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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are blessed to be a part of such a great organization. The Academy of LDS Dentists continues to move forward in an effort to achieve its goals of education, service, and fellowship. On behalf of the executive committee, I would like to express how much we appreciate your great support.

33rd Annual Conference—It was a real success! I hope those of you who were able to attend feel as well rewarded for attending as I do. I appreciated the information provided by the clinicians on such a variety of topics. It was difficult to choose which classes to attend. The spouses' program was also exceptional. We extend our thanks to all who spoke, performed, or took part in any way to make the meeting such a fulfilling experience.

BYU Support—We are fortunate to now have Scott Harris as the BYU administrator over our Annual Conference. Scott comes with a fantastic background of experience and skills that will lend efficiency and ongoing success to our meeting.

David Geddes—While serving as our president these past two years, he has been a real inspiration to all of us. His sensitivity and insight have certainly helped our executive committee. I am humbled as I consider following his lead in the many aspects of our Academy. I feel grateful to be surrounded by so many outstanding individuals on our leadership team.

Student Chapters—We hope to provide a resource, under David's direction, for our student members. In many ways, we can mentor them along the way to becoming active participants in our wonderful profession.

Humanitarian Service—At our meeting we had table displays in the hall, where we met some "champions" and participants in dental service projects being done in many countries. During the Saturday luncheon we viewed the presentations of Doctors Brett Moyes and Ralph Downey. They showed how they were able to very successfully share their professional skills and involve their families and friends in giving extensive service.

New Brochure on the Humanitarian Fund—We each have people in our practice who are in positions to contribute to that fund and thus become participating partners in some of the finest projects that exist and that have the lowest overhead of any.

The Academy's Web site, <http://www.AcademyOfLDS Dentists.com>, is becoming the center of communications. We encourage you to enjoy the resources available on the Web site.

Encourage Others to Join the Academy—While on the home page of our Web site, click on "Join," then on "Invite a Dentist." With their name and a couple types of contact information, we can put them on our mailing list. We can then extend to them the newsletter, opportunities for service, the annual conference, and other benefits of knowing about (or having contact with) the Academy.

34th Annual Conference—August 12-13, 2011. I hope each of us will make plans to attend next year's conference. It is an outstanding experience for the entire family. I also suggest that you invite your associates in the profession, your specialist friends, and your staff members to attend next year's meeting. Please mark your calendars.

I wish you the best in your professional and personal lives.

Sincerely,



John A. Gerritsen
Academy Of LDS Dentists President

33rd Annual Conference Overview

BY EVAN ROUNDY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY



Friday Conference Speakers



Youth Activity

The 33rd Annual Conference of the Academy of LDS Dentists was another great one. We had nearly 300 dentists plus spouses and children. It was a time to renew friendships, advance our knowledge of dentistry, and be inspired by teachers and fellow dentists.

Our clinicians presented on a variety of topics. On Friday, Dale Miles talked on cone-beam radiography, Fred Quarnstrom on pharmacology and Nader Sharifi on partial dentures.

- Dale Miles discussed how this new cone-beam imaging system works, the information it gives you, and some of the systems on the market.
- Fred Quarnstrom gave a brief overview of the drugs used in oral conscious sedation and then discussed the seven drugs that are essential for an emergency kit.
- Nader Sharifi provided great information on partial denture design and impression techniques.

Saturday's presenters were Bruce Small, David Epperson, Gerald Niznick, and Gordon Christensen. We also had Dwayne Zobell and a panel of dentists discuss how to organize and carry out humanitarian projects (it was taped and will be available soon).

- Bruce Small presented what he has learned from the mistakes he and others have made and how to avoid these mistakes in practice.
- Gerald Niznick lectured about his history of implant innovation and what the future of implants will be.
- Attorney David Epperson discussed what we dentists need to do to protect ourselves from malpractice litigation.
- Gordon Christensen gave his annual update. The subjects were curing lights, cone beam technology, and other pertinent and up-to-date topics.

Humanitarian awards were given. We also had an entertaining and inspiring evening with T.C. Christensen, director of many of the recent Church videos and movies (see article in this newsletter).

The Academy's leaders are grateful for your support and appreciate all who are involved in the Academy. Your support helps us bless the lives of many people through humanitarian projects, student scholarships, better dentistry and better families. We look forward to our 34th Annual Conference next year.



