Christian Dental Society News-Brief

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Our CDS Website has a new look! It should be completed this week and we encourage you to check it out on www.christiandental.org. Please verify that all contact information is correct. There is a public member list where office data is listed, so patients and prospective patients can locate and contact our members. There is also a private member list (which is password protected) where home address, e-mail and phone number are entered. If you do not have the CDS password, contact the home office. Many thanks to the **Curtis Group** for designing the website and working with the CDS on this.

We have been reviewing and updating our **CDS insurance coverage**. The CDS has liability protection for our officers and board, we have a security bond against monetary theft, and we carried limited coverage on our property. We have not had general liability insurance to cover us for meetings and gatherings (this year we will exhibit at ten different dental conventions and have several meetings). General liability coverage has become a requirement for organizations to exhibit at conventions and to hold meetings. In searching five different insurance agencies during the last six months to come up with a reasonable plan to insure the CDS, we have finally found one to meet our needs at a very reasonable price. We have combined a general liability policy to cover us for all our gatherings with a new increased property coverage to insure our assets (equipment, kits, and administrative office). In this litigious society, we have to protect ourselves and cannot conduct business without proper insurance coverage. We want to assure you that we have addressed the issues.

The CDS has just rented our first **Dental Hygiene Kit** which includes an ultrasonic scaler. Thanks to **Dr. Randy Sanders** for putting the kits together, as CDS now has three hygiene kits available for rent for $75 each.

We have converted our five Aseptico Deluxe portable dental operating units into a hard Pelican case, as we previously had difficulties with the cases not holding up to the rental market. **Thank you, Paul Shada from Bell Dental** for engineering this for our dental operating units.

We are renting out more equipment and kits than ever before to new members. The word is getting out about how we can help dental missions. We

thank Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Dave Moretz, and Tina for their many hours of work assisting others with dental missions by renting out equipment and kits.

Save the date! Don't miss the **CDS Annual Board Meeting and Mission Banquet** to be held at the American Dental Association Convention in Denver, Colorado on Friday, October 21, 2016. All Board members and Advisory Council members are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited to all CDS events: the CDS Booth # 2062 (ongoing at the ADA Exhibit Hall), the CDS Board Meeting (1-5 p.m.) and the CDS Mission Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.), both to be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. The catered dinner will include dentist and hygienist mission speakers and interaction time between CDS members. If anyone would like to help at the CDS booth at the ADA Convention or any other convention—thereby receiving a free exhibit hall badge—please contact bdmeyer@comcast.net. Some board members are staying at the Days Inn Denver Downtown located at 930 East Colfax Ave in Denver, Colorado (phone number: 303-813-8000). It is the only hotel we could find that is under $100, with free breakfast, free parking, free Wi-Fi and within walking distance of the convention. Other hotels are available through the ADA.

The **Academy of Dentistry International www.adiint.org has invited our membership and spouses** to attend their three-hour CHE dental mission presentation, at no cost, given by CDS members, **Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and Dr. Robert Meyer.** This event will be held at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel on October 19th, Wednesday morning, from 9-12 a.m., a day before the ADA convention which starts on October 20, 2016. Everyone is also invited to an ADI orientation after lunch, and to the ADI Gala Banquet, held that evening at 7 p.m. (cost for the banquet is $125 per person). **Dr. T. Bob Davis**, one of our long-time CDS members, is the ADI President Elect, and will be installed later this year. ADI has dentists in 67 countries, and we view this as a wonderful opportunity for the CDS to open doors to a more international audience according to God's leading. If you can come to the ADA meeting a day early, please consider coming to the ADI mission presentation. Let Dr. Bob Meyer know (bdmeyer@comcast.net) if you plan on attending any of these events.

Please consider recommending a candidate for this year's **"Ron Lamb Mission Award"** to be given at the annual CDS Banquet. Nominations can be submitted by going to the CDS website under the "Members" section, fill out the form, and submit on-line before the end of July.

Trip opportunities: If planning a trip and wanting to get the word out to others, go to the CDS website www.christiandental.org under "Members," click on the "Mission Trip Opportunity," fill out the simple trip information data, and submit so that your trip can be advertised. This is facilitated by **Dr. Jim Wolf**.

Sales of the CDS ***Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips*** are going well, with proceeds supporting the CDS. This valuable resource is available on Amazon and on Kindle versions.

The **CDS Facebook** page—"Christian Dental Society"—is being noticed! Please add "likes" and posts to it. Mission trip reports attract attention.

The **Florida Dental Convention** was very successful. **Thank you to Dr. Katy Barlow and Dr. Robert Liebler** for representing the CDS as they encouraged, instructed, and assisted others interested in dental missions.

A special thanks to **Dr. James Carney and Dr. William Griffin** who coordinate and lead student mission trips to Jamaica. They are in the middle of leading five separate dental student teams from July 9th to August 13th. We pray for their ministry as they impact the hearts of our future leaders in Christian Dental Missions.

Our members continue to be heavily involved with dental missions here and overseas. Thank you and blessings to all CDS members who continue to support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental personnel to provide dental care to the underserved and to open doors in support of God's kingdom.

Please send reports, short articles, and announcements for News-Briefs to CDS Executive Director, Dr. Bob Meyer: bdmeyer@comcast.net

Quotes from CDS Members

"I feel that the risks people take reveal what they value. As a short-term dental missionary, I challenge believers to become 'risk takers for God.' We met a German missionary who was headed for Sudan. When asked if that was dangerous, he smiled and said, 'Well. . .life is also very hazardous in Germany, as people are dying daily in their beds, never having really lived for God!'"

Bible Verses

“Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” 1 Peter 4:10.