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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the prospect of spring and the hope of summer, we all anticipate a time of renewal and rejuvenation from varied activities. If you are a graduating dental student, the excitement of the future is a promising new horizon.

As a profession, we have much for which to be grateful. Our opportunities to serve mankind abound all around us as we participate in the healing processes involved with dental health. Those who have been involved in worldwide service especially realize the blessings we often take for granted.

With the support of you as Academy members, we have been able to continue some of our much appreciated programs. This year we were able to award 52 student scholarships to grateful dental and hygiene students. The new student academy chapters continue to grow, with the establishment of 25 in number, and also memberships numbering close to 300. The Guatemala clinic is now finished and we wait the signing of the final legal document so that we can get to work in this exciting new venue. Our data base project identifying academy members over the last 35 years is moving forward. We have a great team of volunteers who make such a significant contribution to our organization. These are treasured associations as we work together.

Summer will bring the opportunity to gather for our conference on August 13 and 14 on the campus at BYU. We are busy making all the preparations for what promises to be a great total family experience. We look forward to seeing you there for another exciting conference.

The Academy experience and association has been such a blessing in my life. I count it as one of those anticipated and positive experiences that strengthen and renew because of great learning opportunities, as well as associating with treasured friends in a positive environment. It is a great privilege to belong and to serve in the Academy.

David H. Geddes
Academy President

IMPORTANT MESSAGE !

We are changing our web site, although it is still at the same address www.academyofldsdentists.com. There is a welcome message from our founder, Gordon Christensen, and drop down menu choices which allow better access to new areas and service opportunities. The home page is now designed to present more obvious choices and logical destinations.

You can now register online for the annual conference or to pay dues.

Our database will be improved because of this change. Easily accessed buttons on the home page allow you to Update Your Info and to share the message of the Academy with other dentists through the "Invite a Dentist" links found there.

We invite you to check out the new look and the helpful resources that are offered. Please explore the site and refer other dentists, spouses, and hygienists to access the areas that would be of interest to them.

CHANGES TO THE BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin Board is intended to be a service to the members of the Academy. You may sell your practice, find an associate, or you may post an advertisement wanting to buy a practice, or to be an associate.

- For members of the Academy the service will be free.
- Brokers and consultants will be charged a flat fee of \$300 per year and may post as many advertisements as they wish for the one price.
- Non-members of the Academy will be charged \$50.

The advertisements run for 90 days and are then deleted. If someone wishes to extend the ad beyond that they must resubmit it.

ATTENTION: There has been a special request to identify and locate all LDS dentists and dental students in the U.S. and Canada. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Would you please take a minute to send us contact information for any LDS dentists and students you know? Perhaps you know them from your dental school, ward or stake, a dental association, etc. We would very much appreciate your help in compiling a complete listing. Please visit <http://academyofldsdentists.com/form> and enter your contact information on the form (please remember to press the submit button on the bottom of the page). If you prefer you may make a list of LDS dentists, with some form of contact information for each, and e-mail it to LDSdentists@gmail.com. Thank you.

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VISIT THE WEB SITE
Keep up to date by visiting our Web site at www.academyofldsdentists.com/.
Information can be found there about the next conference; Academy news; service and mission-ary opportunities for dentists and others, both here and abroad; equipment that can be borrowed for dental service projects; a bulletin board for notices about practices for sale, members seeking jobs, and position openings; and many other areas of interest. There is even a Spanish-language page. The editor can be contacted at:
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GUATEMALA HUMANITARIAN DENTAL CLINIC UPDATE



The Orphanage Dental Clinic is completed and ready for dentists to come and work on orphanage children, full-time missionaries and future missionaries. At this point we are waiting for the final legal arrangements to be made. It has been very frustrating for all of us because we have wanted to have volunteers in the clinic. However, it is important that all of these things be done in their proper order so that we will have a long-term experience here that is successful.

Missionaries Elder Wayne and Sister Suzanne Tomkinson have been working on patients since about November. They are enjoying the things that they have been able to do here and have had many great experiences taking care of these patients. They have seen over 80 orphans for initial exams and have been taking care of their "emergency" work...root canals and extractions. They are doing these exams to screen the work for when the volunteers come to the clinic. The portable x-ray equipment allows them to go to the orphanage and do these initial exams. It is fun to see the children's reactions to seeing their teeth on the computer screen.