Gordon Christensen



Karen Preston



Spouses Auditorium

Dear Participants in the Academy of LDS Dentists Spouse Program,
Thank you for attending and adding a spirit of friendship and inquiry as we met together this past August.

Emily Freeman's examples of how darkness alters our perception and of how light chases away wrong perceptions make me grateful for the presentations of truth and light we experienced during our conference. The Lundbergs emphasized that families of the world will be saved only when individual couples value their own marriages.

From our presenters we also learned about boundaries; firm kindness; taking care of our bodies; the infinite Atonement; erroneous perceptions of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held by persons not of our faith; and how anti-family policies abound in significant organizations. We learned about order in our homes, joy in families, and how one person can make a difference if that person has light and truth for support.

We also gained a few yummy pounds and laughed together.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful organization. I will enjoy just sitting and learning next year rather than wondering what I am forgetting, as the position of president now passes to Rebecca McDonald.

Jacquelyn Ormand

Past President of Academy of LDS Dentists Spouses



2010 ACADEMY CONFERENCE FIRESIDE —T. C. CHRISTENSEN

Submitted by Janice Gerritsen

Award-winning LDS filmmaker (and mustached comedian) T.C. Christensen began his presentation with photos of his family members—photos he had doctored up with mustaches.

Christensen, a cinematographer and Layton native, is now a resident of Centerville. He has made many films, including “Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration,” “The Work and the Glory,” “The Testaments,” “Gordon B. Hinckley: A Giant Among Men,” “Pioneer Miracle,” “Seasons of the Heart,” “Legacy,” and “Treasure in Heaven, the John Tanner Story.”

Films by Christensen have received recognition in several film festivals. His “Pioneer Miracle” received the Best in Show award from the [Houston International Film Festival](#) in 2004. “Seasons of the Heart,” for which he was both director and cinematographer, received multiple awards in film festivals. Christensen has also been the cinematographer for a large number of films. His resume includes several [IMAX](#) films and the film “Forever Strong.”

At the evening fireside, we were privileged to view the short film of which Christensen was the co-author and director: “Only a Stonecutter,” the inspiring story of [John Rowe Moyle](#). I think the feeling was unanimous that this year’s Academy Fireside was not only extremely entertaining but also very inspiring.

RALPH DOWNEY – 2010 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

In 1998 Ralph Downey took his wife and eight children to Tonga to work in the newly established Liahona Clinic. He sold his home, car, and practice in order to have the necessary funds to spend several months in Tonga doing this service project.

Ten years later, the younger children could not remember their time in Tonga; one had not even been born at the time. So he returned with them to the South Pacific, this time to Samoa so his younger children could have the experience of service.

At the request of the Area President, he spent several months setting up a clinic similar to the one in Tonga.

He also has participated in several service projects in China.

BRETT MOYES – 2010 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Brett Moyes of South Ogden, Utah recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of LDS Dentists. He has been an example to us all through his proactive efforts in bringing medical and dental treatment to those who otherwise would not have received it.

One project was to serve people on the small South Pacific island of Kosrae, near Guam. Besides organizing trips with medical personnel to perform dental, ophthalmic, and OB/GYN treatment, he was able to fill multiple 40-foot containers that allowed the building of a 3-operatory dental clinic and equipped the hospital there with needed medical devices like X-ray machines, oxygen generators, clean water systems, and air conditioners.

He led and participated in dental teams to Guatemala, Peru, and villages along the Amazon River. More recently, he has joined with the Mali Rising Foundation to serve on trips with medical and dental personnel to that West African nation. These expeditions have usually been two weeks long with two dozen people participating. They have met with government leaders and have even been successful in some missionary efforts among leaders and the local populace.

Major emphases of the Foundation are building schools and erecting solar panels for electricity. Dr. Moyes is now on the board of directors of the Mali Rising Foundation. He is also active in the Ogden/Weber County area in providing needed dental care to those in need.

AOD 2010 CONFERENCE COMMENTS

CONFERENCE TESTIMONIAL

BRIAN L. HOMER, DMD—FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE; LONG-TIME MEMBER

I was delighted with the outstanding presentation choices and the eagerness of the attendees to become the best dentists they could be. I found many "pearls" that I could take back to my office. I also became much more aware of the great need and opportunity to provide humanitarian service locally and abroad. Some of the slides showing how needy people's lives were changed by altruistic service were overwhelming. I became convinced that humanitarian service is a big part of my future. There were many who were eager to share their experiences and give suggestions on how to make service fun and rewarding, with as few frustrations as possible.

