



**Christian
Dental
Fellowship**

Three-in-One

Newsletter of the Christian Dental Fellowship

From Stranger to Godmother



As a CDF Council, we continue to ask ourselves what our members get for their money. Of course there is Three in One and the prayer calendar; the work of administration and the Student co-ordinators; along with supporting student electives; giving to our Mission Partners and other charitable donations, but is there a personal touch? Does CDF support us where we are? Vicky Rushton has been working hard to establish the Mentor Group, which is available to all, but what if we just need to talk to a Christian dental friend?

I have been a member of CDF on and off since my 2nd year at University in Sheffield. After graduating, I moved to Portsmouth and immersed myself in my Vocational Training year, being an SHO and meeting my future husband. Although I was involved in CDF through going to Conferences and eventually taking on the role of Newsround (latterly Three-in-One) editor, I still did not really understand what CDF could do for me.

That was until I moved to Colchester as a pregnant Vicar's wife, who although

being back in my old stomping ground (I come from Ipswich) only knew one person in the town. Anne Hallowes, CDF's administrator, emailed me a list of members in Colchester. After looking them up on the GDC website (!) to find out their graduation dates, I found that Kate was around about my age and lived 15 minutes down the road. After sending an email, we arranged to meet up. She was expecting her first child – three months ahead of me and we slowly started to get to know each other. Over the three years that we have known each other we have had the chance to strengthen our friendship and be there for each other. As families we have been camping to New Wine together (Kate has two boys and the children love each other) and our husbands have become friends.

And where has this all led? Abigail was baptised at the beginning of February and Kate was one of her Godmothers. If it hadn't been for CDF I wouldn't have known where to meet another Christian dentist and we may never have met or formed a friendship that I hope will last through the years.

I urge you to take up the offers of fellowship given on the Regional Days and get to know those Christian dentists around you who are in circumstances similar to your own, who can help, support and advise you. In this day and age, we sometimes feel that we have to cope with things on our own and put on a 'front'. It isn't the Christian way, but it can easily affect us all. Opening up to a friend who knows what things are like at my stage of life as an 'at home' mother, has been a wonderful support for me and my family and I would love to be able to offer it to others in the future.

We have been wonderfully blessed with Three-in-One and continue to have wonderful contributions. If there is something you would like to write about, or a topic you would like to see discussed, please contact the editor via the Administrator.

Cathy Fordyce
Editor

Date for your Diary

Family Conference

Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth,
LE17 6QX

Friday 30th September to
Sunday 2nd October 2011

"Staying the Course"

David Hewitt,
Chudleigh Baptist Church
Clinical Speaker: Tony Giles,
Mercy Ships

Elective Report – Providing for Patients in Peru

In June 2010, we had the opportunity to travel to Peru as part of our dental elective. Whilst there, we worked onboard a medical boat which provides basic medical and dental care to people living in the Peruvian Amazon. The Amazon Hope project is supported by the Vine Trust, who have been sending out medical teams from the UK since 2004. The Vine Trust work alongside Union Biblica Del Peru to provide physical care and to share the Good News of the Gospel with this remote people group.

The UK team consisted of two doctors, a dentist, a dental nurse, two dental students and a general assistant. This team joined a Peruvian medical team who see and treat patients on the boat all year round. Additionally, there were members of staff from Union Biblica Del Peru who spoke with waiting patients and preached in some of the villages. The dentist in our team was Mrs Shona Mason, a lecturer at Dundee Dental School and CDF member. Mrs Mason has been involved extensively in the work of the Vine Trust for several years, making two trips to the Amazon each year. It was through her involvement with the project that we came to learn of the work they do.



We decided to become involved in the project as it was a great opportunity to serve God through showing His love by providing dental care where access is difficult whilst being able to grow in God and share our faith. It was also a chance to gain a lot of hands-on experience in dentistry which would have been difficult to gain in the same quantity as students in the UK.

The months leading up to the trip were busy with organising flights, luggage and doctors appointments for vaccinations on top of preparing for 4th year exams. We left Scotland for Peru the day after getting our exam results and, after around 17 hours of travel, we arrived in Lima. Despite being exhausted from the travelling, we were really looking forward to getting started with the work on the boat! Once at the hotel it was an early night as we were due to leave for Iquitos at six o'clock the next morning.



