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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

Umal has started his third year of dental school in Uganda thanks to the generous contributions of CDS members in response to the $5,000 he needed to continue with his studies. Umal is scheduled to go with I-Tec and Dr. Bill Griffin to Tanzania in July to help train indigenous people where there are no dentists. Those contributing have blessed Umal as well as God's kingdom. Thank you!

From June 24-26, Florida held the first, in-person, major dental convention since the COVID pandemic from June 24-25 and the CDS exhibit booth volunteers interacted with, encouraged, and helped hundreds of dental professionals concerning Christian, dental missions. Few were wearing masks, the energy and interactions were stimulating, and optimism about the future abounded. Thanks go out to Dr. Jonathan Spenn and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer for running the CDS

booth. We also give thanks to Dr. Bill and Linda Griffin who ran a Christian Dental Association booth at the convention and enjoyed great interaction with our sister Christian Dental Mission organization.



CDS booth at Florida with CDS members and families

The American Dental Association convention, will be held in-person in Las Vegas from Monday, October 11 to Wednesday, October 13 at the Mandalay Bay Resort Center. Please consider attending this conference as there will be many other national and international organizations participating including the CDA, FDI, ICD, ADI, ACD, and state and specialty organizations. The CDS as well as the CDA will have exhibit booths there and a Dental Mission Banquet together on Tuesday evening at the Life Christian Church at 3085 Raven Ave, a short distance South of the Convention Center in Las Vegas.

There is so much interest from dental students and dental schools in actively engaging students in service projects and mission projects to help the under-served and giving the students a taste for service. For dental/hygiene students and

perspective mentors there are numerous opportunities for student trips. Before COVID shut down overseas trips, CDS members were involved with 14 mission trips which took around 480 to Treasure Beach in Jamaica. These trips should start up again in January, so if interested contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescarney1@sbcglobal.net. The Guatemala student mission trip has a new, 21-chair clinic ready for students on the Mar 12-19 and if interested contact Dr. T. Bob Davis at tbob@tbobdavis.com.

A couple of exciting prospects for students and mentors is that Dr. Carney from Jamaica is looking at opening another training site in Jamaica. Dr. T. Bob Davis is traveling to Matamoros, Mexico at the end of July with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer and several dental student leaders to scope out setting up another student training site which will be less expensive and take less time than traveling overseas as participants can cross the border at Brownsville in vehicles.

The CDS is receiving requests for equipment and kits for dental missions. Many people are planning on traveling and serving the Lord through dental missions before the end of the year and into next year. As you bless others, may you also be blessed! Please let Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer know how your trips went and any recommendations you might have for other teams which might benefit others by e-mailing to bdmeyer@comcast.net.

May God Bless your July 4th weekend!

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

– 1 Peter 2:16 [ESV]

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

– Galatians 5:1 [NKJV]

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

– Psalm 33:12 [KJV]



Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

– John 8:32 [NIV]

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

– John 8:36 [NIV]

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

– Psalm 118:5 [ESV]

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

– Romans 6:6-7 [ESV]