I will try my best to encourage my colleagues to attend in the future. I think it is a great opportunity to learn, and to learn to serve. Thanks to those who planned such a great conference.

ROYDEN JONES—FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE – MIDWESTERN STUDENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT

My wife and I attended the Academy of LDS Dentists Conference in Provo, UT. What an amazing trip we had, going to BYU and being able to interact with such a fine group of individuals. We both felt completely welcome and came away from the event feeling invigorated and looking forward to next year's conference.



Left to Right: Royden Jones, Jennifer Jones, Matthew Harmon, Todd McClenaghan, Ashely McClenaghan

As a third-year dental student, I found the lectures extremely informative and not above my level of learning. I would highly encourage any other student out there who is considering coming to this event to just do it. You will not be disappointed. It is just phenomenal how much is covered in such a short period of time. I also felt that the members of the LDS Academy were not only professional and knowledgeable but also open and accepting of one so young in the dental profession.

RYAN RUSH—FIRST-TIME ATTENDING CONFERENCE; RECENT GRADUATE

I am a recent dental school graduate and a first-time attendee of the conference. The conference was well worth it. Having recently been in dental school, I was used to long lectures with lots of information, many times more than I had use for. At the conference, the speakers were good at adjusting their lectures to help you walk away with a few key points that you were ready to implement into practice. I plan to attend again in the future.

JOHN HENRICKSEN, DDS—LONG-TIME MEMBER AND ATTENDEE from CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON

I have been attending the Academy of LDS Dentists conferences for 30-plus years, and this year's event was one of the best! The format of this CDE event is unique to dentistry. I have been in practice for over 40 years, and the longer I practice, the less I enjoy spending eight hours in a CDE course that is focused on one subject. The Academy format allows me to preview several presenters in the morning, then choose the two I feel I would gain

the most from during two afternoon sessions. These presentations are then two hours each, and the presenters have to get right to the point. I get more useful information from four presenters at the Academy presentations in eight hours total of class than I would from 32 hours in regular courses. Add to that the spiritual lift and comradeship, the great program for spouses and the youth activities, and there simply is nothing like it.

This is also the best venue to be exposed to service opportunities that are either associated with the Academy or sponsored by other organizations. There are usually eight to ten service projects to look over and consider for the next year. These opportunities to serve the dental needs of those in Third World settings are available in numerous nations. They offer great rewards along with memorable adventures.

It also has been interesting to see the reaction of the presenters to the Academy itself. The weekend after the Academy meeting, I attended a course in Portland that was put on by one of this year's presenters. He recognized me and made sure he got the chance to let me know what an incredible experience it had been to be with us on the BYU campus. He is interested in joining the Academy and he is not LDS.

Please give serious consideration to attending next year's conference, and bring the family!!

A FATHER AND SON'S ACTIVITY

JOHN BEVAN—LONG-TIME ATTENDEE; 33-YEAR MEMBER

I have been a member of the Academy since the inception of the BYU Academy many years ago. I have attended most meetings, except when my wife and I were serving missions. Even though I am now retired, I enjoy attending with my dentist son Curtis, who has his own practice. He got started at the Academy when he was a pre-dental student at BYU, serving as a host for clinicians. Now we attend the meetings as peers, which is always a great father-son outing where we can discuss the advances in knowledge and technology. It is also a good time to renew acquaintance with many of my former colleagues.

I have three daughters who are practicing hygienists and a granddaughter who is presently in hygiene school. Dentistry has been very good to our family, and the Academy has been an important part of that.

SPOUSES CONFERENCE

REBECCA MCDONALD—LONG-TIME ATTENDEE from SUPERIOR, COLORADO

I love attending the spouses' section of the Academy of LDS Dentists conference every year! Our group of six or seven couples started attending 13 years ago after we heard Gordon Christensen speak in a fireside in Portland, Oregon. We have a great reunion every year. We love the classes, the BYU shopping, and our kids all think they are cousins because they spend two days having a blast going to Lagoon and Seven Peaks together. It has been a blessing for us all, as it has provided a reason for us to get together annually, and no one has to plan a thing!

JENNIFER JONES—SPOUSE

"As the spouse, I thoroughly loved the quality of speakers that were there and the wonderful social interactions and friends I met while attending the conference. I really look forward to attending next year with my husband. Thank you to all those who put so much into making this such a wonderful event."

