Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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"We know that God works all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purposes" (Romans 8:28).

The ADA meeting in San Francisco (and the CDS annual meeting) is only four 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 exhibited at the Texas Dental Association meeting in San Antonio and would like to thank CDS **participants Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbro, Dr. Mark, Darcie, and Courtney Mossier, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer.** The CDS will also be exhibiting in Anaheim and at 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.

Last month our current CDS President, **Dr. Dave Moretz,** wrote in the News-Brief which you can find on our website under "About Us" by clicking on News-Briefs. The CDS would like to acquaint members with **Dr. Michael Vaughn** who has been an active CDS Board member and is currently our President-Elect. These opportunities give insight into the quality of leadership God is providing to serve the CDS.





Dr. Michael Vaughan grew up in Knoxville, TN, attended Vanderbilt University, and then the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. His first introduction to mobile dental missions was traveling with a UT Baptist Student Union Dental/Medical team in 1990 to Cuernavaca,

Mexico. After seeing lines of people waiting outside the rural clinic, he became proficient at outdoor tooth extractions and minor oral surgery.

After a two-year GPR at the Vanderbilt Hospital he joined Drs. Roy Elam, Robert Elam and Bill Knox in a General Dental Practice. Dr. Vaughan became a member of the Christian Dental Society in 1999 and with rented mobile equipment, surgical kits, and heavy ADEC chairs, led his first Dental/Medical Team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as part of a Baptist partnership. Working in the Favelas of Rio, he shared Christ with others and watched patients make decisions for Christ in the dental chair. He continued to direct mission trips to Rio until the partnership ended in 2008.

In 2005 as part of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, he directed a Dental/Medical Clinic at two inner-city churches where over 600 people accepted Christ. He continues to use mobile dental equipment and now mobile dental vans to deliver dental care in inner-city Nashville in September of each year. In 2011, Dr. Vaughan married one of his translators and his favorite interpreter from Rio de Janeiro, Carla Zuim. Together they make their home in Nashville and participate in both local and overseas missions. He feels blessed to be a part of the CDS Board and to become the CDS President in October of 2020.

In April, leaders from the CDS (Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer), the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (Dr. Bill and Linda Griffin), and I-Dent/I-Tec (Dr. Craig and Julie Hunter) joined forces for the first time to provide dental care and training in a South Sudanese refugee camp holding 90,000 people (most who had been there for over five years) who had never seen a dentist. The portable short-term team trained eight (certified five) South Sudanese pastors and Christians to extract teeth so that the mission left sustainability aspects. Six other dentists spent five days providing fillings and restorations on hundreds of camp residents. The team consisted of dentists from the countries of America, Jamaica, Kenya, South Sudan, and brought three dental providers which I-Dent and mPower had previously trained from Uganda to help. Umal, who the CDS is helping support through dental school in Uganda, was one of those helping train the indigenous people.





South Sudan team members and dental clinic is old hanger in refugee camp

The CDS has recently added an informational handout about Jamaica student trips on the CDS website (www.christiandental.org) To access, click on the first picture under "View Opportunities" and then click on the "Jamaican Opportunity". Last year**, Dr. Jim Carney, Dr. Bill Griffin** and other leaders from the CDS led 15 mission trips to Jamaica taking over 450 participants to help the under-served in Jamaica and the same is happening this year After reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions about the Jamaican trip, please contact Dr. Jim Carney at jamescarney1@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or would like to proceed with the registration process.

For dental dog lovers, here is a recommended office waiting room conversational book titled, "**The Dog in the Dentist Chair: And Other True Stories of Animals Who Help, Comfort, and Love Kids"** by Peggy Frezon. Each story highlights a Biblical verse such as, "Don't be afraid, because the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will help you until all the work is finished. He will not leave you" (1 Chronicles 28:20). You can order this book from Carol Showalter at 774-801-2022.

