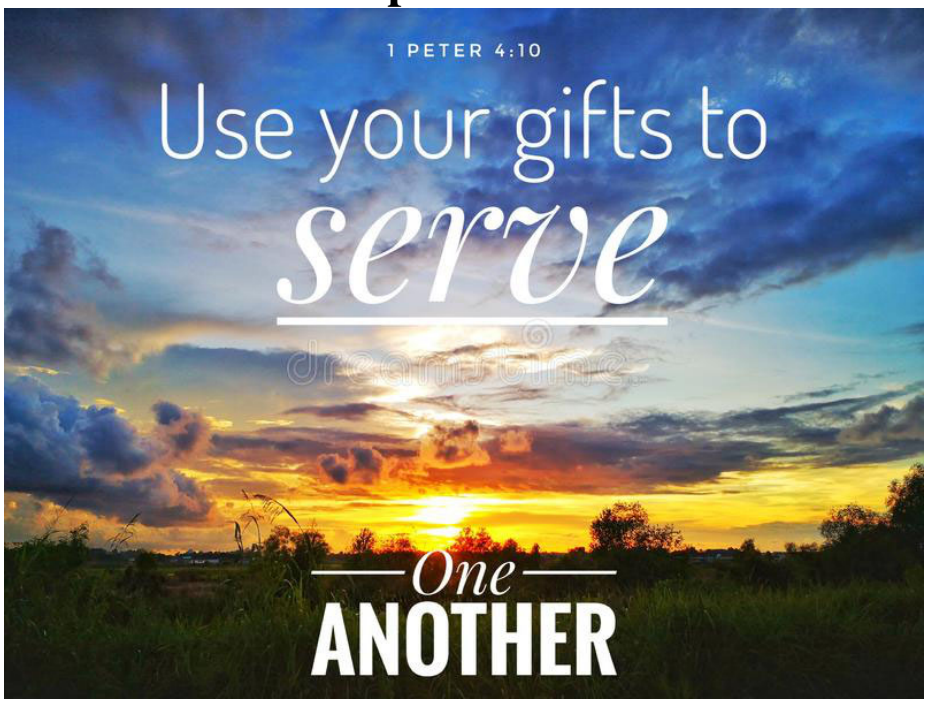
Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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Following Peter's words (above), the CDS is answering the call to serve by participating in and supporting numerous mission trips with equipment and surgical, restorative, and hygiene kits. The world is opening up to missions and the CDS is getting requests from members going to Ukraine, Honduras, Jamaica, Greece, Tanzania, Mexico, Guatemala, and the United States.

It is enlightening and encouraging to share stories of CDS members who are out there on the front lines impacting others towards God's kingdom. Here are a few highlights and photos from Dr. Al Warren's recent trip to Dakar, Senegal, West Africa.

"We went to provide dental care and to show the love of the Lord for all, especially to those who may not know Him. Senegal is 96% Muslim and we received a kind and friendly reception from all.



Dr. Al Warren's clinic in Senegal with instruments loaned from the CDS

What a privilege to be there for almost a week of treatment and to be able to pray with each patient after I treated them that God would bless them and their family. It was interesting that after I treated each patient, through a translator I would ask their permission to pray for them and ask for God's blessing on their life and family, and not a single person said no. Some of the patients were people from the church because our clinic was located within a church building which was just really an office building.



Patients waiting for dental care watched the Jesus film.

There were also people from the community and many Muslims coming and receiving care while hearing about Jesus. I never heard of any objection to any of us "Christians" being there. We had a prayer table where the patients who were interested could come and sit and talk with the pastor or a church member about the Lord and several professed faith in Christ. Certainly, many seeds were sown in the hearts of those who were receptive.



Lunch, African style eating only with their right hand or a big spoon

The Lord was with us every step of the way, especially in receiving the airline checked bag of surgical instruments a day late, without which we would not have been to do what we did. We found two hotel rooms in Newark when our connecting flight to Miami was canceled along with all other flights going to south Florida due to bad weather.
A special thanks to the many family members who were praying for us."



From R to L, Dr. Andrew Walls and Drs. Diane and Bob Meyer at Oregon Dental Convention

For the second month in a row, the CDS enjoyed a very successful dental convention. These meetings offer great opportunities for the CDS to connect with, encourage, and assist dental missions. Dr. Andrew Walls, a CDS Board member, joined Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer to exhibit at the Oregon Dental Conference in Portland, Oregon. Numerous CDS pressure pot weights were sold, along with the dental chair, stool, and pressure pot. We ran out of the CDS mission books and lots of CDS literature was given out. The CDS' next conferences will be in Anaheim, California on May 12-14 and Kissimmee, Florida on June 23-25.

In Houston, Texas with the ADA on October 13-15, the CDS and CMDA will hold Board and leadership meetings and together host a Dental Mission Banquet on Friday evening, October 14, 2022. The CDS will also exhibit at the largest dental meeting in the United States with the Greater New York Dental Meeting at the Javits Convention center in Manhattan on November 27-30. Please consider joining CDS members for a few hours at a booth or just dropping by to say hello.

We have good news about Jamaica lifting its restrictions and making it possible to begin offering short-term, dental student trips to Treasure Beach in July of this year. In 2019, before COVID restrictions, 480 dental students and mentors traveled on 15 different Jamaican mission trips. Dr. Jim Carney has beat cancer and is feeling well with

lots of optimism and energy to continue with the amazing Jamaican ministry he and his wife, Dr. Sue, started. He has plans to expand the existing clinic from 8 chairs to 18 chairs by adding a new building so the church does not have to be used as a mobile clinic. If you would like to participate on a Jamaican student trip as a mentor or student, please feel free to contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescsrney1@sbcglobal.net. The CDS praises God for Dr. Jim's recovery and his amazing vision for mentoring students and serving to further God's kingdom.

The CDS is unique in that as a non-profit organization no time or resources are spent raising money. The CDS operating costs include the salary of our Executive Secretary, Tina, as well as rent, insurance, and administrative costs. All CDS leaders and members pay their way when going on missions and conventions, when running the organization, and when organizing, maintaining, and loaning out equipment and kits. No stipend or support is paid out so that CDS operating costs are minimal and supported by CDS member dues. If you have not paid your membership dues, please continue to support the CDS' mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental missions to further God's kingdom.