We arrived on the boat after a two hour bus journey from the airport in Iquitos. From there, the boat (Amazon Hope 2) travelled up the Rio Tigre - a tributary of the Amazon - ready to begin treatment the following morning. A typical day on the boat began early with a devotional time before breakfast. During this time we sang in both English and Spanish and shared God's Word. It was fantastic to share this time with other Christians from very different backgrounds knowing that we are all united in Christ. Dental and medical treatment then began at 8.30am and continued until all patients had been treated.

Each day, the boat was moored in a different village and patients came from the surrounding area on foot and by boat to be treated. The dental clinic was very busy with patients presenting with a variety of complaints to be dealt with. Treatment options were limited to extraction or basic restorative care. For more complex dentistry patients would have to travel to Iquitos, which could be up to several days travel away on large, overcrowded ferries. Over the nine days

on the boat we saw over 200 patients, including 141 extractions, and 72 fillings. In addition to this treatment, the project was also carrying out a child dental health survey. We helped collect data for this in one of the larger villages with over 30 children coming for a short talk on oral hygiene given by Mrs Mason. Afterwards, toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste was handed out to the children. Following this, we recorded plaque scores and DMF data in order that the future needs of the population can be planned for. Although there was a lot of treatment carried out in a short period of time, it barely scratches the surface of the needs of the people in this area.



After nine busy days on board the Amazon Hope 2 we returned by fast boat to Iquitos to spend two nights there before flying back to Lima. During this time, we had the opportunity to see other projects that the Vine Trust is currently supporting. Firstly, we visited a clinic based in one of the poorest areas of the city, Belen. This project provides medical and dental care to the people of this area and continues to support children through an education programme. We also had time to visit the Amazon Hope 1, which is currently undergoing an extensive refurbishment that has since been completed. This will allow the Amazon Hope 2 to have essential maintenance carried out on its generator, which has been known to

break down! Finally, we spent an afternoon visiting an orphanage for abandoned boys. Here they received education, food, a place to sleep and an opportunity to form friendships. It was encouraging to see the broader scope of the work that the Vine Trust supports within Peru.

Despite the fact that we were only in Peru for two short weeks, it has left a lasting impression on us. Despite not having any of our luggage for the duration of our trip (due to an operational error in Amsterdam!), it was apparent that we still had much more than many of those we treated. There were many challenges during our time in Peru, but we were blessed to see God provide everything we needed to be able to carry out His work there.



The British Team, from left to right: Colin Levey, Ashley Mellis, Shona Mason, Gareth Blair

We found the entire experience to be hugely rewarding and enjoyable and we would encourage people to support and get involved in this project. Whether it is through prayer for the continued work of the Vine Trust in Peru or perhaps considering taking part in a trip themselves. The Amazon Hope project is always in need of healthcare professionals to lend their time and skills to the project.

For more details of the work of The Vine Trust and how to get involved visit: www.vinetrust.org

Colin Levey and Gareth Blair
Final Year Dental Students
Dundee

CROSSbiTe - Students & Young Dentists



Looking to God reminds us that we are part of His bigger plan. A bigger and better plan. Life with God in control is an adventure and it's far more exciting than reaching that proud moment of graduation which dental students spend five years working towards! So when you're losing perspective under piles of textbooks, just pause and reflect on the enormity of God, and praise Him that we are part of His bigger picture...

*And let us run with perseverance **the race marked out for us**, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and loose heart. Hebrews 12:1b-3*

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's people to grasp **how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ**, and to know this love that **surpasses knowledge**- that you may be **filled to the measure of all the fullness of God**.*

*Now to Him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to **His power that is at work within us**, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus **throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen**. Ephesians 3:17b-21*

Katie Tatham
Final Year Student, Cardiff

As many dental students are beginning the daunting tasks of choosing dissertation topics, applying for DF1/2 and preparing for exams, it can sometimes be all too easy to enter into the wave of mass panic that seems to spread through dental schools and forget why we're here at all. In times like these, knowing that God set us on this path and has a plan for us, can help us to see the bigger picture.

Tragically, in December a young dentist who graduated from Cardiff just four years ago died suddenly of a heart attack, aged just 27. It was shocking news and reminds us all of the temporary nature of our life here on earth.

Pastoral Care Scheme

We now have a CDF Mentor Group available to all members encompassing a wide range of experience and skills. These include issues relating to ill health forcing a career change, mental health problems, alcohol dependency, dealing with complaints, returning from working overseas as well as the stress and strain of everyday problems in the working environment.

