



Christian Dental Society

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To Carry Out Christ's Great Commission (Through Dentists and Dentistry) - Matthew 28:19 & 20

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CDS Welcomes New President

Hi, I'm Dr. Jody Yarbrow and I've been going on Dental/Medical mission trips since 1979. As dentists, God has blessed us with the talents and resources to go and minister to people in need and support the efforts of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.



My vision for the future of CDS is to grow the membership and support system that our organization provides for it's members, thus enabling more dental teams to go on mission trips in support of spreading the Gospel.



I am excited about the new CDS website, and appreciate the efforts of all that we involved to make this happen. I would encourage each of our members to invite new dentists to join CDS, and to also encourage members that haven't been active to consider continuing with CDS.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend CDS' 16th Annual Summer Conference August 1-5, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA.

Blessings, Dr. Jody Yarbrow

Have You Visited Our New Website?
www.ChristianDental.org

Light of the Nations Award



Top: Denny Scharine, DDS and his wife Bonny receive the Light to the Nations Award.

Right: Dr. Denny & Mrs. Bonny Scharine with CDS Past President Randy Sanders, DDS



Isaiah 49:6 "I will make you a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach the end of the earth".

God is using dentistry to bring light to the nations. And He has done it in Kenya, Uganda, Belize, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Thailand, Mexico, Guatemala, Haiti and Liberia thru a couple of CDS members, Denny and Bonny Scharine.

Dr. Scharine joined the Christian Dental Society in 1999. In 2000 the Scharine family went on their first mission trip and were hooked. Dr. Scharine and Bonny continue to go on mission trips and see them as an opportunity for them to serve their fellow man as well as to share the love of Christ.

That is why they are being given the "Light to the Nations Award".

In Psalm 96:1-David commands us to "sing to the Lord, all the earth...declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples." During the days of Joshua, God brought his people into Canaan "so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty." Joshua 4:24 God's vision for the end of history includes "people for God from every tribe, language, people and nation." Rev 5:9

Lifetime in Missions Award

A "Lifetime in Missions Award" was presented to Gayle Cheatwood, DDS and his wife Nita.

This award is given to a practicing dentist who has dedicated his life to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the outermost parts of the world.

Gayle started doing dental missions in 1974 and has averaged 3 trips a year over the last 37 years. Well over a hundred trips.

He has also introduced innumerable dentists, like our new President Jody Yarbrough to the joy of doing dental missions.



Left: Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood with CDS Past President Randy Sanders, DDS



Right: Gayle Cheatwood, DDS with CDS Past President Randy Sanders, DDS

Mission-Minded Continuing Education



CDS Welcomes David Moretz, DDS



I am humbled and excited about being chosen the large equipment manager for the Christian Dental Society. This is a huge responsibility and one that I take seriously knowing the consequences of failed dental equipment on a mission trip.

Presently, CDS has 12 working Aseptico Model ADU04-ST dental units and 1 under repair. The units have an air/water syringe, hoses for high and low speed handpieces, and high volume evacuation (suction). They are operated by compressed air. CDS has 8 110 Volt AA-98 AirPac II Aseptico air compressors and 2 under repair. We also have 1 220 Volt compressor with 1 under repair. In addition, the Society rents dental chairs invented by our own Dr. Gayle Cheatwood. These chairs are also available for purchase from CDS. All of this equipment can be viewed on our website christiandental.org.

Tina asked if I would share "my story" with the membership so folks could be comfortable contacting me if needed. I became a Christian in high school. After college I joined the Peace Corps and worked 2 years in agricultural extension in southern Nepal (10 miles from India). While there I noticed how much importance the Hindu people placed on their relationship with their gods, praying every morning at their home altars, and placing tikas on their foreheads to signify their

worship. Their example spurred me to make my Christianity central to my everyday living and to develop a close personal relationship with my Savior. Being only about 50 miles from Lumbini Nepal (birthplace of Buddha), I visited the small village several times to pray and meditate on what direction God would have me go. There God spoke to me and said dentistry would be the way I should serve him. At that time the only communication with the outside world being sporadic mail service, I applied to one dental school and with God's recommendation, was accepted! I have been in private dental practice for 30 years in a dental shortage area in eastern North Carolina. I sold my practice 6 years ago but still work there 2 days a week. This gives me the time to serve the Lord through this avenue and others. Having been a member of CDS for at least 14 years (and a life member for 3), I am somewhat familiar with its "workings". In 1990 I went on my first short term dental mission trip and have been on 11 more through the years (3 to Mexico and 9 to Honduras) so I have a feel for the working conditions in developing countries.



