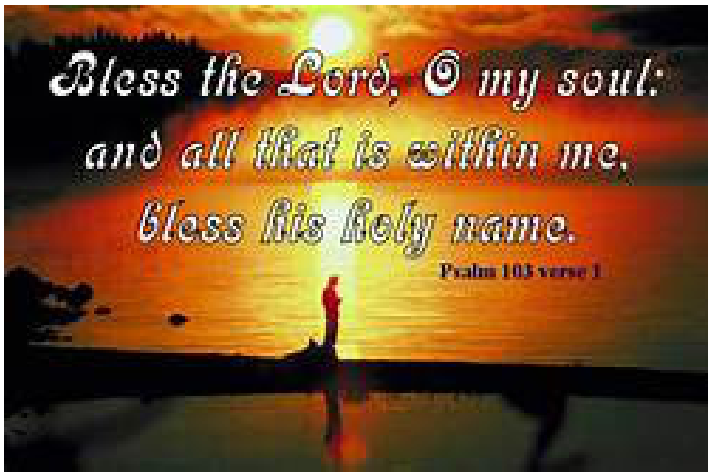
Christian Dental Society News-Brief
October 2021



The CDS held its yearly in-person Board Meeting on October 12, 2021, at the Life Christian Church, including several who attended by Zoom. The CDS thanks Dr. Denny Scharine for setting up the Zoom meeting.

After the opening prayer, Dr. Michael Vaughn called the Board meeting to order, members were introduced, and the minutes from the last Board meeting were reviewed and approved. It was noted that the Christian Dental Society seeks to discover how God is leading as we support the CDS in performing a vital function of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental mission teams for His glory.

1. CDS leadership changes.

a. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, overseas travel stopped in March of 2020. Dr. Michael Vaughn has not had the opportunity to extensively lead the CDS in 2020 and 2021. Rather than changing the presidency in October of 2022, the Board unanimously approved e**xtending Dr. Michael Vaughn tenure as President until 2023. Dr. David Moretz will continue as Past-President and Dr. Jim Wolf as President-Elect as well.**

b. The CDS Board, with 100% approval, **forwards Dr. Denny Scharine and Dr. Diane Meyer to the CDS membership for a vote to become CDS Board Members.** According to CDS bylaws, the CDS membership is represented by their Board Members, who are the policy-making body of the CDS, and must be approved by a majority vote. The CDS bylaws also stipulate that 25% of Board Members may be non-dentists.

Below is a biographical synopsis of Dr. Denny Scharine, and Dr. Diane Meyer. CDS would like a vote of confidence for them to serve on the CDS Board of Directors. **If you have concerns or are opposed to either nomination, please contact Dr. Robert**

Meyer, the CDS Executive Director, at bdmeyer@comcast.net by November 4th, 2021. Your non-reply will suffice as an affirmative vote.

Dr. Denny Scharine currently lives and practices general dentistry in Fremont, Wisconsin and has been intimately involved with the CDS for decades. He has twice been a past, CDS President, Board Member, and is active in dental mission trips and with his local church. Dr. Denny's experience, missionary impact to dental missions, and heart for Christian service is exemplary.

Dr. Diane Meyer is an RN, has a Master of Science in Teaching, and a Doctorate in Christian Education and Leadership from Liberty University. She has been actively involved in dental missions and the CDS for over 20 years, along with her husband Dr. Bob Meyer. Dr. Diane, for the past seven years, has edited the majority of the CDS written materials, attends all CDS meetings and dental conferences in support of the CDS, and has been an Advisory Council member for years. She has published books on Christian dental missions and numerous articles encouraging others to participate on dental missions. Dr. Diane has consented to come on the CDS Board and brings great enthusiasm, leadership, administrative experience, and a love for Christian service.

2. The CDS Board Secretary, Dr. Katy Barlow and Treasurer, Dr. Jody Yarbro are up for renewal every three years and require CDS Board approval to continue. **Dr. Yarbro agreed to continue as the CDS Treasurer and was unanimously approved by the Board** and was thanked for his service. Dr. Katy Barlow desires to give up her position as CDS Board Secretary and the CDS Board thanked her for her service. Dr. Barlow will move from the Board to the Advisory Council. **The Board unanimously approved Dr. Diane Meyer as the CDS Board Secretary.**

3. Dr. Randy Sanders, the CDS Kits Manager, states that due to COVID-19, trips were canceled starting in mid-March 2020 until recently. CDS has 24 surgical, 14 restorative, and 11 hygiene kits, and 6 pressure pots. A potential problem is that many of the supplies in the restorative kits have expiration dates that will need to be replaced. Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Sanders for the work he does to send out organized, clean, well-equipped kits and supplies to the CDS members who rent kits. **The CDS Board unanimously voted to accept this report.**

4. **Dr. David Moretz, the Large Equipment Manager,** reported that Dr. Jody Yarbro purchased an AA-98 compressor and Dr. Robert Canida donated an Aseptico Taskforce Deluxe unit to the CDS. The CDS has 14 portable chairs, 12 Taskforce, self-contained dental units, 11 dental units needing compressed air, 14 compressors, 2 battery-operated dental units, and 3 portable x-ray units.

