Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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The sun is breaking through and a new day is dawning. The Bible has 8 verses on spiritual dawn, 29 on daybreak, and 46 on the dawn. Luke 1:78-79 gives us one example: "Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." Isaiah 60:1-3 also encourages: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you."

Over the last weeks, the CDS Board and the CDS Advisory Council have been connecting through conference calls to encourage one another, to see how members are doing, to offer ideas or hints, and to pray for each other, the CDS organization, and the Nation. The CDS is happy to report that the CDS leadership is well and looking forward to the dawning of a new day.

The CDS is working to update and to consolidate the Informational Handout and Pamphlet which outlines the CDS' mission, what the CDS does, resources available, and seeks to motivate others towards missions. The new handout will be distributed at conferences to encourage and assist others towards missions.

Why Go on Dental Missions?

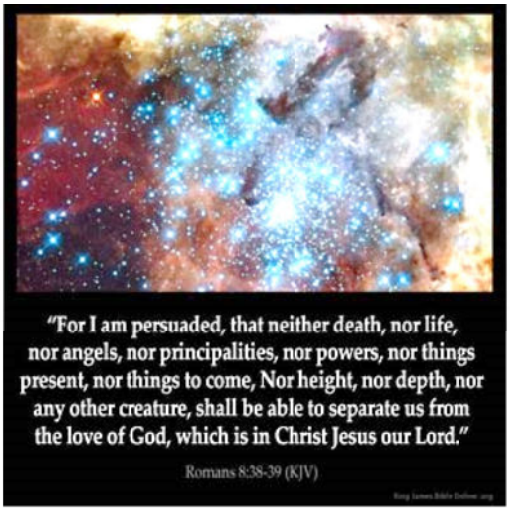
- Receive the joy of lovingly making a difference for less-fortunate people.
- Experience the adventure of travel and see the wonderments of the world.
- Share God's love with other people and encounter God's presence in the world.
- Obtain purpose and significance by using dental skills to bless other people.
- Set an example of volunteerism for family, friends, and communities.
- Appreciate personal blessings and decrease materialistic cares and desires.
- Foster growth in relationships and build friendships involved with the missions.
- Promote professional dental interaction, mentoring, and networking opportunities.
- Appreciate and understand the value of diversity and cross-cultural interchange.

Finishing a 270-page dissertation on the benefits and the detractors of doing dental missions, Dr. Diane Meyer completed her EdD degree from Liberty University on Christian Education and Leadership. The ADA Journal has accepted for review (the first step) an article titled, "Recruitment Considerations for Dental, Short-Term Missions Relating to the Holistic Development of Dentists" which contains the results of the research. So many CDS members contributed to the surveys and the interviews and are sincerely thanked for their participation. Special appreciation goes out to the Curtis Group who sent out the survey and support the CDS' website, communications, literature production and publication, etc. at no cost to the CDS.

The CDS has portable equipment which can be easily set up anywhere to provide an additional chair for an office to temporally increase their capability to care for patients. This would be ideal for those who need to make up hygiene hours and have part-time hygienists who need to increase hours. Portable, dental equipment could be used in an extra operatory for exams, consults, emergencies, post-ops, etc. A consult room, break room, office space, lab space, etc. could be outfitted by simply plugging in a self-contained, dental, operating unit and setting up a portable chair. Feel free to contact Tina at the CDS office: 563-578-8887 or cdssent@netins.net as the CDS will loan out what is available on a first-come basis.

The ADA still plans to have their meeting in the West building of the Orlando convention center on October 15-17. The CDS will have an exhibit booth and will hold the yearly, formal Board meeting on **Saturday** afternoon from 1-5 p.m. at the Central Parkway Baptist Church located at 5281 Central Florida Parkway which is close to the convention center. The CDS and the Christian Medical and Dental Association will then host a Dental Mission Banquet at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. with a Southern BBQ meal, music, and mission speakers. Please put this event on your calendar.

Please know that the CDS leaders are praying for you!!



"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39 (KJV)

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