Please contact the CDF administrator Anne Hallows (cdfadmin@btinternet.com)

We can then, after initial contact, arrange for the most appropriate member of the mentor group to be available to offer support.

UK Forum for Non Government Organisations and Charities Involved in Oral Health Improvement



How did the idea of a “UK Forum for NGOs & Charities involved in oral health improvement, working in developing countries” come about?

Dermot O’Brien is a dentist from Wiltshire who continues to undertake dental work in Africa and particularly Burkina Faso. In 2008 he wrote an article in a dental publication suggesting it might be beneficial if there was an “organised network” of UK based NGOs and charities whose work included “oral health improvement in developing countries” as one of their objectives.

These NGOs and charities would be looking to implement some or all of the WHO Basic Package of Oral Care (BPOC):

- OUT – Oral Urgent Treatment
- AFT – Affordable Fluoride Toothpaste
- ART – Atraumatic Restorative Technique

Later that year Dermot met with Stephen Hancock (editor BDJ & IDJ), Ian Wilson (Bridge2Aid) and Iain Corran (Teeth Relief / Sunnymede Trust) to discuss the practicalities of such a “forum” being constituted.

This meeting preceded a Commonwealth Dental Association workshop hosted by Bridge2Aid in February 2009 in Mwanza, Tanzania. In attendance were those with responsibility for oral health improvement from various Commonwealth Countries. Professor Emil Kikwilu from Muhumbili University, Dar es Salaam delivered a

paper and this, along with the Bridge2Aid Dental Volunteer Programme model were received well and discussed in depth.

Input to this workshop had been kindly provided by Habib Benzian and Christopher Holmgren, two of the authors of the WHO BPOC. Both these eminent colleagues have been involved with the “Fit for School Programme” headed up by Dr Bella Monse and piloted in the Philippines, (funded by the German government) and now being rolled out into Vietnam – which they hold up as an exemplar of what NGOs can achieve in public health improvements including dental public health. This programme includes a daily regimen of tooth brushing with fluoride toothpaste (BPOC AFT) and does not include BPOC OUT (i.e. volunteers undertaking extractions and dental pain relief).

Subsequently at the FDI Conference in Singapore in September 2009, as a result of the CDA workshop, Bridge2Aid ran a session facilitated by Anthony Kravitz and colleagues from the Commonwealth Dental Association to discuss “OUT – Oral Urgent Treatment - and the role of dental volunteers in the sustainability of delivering such services”. The outcome of the discussions was to continue to build a network and possible forum into sustainable volunteering.

The initiative was further met with the approval of the Dean of the Joint Faculties at the Royal College of Surgeons,

Professor Derrick Willmot, in subsequent discussions with Martin Kelleher, Ian Wilson and Iain Corran. In October 2010 at the BDTA Showcase, London, Dermot met again with Ian Wilson, and also with Sharon Rankin (Teeth Relief/Sunnymede Trust) and Jo Daly (Dental Project Peru) to move the initiative forward.

It is proposed that it would be beneficial to have a “UK Forum”, possibly hosted by the British Dental Association as a national dental organisation, with funding being provided *inter alia*. It has been suggested that it would consist of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, members of the BDTA and the various UK NGOs and charities as they felt able, so far as it did not detract from their objectives of “oral health improvement”.

The next stages involve a session at the BDA Conference in Manchester on Thursday 19th May 2011 which is to be chaired by Dr Habib Benzian and Dr Christopher Holmgren which will address the question “Volunteering Revisited! Is it really appropriate to the oral health needs of the developing nations?”

A steering group chaired by Ian Wilson has now been formed to move forward this work with Andy Jong (Dentaid), Sharon Rankin, Jo Daly, Barbara Koffman (Christian Relief Uganda) & Dermot in creating a “UK Forum”.

The steering group will seek to raise the awareness of this enterprise amongst the UK dental press and to this end, Meredyth Bell (The Dentist Magazine) has kindly agreed to write an article in the April 2011 edition of The Dentist about this work.

Other dental publications will also be asked to raise the awareness of this initiative. Further, a paper is being written by Dr Holmgren for publication around the time of the meeting in Manchester.

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Regional Group Meetings 2011

South of London and South East Saturday 26th March @ 10.30

We are meeting together at Cranleigh Baptist Church aiming to finish at 4pm. Our guest speaker is Paul Adams, CDF member and Pastor of Banstead Baptist Church.