Dental Missionaries Request Our Help

BY SISTER JUDY TOBLER



Exhibit Table
— Guatemala



Guatemala Patients
— Dr. Ron Tobler



Guatemala
Orphan Girls

In the heart of what many experts believe is the ancient city of Nephi (Guatemala), there is a unique clinic that takes care of the dental needs of orphans, missionaries, and future missionaries. The dental clinic is located inside the secured walls of the Tío Juan Orphanage. At present, two dentists and their wives are serving full-time missions at the Tío Juan Orphanage Dental Clinic.

In large part due to seven years of dental and medical expeditions to Central America, and now this dental clinic, the missionary force has doubled from 1,000 to 2,000 in Central America.

The dental clinic is a state-of-the-art facility. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints built the clinic, and previous missionaries and the Academy of LDS Dentists led the effort to equip and supply it. It has five dental chairs and a digital X-ray unit.

On Monday mornings we see future missionaries from the Guatemala area. On Monday afternoons we see girls from

the Tío Juan orphanage. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings we see missionaries from the local MTC (CCM). Then in the afternoons on these two days we see boys from the Tío Juan Orphanage. We also see orphans all day Wednesday.

Since August 2010, dental students from a local dental school have been coming to the clinic in the afternoons to work on the orphans. Thus we are able to provide the additional service to the country of helping these dental students improve their skills, which consequently will help the Central American community for years to come. This also spreads the influence of the Church.

Our patients are delightful. These young missionaries and future missionaries are vivacious, and appreciate our efforts. The orphans are more reserved because they are not used to having personal attention. It is an interesting experience to see their reactions as we show interest in them while we are working on them.

We have more patients than we can ever see. That is why we need volunteers from the United States and Canada to come

to Guatemala and help us. There are 300 male orphans and 60 female orphans in the Tío Juan Orphanages alone. Every three weeks we examine 35-45 missionaries at the CCM (MTC). We then only have three weeks to finish the work for these missionaries. Usually half of these missionaries need dental care and about half of those need extensive work. We also offer our dental services to any young man or woman who is preparing for a mission by filling out mission papers.

Please e-mail us at TioJuanClinic@gmail.com so we can give you more information and you can consider a time to come. We especially need your help with the increasing number of soon-to-be missionaries referred by their bishops and stake presidents. Most volunteers also plan some vacation days for touring or scuba diving/snorkeling, or whatever.

ELDER RON AND SISTER JUDY TOBLER
ELDER PAUL AND SISTER JOANNE
FILLMORE

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IMPORTANT BROCHURE TO SHARE WITH PATIENTS

At the 33rd Annual Conference of the Academy of LDS Dentists, a new brochure became available, which can be shown and distributed in your dental office. It is intended to explain the humanitarian services that the Academy performs in developing countries around the world.

The brochure can also be used as you talk with patients who might be financially able to contribute funds to the Academy. This brochure is intended to encourage the reader to consider making contributions to the Academy's humanitarian efforts. There are two ways in which contributions can be made;

1. At the Academy's Web site, www.AcademyOfLDSdentists.com, under "Service" the reader can click on "Make a Donation" and fill out the "Make a Donation form."
2. Individuals can contact the Academy's executive director at (801) 889-7012 or at LDSdentists@gmail.com for a personalized way to donate funds.

If members of the Academy would like brochures to display in their office, contact the Academy's Executive Director listed in #2 above or the BYU Conferences and Workshop number at (801) 422-4853.

AN INCENTIVE IS BEING OFFERED to academy members who solicit humanitarian funds by telling friends or patients of their dental practice about the humanitarian services of the academy. If you raise over \$5,000, the dentist's **CONFERENCE FEE WILL BE WAIVED** at the next annual conference of The Academy of LDS Dentists.

VISIT THE WEB SITE

Keep up to date by visiting our Web site at:

www.AcademyofLDSdentists.com/.

There you can find out about Academy news; the next Annual Conference; service and missionary opportunities for dentists and others both here and abroad; equipment that can be borrowed for dental service projects; a bulletin board for notices regarding practices for sale, members seeking jobs, and position openings; and many other areas of interests.

To propose suggestions or if you have questions regarding the Academy's Web page, you may email: LDSdentists@gmail.com or call (801) 889-7012.