Another rewarding experience is working with the missionaries in the local MTC here as they get ready to leave on their missions. The Tomkinsons do a general screening for ALL missionaries that enter the MTC, looking for things that will give them trouble during their two-year missions. They have screened about 350 missionaries there. The missionaries enter every 3 weeks. Out of each group there are approximately 12-18 missionaries that need work in the clinic during their stay in the MTC. Most of the work there is large fillings, extractions, root canals, and stainless steel crowns. What a joy and privilege it is to work on these young men and women.

Future missionaries are getting the word about the clinic. The Tomkinsons have met with the three Area Seventies for Guatemala. These leaders are working on ways to get future missionaries into the clinic as they prepare their mission papers. This will

help to get these future missionaries ready. Without this provided dental work, many of them would not be able to serve.

Missionaries Elder Paul and Sister Joanne Fillmore arrived March 8th. They will serve as the second missionary couple at the clinic. Tomkinsons' mission will be completed in June. Elder Fillmore has had lots of experience with humanitarian service and will be a great asset to the clinic. He served his mission here in Guatemala as a young missionary. Sister Fillmore is extremely talented and will be a joy to work with.

Thank you to all of the Academy members who have so liberally donated their money to help this clinic. We are excited for the next phase...having volunteers come and serve in the clinic. We have a list of dentists and hygienists who have expressed interest in coming to Guatemala City to work in our Orphanage Dental Clinic. We will be contacting them soon. If you too have interest in serving for at least a week, contact us for further information at tiojuanclinic@gmail.com.

DENTISTRY IN EAST AFRICA



Accompanying Academy dentists Drew Cahoon and Tom Sorensen to Africa in January were two Canadian LDS hygienists, Remington Edwards and Amy Suelzle, and an Anglican dental equipment tech, Jeremy Pryer from Victoria, BC. They were able to provide training for the instructors at Mulago Dental School in Kampala, and at Kigali Health Institute (KHI) in Rwanda. After providing courses in Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy, Dental Equipment Maintenance and Repair, and ART (Atraumatic Restorative Technique), Dr. Muhumuza, Chair of the Dental Department at KHI, said, "We came here expecting a meal, but Dr. Cahoon, you and your team have taken us to the shores of the river and taught us to fish. We thank you for giving us the knowledge, the instruments, and the training so that we can leave this institution equipped to provide better dental services here in Rwanda!"

The team was able to deliver 44 complete scaling kits for their students (most have been taught scaling but never had instruments to do the job), 5 Dentaid Chairs, 5 DCI dental units, a compressor, and 25 ART kits, along with two suitcases full of handpieces, instruments, burs, curing lights, etc. The team has doubled the clinical capacity of the KHI dental school and set up clinics at the Regional Hospital in Nyamata and at Agahozo Shalom Youth Village (ASYV).



The goals of the clinic at ASYV will be:

1. To provide excellence in clinical dentistry for the resident orphans at ASYV.
2. To provide community dental services to the neighbors (10 km radius) of ASYV.
3. To provide an excellent host clinic for visiting humanitarian dental professionals.
4. To become a KHI (Kigali Health Institute) Satellite Teaching Clinic to serve as:
 - a. a model for East Africa in "Community Dental Services".
 - b. a continuing educational academy to train practicing Rwandan dental professionals by western dental educators.

Dr. Cahoon will return to Rwanda in September, and Dr. Sorensen will accompany him to lead a team of Academy dental professionals who wish to share their skills with Rwandan dentists and students, while visiting one of the most beautiful countries in the world. If you are interested in teaching some aspect of dentistry in Rwanda, please contact Dr. Drew Cahoon (406-260-6518 or dgcagoon@gmail.com). You will be welcomed to help us fulfill our goals any time in 2011! It is a lot of fun too. As people wish, we help arrange for an African safari and river trip on the Nile.