The Board discussed purchasing x-ray scanners and a computer to accompany the portable x-ray units the CDS loans out. Since the Dentafilm Ergonomic X, self-

contained, film packets are still available and due to the cost, difficulties with different systems, and ease of loss or breakage of these items, it was decided to not pursue this option at this time.

It was mentioned that the 4-quart, Presto, pressure pot sterilizer the CDS uses might be less available and there was concern that the pot might be discontinued. Dr. Meyer checked into this and found that there was a shortage and the pot was difficult to get. He called Presto personnel to ask if the pot was discontinued and they assured Dr. Meyer that the pot was still being manufactured. However, due to COVID-19, the ships that transport the pots are currently held up and, hopefully, the pots would again be available before the end of November.

The Board commended Dr. Moretz for his on-going dedication in storing, shipping, and repairing equipment which the CDS provides for mission trips. **The CDS Board unanimously voted to accept this report.**

5. The CDS financial report was given by Dr. Bob Meyer and Dr. Jody Yarbro.

Overall, the CDS remains financially solid despite COVID-19 which has deterred overseas travel and conference closures have affected the CDS mission greatly this year. Understandably, CDS membership and income have dropped significantly.

The CDS upgraded the computer system for Mrs. Tina Wendell, Executive Secretary of the CDS for the last 27 years.

Umal, who learned surgical dentistry in Uganda with m-Power and in Kenya with I-TEC, has helped train others in South Sudan, and recently in Tanzania. He is the recipient of a CDS Endowment fund of $10,565 to finance his first two years of dental school which he has completed. Due to COVID-19, Umal's education was delayed and his income from working was not available to fund his third of five years of dental school. Efforts to procure funding were not forthcoming and he was facing expulsion from dental school unless he could come up with $5,000. CDS leadership agreed to put out a special request for funds to support Umal. Due to the generosity of CDS members, $10,365 was raised and Umal was sent the $5,000 he needed to complete his third year of school. With COVID restrictions loosening, Umal's income has increased to the extent that he is not expecting more funding from the CDS. The remaining $5,365 has been put into the CDS endowment fund.

The CDS Board unanimously voted to accept this report.

6. Tina's Salary: The CDS has not given Tina a raise since 2019. She is the voice of CDS on the phone, takes care of finances and administrative paperwork, has been the one paid employee of the CDS for 27 years, and is invaluable in keeping CDS functioning. A $1/hour raise is suggested as Tina currently makes $19/hour. **The CDS Board unanimously voted to approve Tina's raise to $20/hour.**

7. A discussion on the effect of COVID-19 on membership, missions, and the CDS brought suggestions for ways to increase CDS memberships. The CDS Board members agreed that those not re-joining in past years could be personally contacted by the CDS leadership and Tina will provide the list of past members who have not renewed. Dentists could be encouraged to become life members before retirement as it could be a tax write-off from their office. Also, automatic due renewals could help dentists who might not remember to join each year.

8. Dr. William Griffin reported on the Christian Dental Association (CDA):

a. There is a Christian student ministry through CDA chapters on 40 of the 66 US dental schools.
b. There is an expanded presence by CDA on dental school campuses with four regional dentists hired by CDA to collectively help engage dental students in faith-based activities.
c. "Emerging Leaders in Dentistry" conferences will hopefully be organized in the four regions, although some had to be postponed due to COVID-19 considerations.
d. The "Christian Residency (+)" program is a 3-year residency held in Memphis that is AEGD-certified and involves incarnational living where those people involved live among the population they seek to help.
e. "Faith Prescriptions" are developed with 25 videos led by Dentists or Physicians with topics and discussion ideas for healthcare professionals. The first ten topics are available and the focus is on treating the whole patient with various faith-based modalities. There are 15 additional videos for students that include such topics as end-of-life issues, LBGTQ patient outreach, addiction treatment, etc.
f. There is a committee that includes two dentists from CDS (Dr. James Carney and Dr. Robert Meyer) and other CDA dentists who are working on guidelines to recommend that CDS and CDA dental students work together on domestic and international projects. More planning ideas are forthcoming.
g. Dr. Bill and Linda Griffin from CMDA have invited CDS dentists to join them for a trip to Israel to visit "In the Footsteps of Jesus" from February 8-17, with an optional Jordan Extension from February 17-20, 2022. Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer plan to go and would encourage any other interested CDS Members and Families to come. Details may be obtained from: Kim.Hodge@cmda.org