Contact: Alan Vogt
via the Administrator

Avon and Gloucester Saturday 9th April @ 12:30

You are warmly invited to a bring and share lunch. We will be hearing from and praying for Paul & Beth Brind on their mission to Tanzania. We will meet at 59 Nicholls Lane, Winterbourne, Bristol BS36 1NF.

Contact: Angeline Nga
via the Administrator

East Midlands Saturday 14th May @ 12:30

Meeting at Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 2AE for a bring your own picnic, there will be the chance for games, with the families - I have three boys so cricket and football may well be going on and or a walk around the lake or stately home. There are also tea rooms. We aim to finish around 3pm.

Contact: Karen Paterson
via the Administrator

West Midlands Saturday 14th May @ 3:00

We are meeting at Deeside, Rising Lane Lapworth, Solihull B94 6JE, for a talk and a bring and share tea.

Contact: Ian Knowles or Peter Thornley
via the Administrator

London North Saturday May 14th @ 12:00

You are invited for an informal lunch and possibly a and walk along the canal.

Contact: Jonathan Longhurst
via the Administrator

South West Saturday 14th May

We are planning to meet at Millendreath near Looe to have a BBQ followed by a walk depending on the weather. We could also visit the Monkey sanctuary.

Contact: Malcolm Prideaux
via the Administrator

Northern Ireland Saturday 14th May @ 10.15

Meet at the Common Grounds Café (behind Queen's University), 12-24 University Avenue, Belfast BT7 1GY.

Dental Surgeon and Minister, Rev. Ivan Steen, will speak about faith at work. We look forward to a chat together over breakfast and goodies in the Fairtrade Café. Please feel free to invite others who may be interested and get in touch for more information.

Contact: Helen Douglas
via the Administrator

Pennines East Saturday 14th May @ 7 pm

Meet for dinner in the Peaks' at The Fox House in Longshaw near Sheffield.

Come and enjoy a lovely meal in beautiful countryside and meet some other Christians involved in dentistry. Please book a place for yourself and any friends by 31st March.

Contact: Sarah Robertson
via the Administrator

East Anglia (North) Saturday 21st May @ 10:30

"Serving Christ in our profession and our community"
A warm welcome awaits members of the East Anglian region for lunch, fellowship and a walk. The venue is to be decided.

Contact: Vicky Rushton
via the Administrator

East Anglia (South) Saturday 21st May

If you would like to meet for lunch, please contact us.

Contact: Cathy Fordyce
via the Administrator

Thames Valley Meeting Saturday 2nd June

We are meeting for a BBQ lunch followed by a time of fellowship and a walk at Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

Contact: Chris Evans
via the Administrator

Other Regions

Information on regional meetings in the North East, North West, South Wales and Wessex regions will be placed on the website when known.

Scotland

A meeting was held on Saturday 26th February - report to follow.

Elective Report – Top Time in Togo

In March 2010, I set off for Togo, West Africa with two of my fellow students from Guy's Dental Hospital and a medical student: Abi Boys, Victoria Knapp, myself and Jennifer Raw. We were to spend two weeks living aboard the Mercy Ship *MV Africa Mercy*.

Abi Boys is training in maxillofacial surgery, has previously worked with both the maxillofacial and dental teams on the ship and organised this visit for us. She worked with Gary Parker, the chief maxillofacial surgeon, whilst Victoria and I were part of the dental team under the supervision of Dag Tvedt, the Chief Dental Officer. My trip was supported by a generous donation from the CDF elective fund.

I last visited West Africa in 1999 when I stayed aboard the *MV Anastasis*, in Guinea. It was great to be back after such a long time. The drive from the airport to the ship early on the morning we arrived was a sudden emersion back into the sounds, sights and smells of West Africa. This triggered many good memories of an exciting and vibrant corner of the world. I couldn't quite believe I was here again, this time to offer my services with the dental team.



On the dock left to right: Myself, Victoria, Abi, Jennifer.

The *MV Africa Mercy* was docked in Lome, the capital of Togo from 10th February until mid August. The sixth month outreach saw approximately 3500 operations carried out aboard the floating hospital, which comprises of six operating theatres, intensive care and low-dependency wards. During the outreach, the ship was visited by the

president of Lome who was visibly touched by the work of this charity in his country. He expressed his thanks at the quality of care being offered to people who are often outcasts in their community and have no hope of getting better.