I have rented equipment from CDS and also purchased a unit, compressor, and chair. Our teams usually consist of 2 to 4 dentists, 4 translators, and 4 "helpers/assistants. On our trips hoses have blown because of the tropical heat, water lines have stopped up because of particles in the water, compressors have burned out because of low voltage and inadequate amperes and on 1 trip 3 compressors were "lost" between Atlanta and home. Of course, I was responsible for those compressors and after 3 months of paperwork, the airline reimbursed me.



The key to short term mission trips is preparedness and flexibility. Preparedness includes taking a small tool kit with Allen wrenches to fit the screws in the units and compressors, a multi-tool device, small vise grip pliers, some 4 inch plastic ties, and duct tape. Flexibility includes changing direction in mid-stream. When my only compressor burned, the team helped the kids with crafts, spending more time teaching oral hygiene, and teaching a Bible class. Showing the Jesus film and giving a testimony may be what the Lord intended for you to do on your trip instead of dentistry.

When you rent CDS equipment you should expect it to be clean and in working order. An instruction sheet will be placed in each package concerning usage and maintenance. There is no guarantee the equipment will work on site because of rough transport, extreme conditions, or poor electricity. Last week I had tested a unit and it was working great. After being connected to the compressor for about an hour, a hose blew – temperature 101 degrees in eastern NC. It was easily repaired with the small tool kit. Several issues are common with this portable equipment: the compressors tend to overheat in tropical climates, voltage or amperes may be low and cause the breakers to flip, and the dental units use more air than those compressors can produce because of the HVE design. My assistant (of 30 years) has developed a rhythm to use the unit and compressor together – use the handpiece for 20 or 30 seconds, then use the HVE, observe the prep for a few seconds as the compressor is building up pressure, then back to the handpiece. That is about as efficient as this portable equipment will allow.

Before returning the equipment, please clean it and pack it securely. Let me know of any issues you have had with the equipment so they can be addressed before it is sent to the next team. I will unpack, clean and test the equipment before the next team receives it.

Remember, we are working for the Lord and he deserves our very best. Matthew 25: 31-46

In His Love,
David Moretz, DDS

A Farewell Message from the Past President

In the 16th chapter of Acts, Paul in a vision, sees a certain man of Macedonia appealing to Paul to "Come over to Macedonia and help us". In response to the appeal, Paul and Timothy "immediately sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called them to preach the gospel."

As Christian dentists, we frequently hear of a missionary in some remote part of the world who is faithfully serving God who could use the tool of dentistry to reach the people they are working with. Or perhaps our church is doing ministry overseas and we can go with them and add the dimension of healthcare to the ministry. Maybe there is a need in your own town for people who desperately need dental care and you could establish a clinic thru your church to meet those needs.



Your fellow members of the Christian Dental Society have done all of those things both overseas and at home. One of the ministries of CDS is to facilitate the ministry of those whom God has called to serve others thru dentistry. We provide expertise, equipment and encouragement to those who seek to serve Christ thru dental missions.

We are in the process of developing a new web site which allows us to share the expertise from those who have "been there, done that" all over the world. There are training videos from some of the most experienced dental missionaries in the world available for your perusal at christiandental.org. The web site is in process and will continue to be added to in the future. If you have any suggestions, contact me at randsand@aol.com.

We have also significantly upgraded our ability to provide light weight portable dental equipment with the addition of Dr. David Moretz. David is a semi-retired dentist who was looking for a ministry. He has been on several mission trips using CDS instruments and equipment and knows the importance of having the right equipment when you get to the mission field. All of our equipment has been overhauled and is in some of the best shape it has ever been in.

We are available to help you in any way possible. You can always contact Tina at the home office and she will know who to put you in contact with to answer your questions.