9. Dr. Bob Meyer and Dr. Michael Vaughn reported on dental student trips. A new dental student training site with Dr. T. Bob Davis in Matamoros, Mexico with a seven-chair clinic is under construction. The leadership and compound facilities were discussed by those who had seen the area that is across the border from Brownsville, TX. The handout on free student membership into the CDS until December of their graduation year was shown. The Jamaica, dental student trips with Dr. Jim Carney are impossible at

this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Dr. Gayle Cheatwood is planning trips to Oaxaca, Mexico for 2022.

10. Dr. Jonathan Spenn reported on training indigenous people with I-Tec and mPower. One trip had gone in 2021 to Tanzania with Umal, who the CDS is helping to support in his dental school in Uganda. These organizations are developing relationships with national dentists like Edyth (Kenya) and Umal (Uganda). In 2022, mPower is planning agricultural and dental training. Both groups will be at the Global Missions Health Conference (GHMC) in Louisville, KY, November 11-13, 2021.

11. The Dr. Ron Lamb Mission Award:

a. The Dr. Ron Lamb mission award was presented to Dr. William and Linda Griffin for life-long contributions to missionary dentistry at the Mission Banquet following the Board meeting. Dr. Griffin is a past President of the CDS and is very active in student missions with Jamaica, I-Tec, mPower, and the CMDA. He currently directs the dental ministries of the CMDA. Linda, his wife has been his rock and supporter and as Griff says, "My best mission trips are when Linda is along."

b. Dr. Jim Carney, along with his wife Dr. Sue Carney, will receive the award next year at the Mission Banquet in Houston on Friday, October 14, 2022. Dr. Jim established a clinic, runs the Jamaica student mission trips (480 people went on 15 trips in 2019), is a CDS Past-President, and an active Board Member and supporter of the CDS along with his wife, Dr. Sue.

c. Dr. Ron Lamb is shutting down World Dental Relief after decades of supporting dental missions with equipment and supplies. He is not accepting any more donations and is emptying his warehouses. Dr. Ron still plans to rent out surgical kits. He has always supported the Dr. Ron Lamb Missionary Award with $500 worth of dental supplies through World Dental Relief which will no longer be possible. The CDS Board discussion resulted in the desire to continue this award, calling it the Christian Dental Society—Dr. Ron Lamb Missionary Award without the $500 donation. CDS Board members would still not be eligible for the award as that presents a conflict of interest. There will not be an obligation to give the award each year if a qualified recipient is not found. **The CDS Board unanimously approved the above award recommendations.**

12. The CDS Website:

a. The CDS encourages all members to contribute with stories, pictures, resources, international missions, and USA missions to continue to make the CDS website, Facebook, and Instagram valued resources and outreach ministries of the CDS. Stories and pictures show how CDS impacts lives.

b. The CDS website allows members to sign up for automatic dues renewal either on the website or through the mail with their bank or credit card.

c. Everyone is asked to update their database with phone, e-mail, or address changes.

d. Please use the mission trip opportunity form to advertise missions needing personnel. Dr. James Wolf was thanked for his initiative in creating this form for the CDS.

e. The Curtis Group, Mark and Susan Curtis, have designed and managed oversite of the CDS website at no cost. They have made it easy to add CDS trip information. They are part of the CDS ministry and the CDS thanks them for all they do to support the organization. We praise the Lord for their invaluable contributions to the CDS.

13. The CDS Informational Handout: The CDS tri-fold handout is updated, and combines the larger, tri-fold, informational handout and the smaller, tri-fold pamphlet which are handed out primarily at exhibit booths. It beautifully consolidates information about the CDS mission and provides information concerning valuable resources for missions. Look under "About Us" on the CDS website for this handout and past editions of CDS News-Briefs.

14. The CDS Exhibit Booths at Major Dental Conventions: Exhibiting at dental conventions has been an extremely valuable opportunity to encourage, assist, and connect. Thank you to those who have participated in various conferences.

a. **Dental Conference/Exhibit Booths attended in 2020,** Members from the CDS attended the first three meetings in 2020, but COVID-19 shut down the rest of the meetings for 2020 and the first five months of 2021.