by Dr. Drew Cahoon

For more on these and other articles about service or current messages from the Academy leadership, please see the "Recent News" section on the new home page of our web site AcademyofLDSdentists.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academy has completed the awarding of scholarships for the past year. We received over 100 applications and have awarded 40 one thousand dollar scholarships to dental students across the country, and 12 hygiene scholarships, mostly in the intermountain west. We did award a scholarship to an LDS student in Africa. John Bevan, a past president of the Academy, is serving a mission in Ghana and became aware of a young man named David Ameyaw who was trying to complete his training in the dental school in Ghana. He was in his final year and had reached a financial road block that would have prevented him from graduating. To my knowledge, he is the only native African LDS dentist. We agreed to help him and got the necessary funds to John to help him. I will quote from a letter he sent.

"I wish to thank you and the academy for the life changing experience and smile you extended to me. I thank you for the love and emotional support you give me. However, to crown it all is the financial support that enables me to complete my program and many vital requirements demand[ed] by my training as a dentist. Today, this effort and generosity has gone a long way to make a difference... I have just received my results and I have successfully passed all my examinations, and am waiting for graduation this April."

We also received a thank you note from one of the students here in the country that said he and his wife were worried about what they could do for their young family for Christmas, and meet their other financial obligations. They didn't have enough money for both, so they were going to just get by for Christmas. When the scholarship came they wept with joy and felt like our scholarship was an answer to their prayers.

I feel grateful that I have been able to serve in the Academy to see all of the good we are doing. I thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping us make this possible. Your dues and donations do much good. Individually we can do a lot, but collectively we can accomplish great things. Please continue to support us by paying your dues and contributing to the scholarship fund.

Evan Roundy
Treasurer

Academy Of LDS Dentists Yearly Conference

AUGUST 13-14, 2009

Mark your calendars for another great conference in August. A complete family experience awaits us where there will be something exciting and worthwhile for everyone. Dentists and hygienists will enjoy great clinical courses while spouses will enjoy another inspiring session. The youth will again be entertained and enlightened through exciting activities in the BYU youth programs. We will enjoy a service luncheon where we will recognize individuals for their outstanding service related to dentistry, and on Friday evening, we look forward to our fireside and dinner.

Clinical courses on Friday will include:

- **M. Nader Sharifi, DDS, MS** Prosthodontics
- **Fred C Quarnstrom, DDS** Anesthesia and Sedation
- **Dale A. Miles, BA, DDS, MS** Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology

Clinical courses on Saturday :

- **Bruce W. Small, DMD, PA** Precision Restorative Dentistry
- **David H. Epperson** Avoiding Malpractice
- **Gerald A. Niznick, DMD, MSD** Implant Dentistry
- **Gordon J. Christensen, DDS, MSD, PhD** What's New-2010

We look forward to rubbing shoulders with all our wonderful members of the Academy of LDS dentists.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO THE WEB SITE: [HTTP://CE.BYU.EDU/CW/DENTIST](http://ce.byu.edu/cw/dentist)

A LETTER FROM THE SPOUSE PRESIDENT

Mark your calendar, ditch the diet, and invite friends to join you at our power-packed spouse conference. Our theme, "... let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5) will guide us as we explore through dynamic presenters ways we can become more effective in recognizing and defending truth and light. Our particular focus is on becoming powerful and knowledgeable voices as we rise up to defend traditional family values.

Some topics we will explore include: parenting, marriage, the Atonement, Isaiah, housecleaning (for the husbands, of course), temple sealings, fitness, and threats to families. We are hoping for a cooking demonstration, and we're trying to remember the name of someone who teaches ways to enhance our memories. Obviously this is one class we need!

Once again we will have a silent auction with earnings donated to support the Academy of LDS Dentists humanitarian projects. If you would like to donate items, please contact spouse president, Jackie Ormond (208-232-0576 or ormojacq@cablone.net), or just bring the items to the conference. Handmade, purchased, gently used, expensive or inexpensive will all be wonderful. This is a great way for spouses to donate to humanitarian projects and have something tangible and fun to show for it.

Our conference will be two days of uplifting, fun, mind-stretching, and memorable classes (especially memorable if we can find someone to help us with our memories!). Plan to join us. I'll see you there.

Jackie Ormond
Spouse President