Off-ship, the dental clinics, medical clinics and community health education teams seek to provide health care into the heart of the community. Victoria and I worked in the dental clinic which was located a ten minute drive west along the Boulevard Road, the main coast road that was undergoing a major resurfacing. We commuted each morning in the Mercy Ship's Land Rovers, which were more than capable of coping with the long stretches of off-road conditions.



The queues outside the clinic on registration day; of which there were two a week.

We arrived at the clinic and started the day with devotions led by the local day-workers who came from Togo and other neighbouring West African countries. There was much djembe playing, singing, dancing and hip shaking during the devotions that no one was exempt from! The day-workers translated for the dentists; they nursed, fixed broken suction units and mended Land Rovers – they were invaluable to the whole operation.

The clinic was very well set up with eight chairs donated to the Mercy Ships dental clinic. They each had efficient suction units with 3-in-1 tips and slow and fast hand pieces. It was good, versatile equipment being used to



Victoria at work carrying out an extraction.

provide excellent care to the patients who were coming to the clinic.

Victoria and I worked with Dag and a couple of the other dentists who had volunteered their time. Some came for a week others for longer stretches. Although the majority of the cases that we dealt with were extractions, we were able to carry out some restorative work too. Over the eight days of treatment, we saw over 200 patients, consolidating much of what we've been learning at Kings College London.



In the clinic, a daughter waits for her Mum's check-up.

The patients' needs varied greatly. There was a greater spectrum of cases than we had ever seen in London. From patients with one broken tooth to a patient who had two-thirds of her mandible removed due to osteomyelitis. Some cases were distressing, such as a young man who had cataracts in both eyes so he could barely see. Thankfully, he was on the waiting list for the eye clinic on the ship. The patients were grateful for their treatment and this was reflected by the long queues that gathered on the registration days.

West Midlands Update



and explaining their Christian faith to friends and neighbours.

At this gathering we were thrilled to have seven dental students from the Birmingham student CDF group, which we heard meet alternate weeks to study and share. Also sharing their experiences of their visit to see the Walmsleys in China were Nick Adams and Sue Noble.

It was altogether a very interesting and encouraging time. We pray that the Walmsley's furlough will be refreshing and that the time they spend with Tracey's Dad, who has mesothelioma, will be really helpful to him.

Ian Knowles
Regional Representative

The two weeks were an incredible experience. It made me very aware of the valuable skill I am training in. People were coming to the clinic with very acute problems and in a lot of pain and we were able to send them away with the problem solved. The time away made me appreciate my training so much more; not only the opportunity to have a profession, but to have one that is of so much use in this setting. I hope there will be many more opportunities for me to serve in this way in the future.

Mercy Ships endeavours to follow the example of Jesus in all that they do. They rely on volunteers and donations to keep doing the work they do. If you would like to know more, visit their website at: www.mercyships.org.uk.

Richard Bazlinton
Final Year Student, GKT

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UK Forum for NGOs and Charities

Support for the Forum has also been welcomed by Anthony Dunnett CBE, President of International Health Partners (IHP) (www.ihpuk.org) who are currently piloting "Oral Health Travel Packs", consumable kits for dentists involved in BPOC OUT, AFT & ART. (See Page 8) Anthony would like IHP to work actively with the organisations involved in the new Forum.

Financial support for this meeting and the ongoing work of the Forum, is to be undertaken with members of the British Dental Trade Association. It is hoped that at this event in Manchester the Forum will be constituted with the assistance of the BDA, with a view to UK NGOs and charities looking to collaborate as they are able, utilising resources that Dentaid are able to provide in furthering oral health improvements through their works in developing countries.

Iain Corran

Our President and his wife, Peter and Alison Thornley, hosted a splendid evening in November at their home in Sutton Coldfield. We came together to hear Tracey Walmsley update us on her family's life in China, where Tracey and Mike have set up an educational company and Tracey works and teaches as a dentist several days a month.

Between our main course and the delicious puddings Tracey explained where and how they were living with their children Sophie and Matthew, sharing

Conference in the Balance Conference Secretaries Needed

Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes will be stepping down as conference organisers after this year's Annual Conference.

The role of conference organiser involves planning and organising the annual conference: helping produce the conference programme and promotional flier; liaising with the various participants

and making sure things run smoothly on the conference weekend. The job is supported by the CDF Council and the CDF Administrator and could be a job-share.

