Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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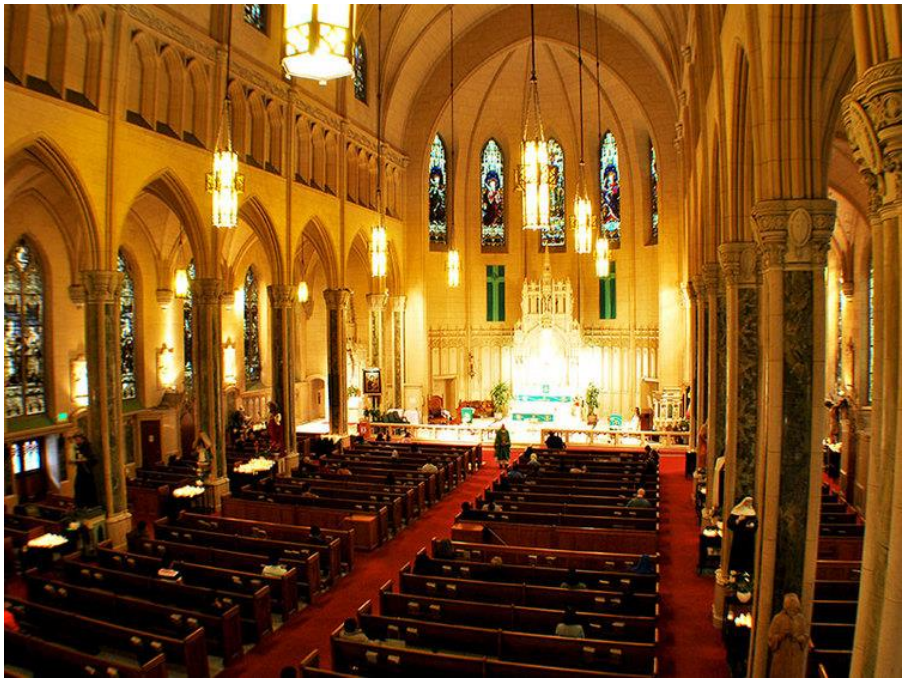
God's great promises often come with conditions so let us do what it says in Isaiah 40:31, "**. . . those who hope in the Lord** will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming ADA convention where the CDS will hold the yearly **Board Meeting (anyone interested is welcome to attend) from 1-5 pm on Friday, September 6th,** at the historic St. Patrick Church, shown below, just across the street from the San Francisco Moscone Convention Center.

Following the Board Meeting, the **CDS will host a Mission Banquet** with speakers and music. A **Philippine meal** will be catered by the "Hapan Pilipino" restaurant featuring a strawberry walnut salad, pansit miki-bihon noodles, fried rice, chicken barbecue, beef caldereta, fish fillet escabeche, vegetables, and a fruit platter medley for dessert.

The CDS will also have an exhibit booth on the ADA exhibition floor.





St. Patrick's Church across from the Convention Center in San Francisco where the CDS will hold its Board Meeting and Mission Banquet.

The CDS exhibit booths at major dental conventions have been extremely valuable opportunities to encourage, assist, teach, and equip those interested in dental missions—we connect with hundreds of professionals and potential volunteers at each meeting.

The CDS would like to thank **Dr. Randy Sanders and Dr. Bob Meyer** for running the Denver Rocky Mountain exhibit booth. Thanks to **Dr. Kunio Chan, Dr. Kareen Wilson, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** for the Yankee, Boston meeting in early February, **and Paul Shada along with Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** for the Chicago Midwinter meeting in mid-February.

The CDS plans on exhibiting at dental conventions in Atlanta in March; Anaheim, San Antonio, and Chicago (Pediatric meeting) in May; Pacific Northwest and Kissimmee, Florida in June; San Francisco, with the ADA in October; and at the Greater New York in November. Check the CDS website under "Events" for exact dates. Please join the CDS members running these booths if you are able to help us speak with attendees. Contact Dr. Bob Meyer if interested at 719-351-2152 or at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

Dues Reminder

The CDS relies upon membership dues to function, as we do not spend time or energy raising money. Your faithful dues enable the CDS to be involved with over 500 mission trips a year and we are the only organization who rents kits and equipment to Christian organizations. Tina, our Executive Secretary for the past 23 years, is the only CDS paid position, and all other travel and work is contributed by volunteers.

CDS wants to remind those who have not paid membership dues for 2019 to please do so by going on the website under "Renew," call Tina at the home office at 563-578-8887 and give her a credit card number, or mail in a check to the CDS.

Encouraging Notes from our Members:

A summary of a letter from **Project Adopt a Village** (PAAV), who the CDS supported: We would like to thank you so much for your partnership and support of PAAV. 200 dental patients underwent dental procedures relieving agonizing mouth and tooth pain in Sendafa, Ethiopia. "One of the "ripple effects" of the efforts and partnership with Ethiopian Outreach Ministries is the continued growth of the church in Sendafa. Your interest, contribution, and compassion are truly making a difference in the lives of the people in Sendafa."

From **Dr. Dale and Mary Ann Luis**, a 2009 awardee of the CDS Ron Lamb Mission Award. Since 2002, they have been on over 100 dental mission trips to 42 different countries. "Their primary mission, besides alleviating pain and suffering, is to share the Gospel. This is done in a concrete way by showing the love of God for His suffering people and supporting the local churches and missions with whom they cooperate. Through the large numbers of people they attract, doors are opened for evangelism that would otherwise be closed."

Christian Medical and Dental Associations

Dr. Bill Griffin, a past CDS President, CDS Board Member, and currently on the CDS Advisory Council, has become the Vice-President for Dental Ministries at the Christian Medical and Dental Associations. We congratulate Bill and look forward to the CDS working even closer with the CMDA in the future as the CDS and CMDA jointly seek to serve the Lord through dentistry. The CMDA is a great Christian organization who does dental missions through their Global Health

Outreach ministry and is one of the hundreds of excellent organizations needing dental volunteers who CDS supports.

To take advantage of an opportunity which CMDA offers to students is the **CMDA Emerging Leaders in Dentistry conference scheduled for June 21-23** to be held at the CMDA Headquarters in Bristol, Tennessee. Speakers will include Dr. Pete Dawson and Dr. Witt Wilkerson. There will also be live teleconference opportunities. For information, contact Dr. Bill Griffin at griff.cmda@gmail.com.

God's Great and Precious Promise:

> "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through the you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires"II Peter 13-4.