

CDF Three-in-One

CHRISTIAN DENTAL FELLOWSHIP

Newsletter of the Christian Dental Fellowship

“If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)



Sagrada Família

These last 10 months have been a busy time for myself and CDF and so I thought I would share what has been happening.

Some of Council met for a retreat day to hear from God based on the verses from John 15. It is important to listen to God in the very many ways that He speaks and then to sift and discuss ideas and discern what we think God might be saying to us for CDF. This helps us in our purpose and mission and the planning; this then facilitates its implementation. We have noted the encouragement and challenge brought to us from our Saturday morning prayer meeting devotions, and also the teaching, themes and scripture from past conferences, particularly the talks on “Finding God in Liminal Places” by Ruth Perrin at the CDF Conference in 2022. This has been helpful as CDF has been going through its own liminal place and times of change, and indeed is still very much a work in progress; much like the building of the beautiful Sagrada Família

in Barcelona, depicting the love, and built for the glory, of God. A profound word of encouragement was given by someone at the conference - “*Concentrate on the mission and not survival*”. Indeed, we trust that survival will take care of itself if we focus our eyes on Jesus and his mission, and the mission of CDF.

So what is our mission?

Our aims and purposes are the same as they have always been. However, *how* we achieve our aims is forever evolving, moving with culture, technology, the profession and society, whilst “being in the world but not of the world”. One of the pictures God gave me soon after I became CDF President was that of a bridge; a bridge with more than one span. The bridge was incomplete and unfinished. Partway across the bridge, the footings were placed in the water, unseen but of a good foundation, to support the spans. On the other bank were settlements that were unreachable.

To shore up our foundations going forward, Council and the Trustees have been busy:

- We have brought up-to-date and future-proofed the CDF Constitution.
- We will be re-establishing the Student Committee and expanding it to include newly qualified dental persons and DCPs.
- We have rewritten, written or are in the process of writing policies to cover Mission Partner funding and appointment, safeguarding, social media, student elective funding and Conference charitable giving.

All these will be brought and presented to the AGM and EGM in October at Conference.

I believe God leads us into partnerships with like-minded people and organisations, as indeed He calls us into partnership with Himself. Our calling, both personally and individually, is where our passion meets a need that is already on God’s heart. In my efforts thus far to build the spans of the bridge I have been forming and developing relationships, such as those with CMF and Mark Pickering, Transform Work and Ros Turner, and the leads of other Christian Professional workplace groups. Other spans we are building and enhancing are in the area of regional groups. We consider that much of the outworking of CDF is through the personal connections made through the regional groups. These groups are a great opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, safe places to share one’s concerns or difficulties, pastorally caring for one another whilst also connecting with students and our Christian dental colleagues whether members or not. New groups have started and others have been expanding.

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CDF Council Vision and Retreat Day

Please think of joining your local group and organising an event. In particular we have a great opportunity for a London-based event.

Where face-to-face meetings are more difficult, we have held, and will do so again, Zoom meetings for specific groups:

- Student and newly qualified dentists
- Newcomers to CDF
- General Dental Practitioners and the NHS
- Dental Mums group
- The monthly Zoom prayer meeting also continues
- The use of Zoom is available for regional groups too

Additionally, we have been listening to requests for support both from members and those outside of CDF:

- The Canmore Trust have encouraged CDF to consider partnering with them in promoting suicide awareness and care within the profession.
- The BDA Benevolent Fund have extended their support to Refugee and Asylum Seeker Dentists in the UK and we are exploring what support CDF can offer in this area.

We are also delighted to have appointed Lynne Smith as our Home Mission Worker with a focus on students but also in support of the whole of our membership. You can read more about this in her article in this edition of Three-in-One.

May God bless you all,

Karen Paterson
CDF President

Snapshots

Our DCP representative Jacqui Knowles kindly agreed to be interviewed for this edition.