1. January 18-20, **Denver**, Colorado Convention with Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Bill Griffin, Paul Shada, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer

2. January 31-Feb 2, **Boston**, Mass. Yankee Convention with Dr. Kunio Chan, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer

3. February 21-23, **Chicago**, Illinois Midwinter Meeting with Mr. Paul Shada and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer

b. **In 2021, CDS Members attended the following meetings** with Exhibit Booths.

1. June 24-26, **Florida,** Dental Convention with Dr. Jonathan and Amy Spenn, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. No masks, full convention, everyone was happy and experienced a fruitful, exciting meeting.

2. Sept 30-Oct 2, **Ohio** Dental Convention in Columbus, Ohio with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. The meeting was down from previous years and masks mandated. There was much interest in missions from dentists and others. There were many interested dental students which produced a successful outreach.

3. October 11-13, **ADA** meeting in Las Vegas with various CDS Members. The CDS Dental Mission Banquet was held following the Board Meeting.

c. **Dental Conferences/Exhibit Booths in 2021 and 2022 scheduled** include:

1. November 11-13, **Pacific** Dental Conference in Seattle, Washington with Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

2. November 28-December 2, **Greater New York** Dental Meeting in NYC with Dr. Vic Bradford and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. Dr. Bob Meyer will present on missions to the International College of Dentists at the meeting.

3. Jan 20-22, **Rocky Mountain** Dental Conference, in Denver, CO with Dr. Randy Sanders and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

4. Jan 27-29, **Yankee** Dental Meeting in Boston, MA with Dr. Kunio Chan, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

5. March 17-19, **Hinman** Dental Meeting in Atlanta, GA with Dr. Dave and Gail Moretz.

6. April 7-9, **Oregon** Dental Meeting in Portland, OR with Dr. Andrew Walls and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

7. May 12-14, **California** Dental Meeting in Anaheim, CA with Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

8. June 23-25, **Florida** Dental Meeting at Gaylord Resort in Florida with Dr. Jonathan and Amy Spenn, Dr. Katy Barlow, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

9. Oct 13-15, **ADA** Meeting in Houston, Tx with CDS Members. The CDS Board Meeting and a Mission Banquet will occur on Friday, October 14, 2022.

15. Additional Items for Discussion:

a. The CDS e-mails **monthly News-Briefs** to keep the CDS membership informed. If members are not getting News-Briefs or e-mail correspondence from the CDS, please check the CDS website to see if their e-mail is correct. Dr. Bob Meyer invites all to contribute to the News-Briefs and asks members to send contributions to him by email, including thoughts, ideas, and Scripture verses. E-mail: bdmeyer@comcast.net.

b. The CDS ***Dental Mission Manual--For Portable Short-term Dental Trips*** is still selling well as it encourages and helps those interested in dental missions. The manual was published by Create Space and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer welcome additions and corrections to the manual, as there are plans for future, updated editions.

c. The **CDS Facebook**: Please send contributions for the CDS Facebook page to bdmeyer@comcast.net whenever possible. Please "Like" items on the CDS Facebook and Instagram pages.

d. Drs. Diane and Bob Meyer's mission article was published in the Journal of the American Dental Association in December of 2020 titled, "**Recruitment Considerations for Dental, Short-Term Missions Relating to the Holistic Development of Dentists."**

The article was also included in the Dental Abstracts official publication of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Vol 66, Number 4, July/August 2021 (www.dentalabstracts.com). Titled **"Volunteering, Short-Term Missions Contribute to Dentists' Development."**

e. **Amazon Smile income generated** so far in 2020 is about $183. Log on to "Amazon/smile" for your purchase to be tagged with a charitable percentage going to the CDS. You only need to sign up for CDS once as your charity.

16. The next, in-person CDS Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2022, at the ADA Convention in Houston, Texas. The CDS hopes to see you all there!

17. Prayer requests for the CDS and our Members were requested and prayed over. The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer by Dr. Dave Moretz, CDS Past-President.

The CDS Board Meeting was followed by a Dental Mission Banquet with Italian food held in the Life Christian Church. Although attendance was down at the ADA convention and the CDS Banquet, the CDS still had 29 attend an encouraging evening of fellowship. Hymns were enthusiastically sung with Dr. Diane Meyer accompanying on the piano. Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer presented concerning dental missions, Dr. Bill Griffin spoke on the Christian Dental Association initiatives and how CDS and CDA are supporting each other. Following Dr. Griffin's presentation, the Dr. Ron Lamb Mission Award was presented to Dr. Bill and Linda Griffin by Dr. Michael Vaughn who closed the evening with encouraging words and a prayer.



CDS Mission Banquet Singing Hymns



The Dr. Ron Lamb Missionary Award was Presented to Dr. William and Linda Griffin by Dr. Michael Vaughn, the CDS President, and Dr. Bob Meyer, the CDS Executive Director.

