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"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:11-12

A Message from our President: Dr. Denny Scharine

Hello fellow Christian Dental Society (CDS) members,

This has been a busy and productive year at CDS with hundreds of our members leading and participating on mission trips around the world. We will have helped around 500 dental students go on mission trips overseas in the last 12 months, with Dr. Jim Carney and Dr. Bill Griffin taking 300 students to Jamaica on 14 trips, Dr. Bill Sasser leading eight student trips, and Dr. T. Bob Davis directing a large trip of students to Guatemala each Spring Break. I-Tec and mPower are busy training indigenous people in a dozen countries annually. Almost all of our CDS equipment (run by Dr. Dave Moretz) and sets/kits (processed by Dr. Randy Sanders) have been loaned out to help support more trips than ever.

Countless people throughout the world who have suffered from dental pain, infection, and embarrassment have been helped and healed through CDS members' efforts. Even more exciting is that many of these souls who had no knowledge of a saving relationship with Christ are now believers with eternal security. This is really what CDS is about: introducing the unsaved to Christ while meeting their physical needs. I have also seen team members be moved to faith in Christ. It just doesn't get any better!!

Trips can have tense and frustrating moments, including airline connection issues, long lines, customs challenges, lost passports, various unfamiliar and unwanted foods our hosts may serve (we had a tarantula in our soup on one trip), lack of sleep, personality differences, and more. Satan will try to use all of these difficulties to thwart the amazing work that God is doing! Please do not let this happen! I would ask us to be sensitive to the Spirit's guidance and open to trying new ways of putting others' needs and wants ahead of our own.

As dental professionals, we often like to control our environment. I know I do! We can control almost everything at our offices and homes. If we try to do that in other countries, we may come across as arrogant, prideful,

unloving, and uncaring. When this happens, we lose our impact for the gospel. This is not how Jesus acted. He humbly met needs without concern for himself. He fed the 5000 with fish and bread! I am sure that people were not complaining about the fish being served without tartar sauce.

Jesus healed those who came to Him even when He was exhausted. He always expressed His love for people and had compassion for them. May we have some of that same concern for others. Let us see things, situations, and people through the eyes of Christ and share His love with all. God has given us unique skills that are badly needed throughout the world. Let us use those skills for His glory!!

I hope to see many of you at the 2018 ADA conference in Hawaii this October. Thank you to all who serve.

Blessings,

Dr. Denny Scharine

The CDS is planning to meet again, have social gatherings, and hold our yearly Board Meeting at the **ADA Dental Convention, which will be held in Hawaii on October 18-20, 2018**. CDS will not have a designated hotel in Hawaii, but several are staying at the Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki at 444 Kanekapoiei Street. If it is not in your plans to go all the way to Hawaii, please come to the San Francisco ADA meeting, September 5-7, 2019. The ADA has upgraded, at no cost, the CDS booth space so we are now facing the entrance (booth # 1051).

Dr. Bill Griffin (757-869-1731) has a 2-bedroom unit from Oct 15-22 at the Royal Aloha Vacation Club in Waikiki available for any reasonable offer.

A thank you note from a national stated: “We cannot pay you with money for what you have done for us, but at least we can say thank you and pray to God and ask Him to bless you now and forever.”