What is your job? I am a dental nurse in a private practice in Leamington Spa.

What does your surgery window look out on? It depends which surgery I am working in. We have a rota and so I work in different rooms each day. Sometimes it is a vet surgery which is opposite, sometimes it's the street outside, which are lovely old regency buildings. Sometimes it's just lots of chimneys!

What are some of the things you enjoy about your work, and what are some of the challenges? I enjoy meeting the patients. I enjoy it when I work with a dentist or hygienist who interacts well with the patients and I am also able to chip in with conversation. I enjoy working with a dentist/hygienist who I know is doing a good job and working for the best interests of the patients, and whom I feel I can be 100% behind them. I enjoy seeking to be organised and have a well-stocked surgery and everything in its place, cleanly stored etc. - I like being methodical and tidy in the surgery! I dislike it when the dentist I work with

runs over the appointment time and then it's a massive rush to get everything changed and cleaned down properly, as it's very stressful trying to turn round a surgery properly in five minutes! I dislike the copious amount of dirty instruments we get through!! Which need sterilising too!

How does your Christian faith impact your work day-to-day? I definitely see my work as part of my mission field. I am the only believer in my practice so it's a challenge! I pray each day for opportunities to speak for Christ and be a witness to Him, and I have often had those opportunities with staff just by getting alongside them and being a friend, asking about their lives and showing care, saying I will pray for them etc. It often happens in a one-to-one situation rather than in a larger group. I try to speak honestly about my faith with my colleagues when they ask. It helps me to remember that whatever I do, whether in word or deed, I do it all for the Lord; this helps especially in the mundane parts of the job and also the stressful parts. The Lord sees it all. I seek to be transparent and honest in all things and own up to my mistakes.

Do you have a particular Bible verse or song that God has been using to speak to you recently? Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11), therefore "I lack nothing." (Psalm 23:1) Just this verse has been a real encouragement recently. It is wonderful to know that I really lack nothing. In spiritual terms I have everything I need; forgiveness, eternal life, a loving Saviour and Heavenly Father and someone who will never leave me or forsake me...what more could I need?!!

How can we pray for you and others in your particular area of dentistry? Prayers for courage to speak up when there are opportunities to speak of my faith. Also courage to be different; we live to the beat of a different drum and so contrary to the world's ways, but yet we are still in the world. Please pray for a passion to share Christ and to love my colleagues and to have wisdom in how I live before them. Prayers for their salvation overall. Also, dental nursing can be very stressful at times so prayers for energy and strength and patience and to still be able to live for Christ even in those days when you feel there is no time to even breathe!! Thank you!

CDF Scottish Conference 2023



CDF Scottish conference

On Saturday 22nd April, 65 Christian dentists, DCPs, retirees and students gathered in Perth's Madoch Centre for the CDF annual Scottish conference.

It was hard to believe that it had been four years since we had last met together. It did not disappoint. In the first session our speaker, Jared Michelson (pastor of Cornerstone Church, St. Andrews) challenged us with the story of the Prodigal Son. He recognised that in the profession we tend to be performance-orientated, and this can spill over into our

relationship with Christ. We were challenged to consider how much we are loved and valued by the Lord. In the second session, Jared spoke from our signature verses from Hebrews 10:22-25 as we reflected upon our life and witness in the world. This led to some great times of discussion and prayer in small groups.

We were also blessed to have CDF President Karen Paterson with us to stir us up with the vision of CDF. Throughout the day we heard encouraging reports of what God is doing on the earth; Liz

Roebuck spoke on the work of Simon and Grace at Trinity Dental Clinic in Liberia, John Blair spoke on the Mercy Ships, Chris Southwick challenged us to consider getting involved in short-term dental mission, and Lynne Smith spoke on the dental work in Burkina Faso. John Gibson led an excellent devotional on the redemption of God. An offering of £1015.00 (excluding gift aid) was taken to support a lady training to be a dental therapist at Trinity Dental Clinic in Liberia.

