Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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This is an exciting time to be a member of the Christian Dental Society, a dynamic and growing organization, whose goal is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to folks around the world through dentistry!

The CDS is pleased to report a membership boost of 28 new dental and hygiene student members this month, as a direct result of the work of Drs. Bill Griffin, Jim Carney, and Jim Wolf in Jamaica, as well as Drs. T. Bob Davis, Bob Meyer, Jody Yarbro, and Vic Bradford in Guatemala. Their work in organizing trips to Jamaica and Guatemala through several dental schools has created a great interest in students for dental missions. (As an aside – please keep Dr. Carney in your prayers as he recently had surgery and is recovering.) If a CDS member takes a dental or hygiene student on a mission trip, and the student is in agreement with our CDS "Statement of Faith," the student is eligible for free membership to the CDS through December of their year of graduation. Go to the CDS website under "Members Area" and download the "Free Student Membership information."

Dr. T. Bob Davis (the ADA Humanitarian Awardee of 2018) is currently in the process of constructing a new 21-chair dental clinic in San Raymundo, Guatemala, primarily for dental and hygiene student trips and the building is featured below.



As your large equipment manager, 17 teams have been supplied with dental units, chairs, and/or x-ray units in the first three months of this year. That is a 30% increase from last year. CDS has purchased three more Aseptico Taskforce Deluxe units with the new, re-enforced cases to help keep up with demand. Dr. Randy Sanders has also been very busy with the instrument and hygiene kits. As a reminder to everyone, please return the equipment and kits as soon as possible after your trips so other teams will be able to use them. We have a limited number and more and more people are using them on mission trips.

I have just returned from a very successful Hinman dental meeting in Atlanta. Many people came by the CDS booth asking for information about mission trips, training for trips (which Dr. Gayle Cheatwood expertly accomplishes), and how to join a trip already organized. One person said the booth reminded him he had not paid his annual dues and he would pay them immediately! Speaking of meetings, the ADA meeting in San Francisco (and the CDS annual meeting) is less than six months away. Please make plans to attend. Our CDS board meeting will be on Friday, September 6th from 1-5 p.m. at St. Patrick's church (across the street from the convention center) followed by a banquet with a fabulous Philippine buffet meal starting at 5:30 p.m. Music and mission speakers will follow the meal. In May, the CDS will also be exhibiting in San Antonio, Anaheim, and for the Pedo meeting in Chicago and in June will be exhibiting at the Florida meeting and the Pacific Northwest Meeting in Washington State. Please stop by if you are attending any of those meetings.

In closing, I would like to share a portion of a letter I received recently that encourages us to continue our labor of love for the Lord.

> "Thank you so much for the use of the equipment for our trip to Peru. We were able to make a difference for 44 kids. More importantly though, we were able to build trust and a relationship with the villagers to allow a Bible study and hopefully a church "plant." We are excited to see how God will use this!"

"Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the Lord."

Habakkuk 2:14 CEV