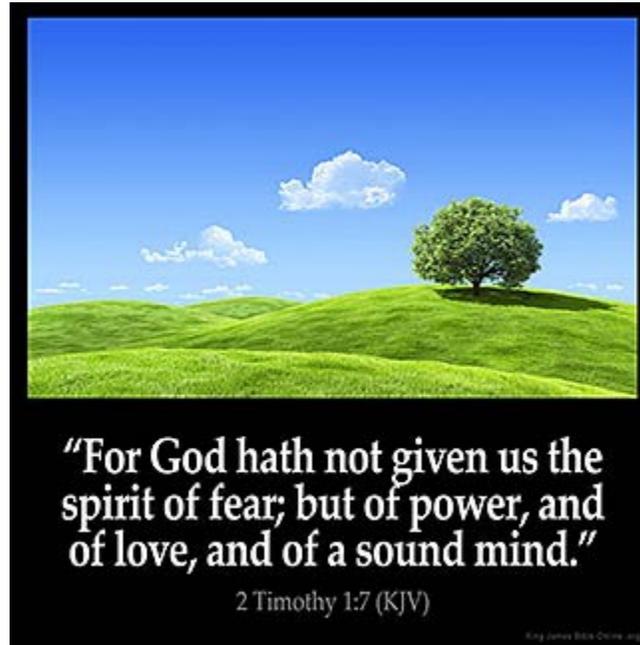


## Christian Dental Society News-Brief March 22, 2020



Our CDS Mission Statement reads, “As Christian dental providers, we aspire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, while encouraging and serving others at home and abroad.”

We are severely curtailed from traveling and ministering overseas on short-term missions at this time. We are not even allowed to provide care for our patients in our home offices other than for emergencies. The whole nation is in turmoil and Satan (the splitter) is attempting to instill fear and distrust. May the power and love of our great God help us to overcome.

As we plan ahead to when we are able to reopen our dental offices and see to our patients’ needs as well as our finances, the CDS might be able to offer some practical help. This situation of trying to catch up, with what looks to be a 6 to 8-week hiatus of office closure, requires thinking outside of the box.

**The CDS has portable equipment which can be easily set up anywhere to provide an additional chair for your office to temporally increase your 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 make up hours. A portable dental operator could be used as an extra chair for exams, consults, emergencies, post-ops, etc. You can turn a consult room, break room, office space, lab space, etc. into a temporary dental operator by simply plugging in a self-contained dental operating unit and setting up a portable chair and be OSHA compliant.

## Using Portable Dental Chairs and Dental Operating Units Around the World:



Guatemala



Tarawa Atoll in Kiribati



Refugees in S. Sudan

Everyone will need to make up for lost patient treatment and for lost income. Some have extra chair time available, and can temporarily hire some of those part-time hygienists who have been laid off during this crisis and would welcome additional hours. Many know retired hygienists who could do the same thing. Some states allow hygienists to work from home or away from the dental office and portable equipment would work. Many plans include expanding hours and working off-days and on Saturdays, but it is important to caution everyone concerning keeping life reasonably balanced. Having an extra chair or two, especially for hygiene, can do much to help catch up without overburdening anyone.

Feel free to contact Tina at our home office: 563-578-8887 or [cdssent@netins.net](mailto:cdssent@netins.net) as the CDS will loan out what is available on a first-come basis.

Until the ADA and local authorities feel it is safe to return to dental offices, we are in a disconcerting, uncertain, holding pattern. Everyone is making adjustments and it is not, nor will it be, easy. The CDS prays this break allows us to reflect upon God, who we are really dependent upon, to enjoy some free time, to grow closer to family and friends, to align priorities, to reach out to other people, and to plan for life after this current crisis. Please know that your CDS leaders are praying for you!!



**"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto  
you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid."**

John 14:27 (KJV)

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