We had wonderful times of worship, prayer, great food and best of all plenty of space in the day to reconnect with one another and build new friendships. It was wonderful, thoroughly faith-inspiring and community-building and we can't wait for next year's conference. In the meantime, if you'd like to connect with a Scottish regional group, please contact CDF Scotland representative Emily Levey via cfdadmin@cdf-uk.org

Lynne Smith

CDF Home Mission Worker – My Story



CDF has always been so much more than an association of Christian dental workers; it is a family that encourages one another to live for Jesus

through all stages of our dental careers and into retirement.

I became a Christian while in my second year at Glasgow Dental School. Praying with other dental students helped me to keep Jesus central to my working life. That would eventually mean leaving a job in a nice practice to move to the edge of the desert as a missionary to an unreached Muslim people group. Years later, at one of the darkest and loneliest times in my life as a missionary, I reached out to CDF. In 2012, you partnered with me in setting

up an urgent dental care service in an area of West Africa where there was previously no dental provision. CDF encouraged me, prayed for me, and faithfully supported the work. The service continues to flourish in the hands of local Christians.

We returned to the UK in 2019. Post-Covid, I started working part-time in an NHS practice while studying for a masters in theology. I came face-to-face with vulnerable people unable to access even basic care and discouraged staff looking for a way out of dentistry. The CDF monthly prayer meeting and conferences informed my prayers for the profession and connected me to inspirational people whose love for Jesus shapes their work and witness. So, when CDF advertised for a Home Mission Worker, it seemed like an opportunity to use my experience to serve a group of people that I care a great deal about. Working with the CDF team, I want to serve you, that you might live fully for

Jesus in your calling as a Christian dental worker.

One of my first tasks will be to meet with dental students, DCP's and the newly qualified, to create a forum where you might share your needs and creative ideas that will help to shape CDF. I want to encourage regional groups, to help those that are struggling post-Covid to grow, and new ones to form. Also, I want to engage our retired members who have a wealth of experience in dentistry and a deep concern for the profession. I want to hear the suggestions of all our members, to support and resource you, that as CDF we might be "united in our faith and in our knowledge about God's Son, until we become mature, until we measure up to Christ, who is the standard." (Eph 4:13).

Lynne Smith

CDF Home Mission Worker

Elective in Cambodia Q&A



Sarah and Chovvy, one of the sponsored students

My name's Sarah and I'm currently entering my final year of study at Sheffield Dental School. This Spring, with the support of CDF, I was given the opportunity to travel to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to volunteer with a Christian charity One-2-One as part of my dental elective. While there, I spent my weekdays working 8-5 in the charity's dental clinic, providing regular check-ups to children receiving treatment for cleft lip and palate at the national paediatric hospital, alongside other Cambodian dental students from the local university. When I wasn't working, I spent my time living alongside students sponsored by One-2-One (who fund their university fees) and exploring the city of Phnom Penh.

Which was your favourite part of your elective and which part was the most challenging?

Without a doubt, the friends I've made. Instead of backpacking with the rest of my coursemates, I had made the somewhat risky decision to travel to Cambodia alone for the full six weeks of my elective, in the hopes that I would get a realistic taste of what overseas dental mission looks like. I love an adventure and was excited to travel solo for the first time, but was also very fearful that I

would spend the full six weeks in Phnom Penh completely isolated and alone. Thankfully, stepping out of my comfort zone was the best decision I could've made. Without the comfort of my home friends, I was forced to pick up the local language and socialise to survive... and befriended some of the kindest and friendliest people I've ever met. The staff and students welcomed me with open arms, and we spent many evenings laughing over our cultural differences, my poor Khmer (national language) pronunciation, and whichever Cambodian rap artist had released a new music video.

I was even lucky enough to spend a weekend travelling across the country with two of the students, Chomraean and Chovvy, and explore some of Cambodia's ancient temples; spending the weekend getting to know those girls is a memory I'll never forget.