Paul and Timothy "immediately" sought to go in response to God's call. You do the same.

God Bless,
Randy Sanders, DDS
Hebrews 6:10

Dr. Ron Lamb Mission Service Award Nominations

Nominations are now being taken for the 2012 Dr. Ron Lamb Mission Service Award!

Requirements for consideration:

1. Member of CDS
2. Not a current Board member; Advisory Council member is OK
3. Have shared their faith while using their skills on the mission field
4. Encourage and mentor students into mission service
5. Commitment to the dentally underserved
6. Ethical integrity, professional competence and integration of faith and practice

When is Award presented:

1. CDS Summer Conference
2. Recipient does not have to be present to accept the award, but will be notified 3-4 months ahead of time to provide ample time to arrange to be there
3. Free conference registration for recipient and spouse

Please contact the Home Office at 563-578-8887 or cdssent@netins.net for an application.



Fellowship - CDS 15th Annual Family Fun Fest



16th Annual Dental Conference and Fun Fest!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend CDS' 16th Annual Summer Conference

Join us in Philadelphia, Aug 1 -5, 2012 while we explore the home of the Liberty Bell, George Washington and other historic sites. We will hear about early Christianity during the Revolutionary War, explore Valley Forge and possibly take a drive out to the Amish country.

There is a "Please Touch Museum" and "George Washington Square" full of rides and interesting things for our younger ones to see. CDS is working on a children's program so plan on bringing your children and making this a family event.

Please contact Nancie or Jody Yarbrow at **(254) 622-2004** if you have children you plan on bringing or if you would be willing to help with a children's program. See you there!!

Christian Dental Society's New Logo and Website

The new logo reflects a more modern look that tells viewers, "There's a cross in every molar" figuratively speaking. And, we bring the message of the cross, and dentistry, to every needful corner of the world.

The website, besides being redesigned to more robustly reflect the mission of CDS, has new features that will make it more user AND member friendly. There are "Members Only" areas and your universal password to access is: **"Matthew 28:18-20"**

- Galleries of mission trips are inspiring and fun to view (members can submit photos of their mission trips on the website)
- A list of international and domestic mission opportunities are listed by country or date (members can submit new missions on the website)
- A public member directory helps the public find a CDS member nearby. A private members directory includes members' emails (members should check to make sure their info is correct and update it on the website)
- You can pay your membership dues, or sign up a new member, on the website (NOTE: dues are due in September)
- Find out about CDS equipment resources
- Access our Mission Trip "Gurus" directory (add your name as a "Been There / Done That" source)



Your Membership Renewal Is Due Now

Your dues spread the Good News!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Ext. Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

E-Mail _____

I Would Like To Offer Extra Support To CDS Efforts:

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$ _____

Support Student Scholarship Program \$ _____

Please remit to:

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CHRISTIAN DENTAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DUES

Active Membership (voting)

Dentists (DDS, DMD)	\$195.00
Certified Dental Technicians	\$75.00
PhD in dental related areas	\$150.00
Dental Hygienists (RDH, DH)	\$75.00
Corporate membership	\$250.00
Life Member Dentists	\$1,500.00

Associate Membership (non-voting)

Dental Students	\$25.00
Hygiene Students	\$25.00
Dental Technicians	\$25.00
Dental Assistants	\$25.00
Persons in Allied Areas	\$25.00
Fully Retired DDS, DMD	\$75.00
Full-Time Missionary	\$25.00
Support of Society Projects	\$ _____

CDS Member Benefit: \$1,000 Savings

The company that created our new CDS website, Curtis Marketing Group, has offered our members **\$1,000 off** of their regular fee for developing a custom practice website.

Curtis Group "gets" our mission. Mark Curtis is a CDS member and has taken it upon himself to solve a number of our communication challenges without charging any fees. He is a man that you can trust to do more than you expect. We highly recommend him to develop or redesign your practice's website.

Curtis Group's normal fee to develop a website is \$4,500, but they charged CDS only \$3,500. They recently completed Dr. Denny Scharine's website, www.ScharineDental.com (pictured at right). Past president Dr. Randy Sanders has also hired Mark for their website development.

You can contact Mark Curtis at (320) 363-0218