Practice for Sale

Long established private practice for sale on the Solent coast. Gross income £300,000 per annum, priced for quick sale £220,000.

Two chairs. Lots of potential for implants. CQC ready and htm101 compliant.

Contact 07810 864820

CDF Administrator

Anne Hallows will retire as our Administrator on 31 March 2012. If you would be interested in taking over from Anne, please contact her at cdfadmin@btinternet.com

CDF Turns 60!

In 2012 the Fellowship will be celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The first CDF Newsletter was dated 17th February 1951 and the Fellowship had 20 members at this time. The first public meeting was for delegates attending the 11th International Dental Congress in July 1952 and Norman Gray became the first President of the Christian Dental Fellowship in 1957.

A lot has happened in the subsequent years and members wishing to share their memories of CDF related activities should write or email the Administrator

By the Time You Read This...



By the time this newsletter is published, those of you in General Dental Practice will have one month left to register with the Care Quality Commission (CQC)¹. There is a video clip doing the rounds on 'YouTube' at the moment which has Hitler in the bunker, ranting about a visit from the CQC, wondering how he will install a decontamination room, as the walls are 12 feet thick. As the language used is rather ripe, it's probably not appropriate to publish the link in Three in One, but it does represent some of the anxiety and stress that GDP's may feel as they cope with this latest raft of legislation. However, as Nietzsche (another unusual source for the CDF) said, "That which doesn't kill us makes us stronger".

Although it may be painful to work through all 22 outcomes and arrange our compliance, I think our practices and most importantly our care for patients will improve as a result. I must confess that I have been part of a Primary Care Trust

team, descending on some dental practices with "clipboards at dawn" but in the past, the power balance between dentist and patient has been very uneven. Some dentists have definitely not "done unto others as they would have done to them" with regards to levels of cleanliness or standards of care.

The focus on patient outcomes and views of patients about their care does reflect the concerns of the public. It also demonstrates the change in society's ethics and views about professionals over the last 20 years. There is an old joke, "What is the difference between God and a Doctor? Answer: God doesn't think he's a Doctor" and the paternalistic, though caring, approach of yesteryear is not what patients expect now. These days, when we or our loved ones are the recipients of care, I think most of us would expect to be treated in accordance with the essential standards of the CQC:

- To be involved and told what's happening at every stage
- To expect care, treatment and support that meet our needs
- To expect to be safe
- To be cared for by qualified staff
- For the care provider to constantly check the quality of its services.

One question on the registration form asks, "What are you doing to increase the influence of equality, diversity and human rights on the planning and delivery of services." The British Dental Association's guidance² on how to show you comply with this says, "When there is a religious festival, we ask the staff member to explain, at a practice meeting, the reasons for the festival and what it involves..." What a fantastic opportunity to share the Gospel and to enter into dialogue with our colleagues of different faiths, learning more about what they believe and responding with our beliefs! Easter is just around the corner, so "Be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Happy Easter!

Peter Thornley
President

1. CQC. Essential standards of quality and safety. London: Care Quality Commission; 2010
2. BDA. Equality, diversity and human rights. [25/1/2011]; Available to BDA members from: www.bda.org/dentists/advice/practice-mgt/laws/qs/CQC/acr/edh.aspx

Oral Health Travel Packs

This is a new pilot programme to support UK dentists. Fifteen packs of medical consumer supplies are being made available to CDF dentists travelling overseas before the end of April 2011.

International Health Partners (IHP) is running a pilot project with Henry Schein to provide dentists with the basic dental consumables they need on a short overseas mission working in a disaster zone, hospital or clinic. IHP, a Christian charity, was started at the time of the Tsunami to

coordinate the medical donations from UK pharmaceutical companies to disasters, doctors and medical NGOs. In the last six years, IHP has donated more than £60m of medicines from 110 companies to over 300 projects in 72 countries.

Following a recent call to support dentists, a pilot Oral Health Travel Pack was designed. The contents for the first 50 packs (each with a wholesale value over £1,000) have been donated by Henry Schein. Thirty five pilot packs have already been distributed.

IHP has approached the CDF in order to identify 15 dentists who would agree to be part of the pilot and use the packs in their overseas missions.

To find out more information – access a private page for CDF members at www.ihpuk.org/our-programmes/cdf

If you would like to consider receiving a pack please contact Ruth at r.dunnett@ihpuk.org

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