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"But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus" **(Acts 20:24)**. The person who is born with a talent which that they were meant to use finds their greatest happiness in using it.

The ADA meeting in San Francisco (and the CDS annual meeting) is almost upon us. Please make plans to attend. Our CDS board meeting will be on Friday, September 6, from 1-5 p.m. at St. Patrick Church (756 Mission Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, just NW from the Moscone Convention Center) followed by the CDS Mission Banquet.





St Patrick Church

The **CDS Mission Banquet** will be an enjoyable, encouraging event starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost will be $30, with a reduced rate for students of $20, which will be collected at the door. The dress is casual (just what you would wear to the convention). Please sign up at the CDS exhibit booth #3138, or contact Dr. Bob Meyer at 719-351-2152, or e-mail at bdmeyer@comcast.net to reserve your place. Features of the Mission Banquet:

1. The meal will be a **home-cooked, Philippine dinner catered by "Hapan Pilipino"** restaurant featuring strawberry walnut salad, pansit miki-bihon noodles, steamed rice, chicken barbecue, beef caldereta, fish fillet excabeche, vegetables, and a fruit platter medley for dessert. It would be appreciated if you could stop by the **CDS booth #3138** and sign up for the banquet.

2. **Dr. Anthony and Dr. Naomi Wong, American, short-term missionaries since 1987,** have formed their own non-profit called Friends of Grace and will be our keynote speakers. They travel often to difficult-to-reach countries like Iraq, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and many others.

3. **Dr. Ron Lamb,** who also won the ADA Humanitarian Award, will tell us about how World Dental Relief is helping hundreds of dental missions around the world.

4. **Dr. Mike Kahler, who has been going to San Andres Itzapa in Guatemala** for decades on a yearly basis, and has set up a dental clinic, will share his heart and tell us of opportunities there.

The ADA is offering free registration to all dentists and guests this year for the ADA meeting and then charging for classes. Entrance into the exhibit hall, where the **CDS will have booth # 3138** will be open to all who register. The ADA opening ceremony and General Session with keynote speaker **Mark Wahlberg, an Academy and Golden Globe nominee for film** is a committed philanthropist helping children and supporting the military. The ADA opening ceremony will be free to all who register and you need to also sign up for the ceremony which starts at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday Non-ADA member dentists are charged $40. Last year in Hawaii food was provided at the opening ceremony, but not this year, so take a snack or eat early or late.

Normally the CDS meets informally on Thursday evening at the ADA meeting for fellowship and food, but instead we will encourage members to go to the opening ceremony. For those still in San Francisco **on Saturday, we will have an evening social**, with the location and the time to be announced at the CDS booth and during Friday's Mission Banquet. Questions to Dr. Meyer at 719-351-2152.

The CDS **encourages anyone interested to attend the CDS Board meeting** held on Friday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. at the St Patrick church. Items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: Reviewing and approving last year's minutes, election of new Board member and Advisory Council members, surgical/restorative, hygiene kit report, equipment (chairs, dental units, x-ray units) report, financial report, membership discussion, student member trips, report on CDS exhibiting at convention booths, Ron Lamb mission award, CDS informational pamphlet update, mission training opportunities, agenda for the mission banquet, news-briefs, mission manual, Facebook, prayer, and more. Please feel free to come and contribute or just listen.

Tina and the CDS office had a close call last week and we are reminded about God's protection over us and that we are not to fear. "But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high" (**Psalm 3.3).**

A crop-dusting plane crashed through the parking lot in front of the CDS building and burst into flames as it hit a tree right in front of the CDS entrance door. One of the planes tires traveled 2.5 blocks and crashed through the glass entrance door of a bank. The pilot died, but fortunately no one else was hurt.





The CDS office entrance is right behind the tree.

We are constantly reminded that, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (**Psalm 46:1).** We **praise the Lord for Tina's protection** and are reminded to count our blessings every day. "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you" (Numbers 6:24-25).