While exploring cultural differences was one of the greatest joys of my trip, it was also one of the greatest challenges, especially regarding dentistry. Cambodian people have faced an incredible amount of trauma over recent years (following a national genocide in the late 1970s) and this, combined with the cultural Buddhist belief that pain should be tolerated, not acknowledged, meant that the children I treated were able to endure a lot more dental treatment than those in the UK - something that I found rather a shock! I distinctly remember showing up to the dental clinic on one of my first days not knowing what to expect - and witnessing a tearful 8-year-old having a lower 6 extracted under local anaesthetic; I nearly turned around and went straight back to airport! That said, over time I came to understand and appreciate the differences in clinical practices, and while there were some that I doubt would catch on in the UK, I also learnt many valuable lessons that I wouldn't have gained had I stayed at home.



What did you learn about yourself while you were there?

Just how much I value soft skills as a clinician! I've known since starting my course that my interests lie far more in building and maintaining strong patient relationships than constructing restorations with perfect aesthetic detail. However, it was only on coming to a new country where my verbal communication was all but taken away from me, bar a few choice phrases, that I was able to appreciate just how much of an impact being able to verbally interact with my patients has - on my role as a dentist, and also job satisfaction! The role of communication falling primarily onto the rest of the dental team forced me to focus on my clinical skills, and while I found it difficult to battle with feelings of inadequacy (especially surrounded by other much more proficient Cambodian students), the experience was a great chance to reflect on how much greater the role of a dentist is than the physical job on hand, and the importance of non-verbal communication in building understanding and rapport. It has shown me that I'd love to focus on a role where patient relationships are paramount (maybe community dentistry or special care), but also that I'd love to return to Phnom Penh in the future with a set of vocabulary that extends past 'open your mouth please' and 'spit'!



Visiting Pre Rup temple

What did you learn about God?

That He is faithful. I had so many fears before setting off to Cambodia, regarding loneliness, clinical inadequacy, and future planning - and I wasn't trusting God with any of them. One of my greatest struggles as a Christian has been letting go of the control I hold over my life and surrendering it to Christ. While I know that His plan for the world is good and perfect, I often fall into the selfish trap of fearing that His way won't work in *my* best interest, that I will be side-lined or forgotten. In the months before the trip, I had spent hours planning and calculating how I wanted the next few years of my life to pan out; but it took sitting alone in my room every night, completely separated from the busyness of life back home, to see how little of it I had trusted to Him. Despite my lack of faith however, over the trip, He answered my daily prayers again and again. When I feared I would be friendless and alone, He gave me a wonderful community of people who daily pointed me to Him. When I worried that my clinical skills were inadequate, He gave me compassionate supervisors to encourage me, and opportunities to serve with skills I felt more established in. I even had one night where I was really missing playing my guitar... and one of the students spontaneously showed up at the guesthouse with a guitar case strapped to his back! God showed me in all my little prayers that He was worthy of my trust, and that if He delivered in all the little things, maybe I could trust Him in the big unknowns too.

What is one thing you want to remember from your elective?

How *universal* our faith is. One of the greatest joys of the trip was being able to travel halfway across the world - and find a congregation that shared many of the strengths and struggles of my own church back home. I found myself reflecting a lot on Psalm 103, especially verse 12: "...as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us", and was deeply moved meeting Christians on the other side of the globe who were just as passionate about living their lives for Christ. I was especially struck by this during my final week at church when, unbeknownst to me, one of the tech team

had added English subtitles underneath all the worship lyrics so I was able to sing along with the rest of the congregation. As I joined in, I was reminded of just how many Christians from different nations and time periods have sung of God's grace before us, how similar we are as broken human beings, and just how much He cares about each and every one of us; I hope it is something I never forget.

How can we pray for the place where you did your elective?

Thank you for offering to pray! Here are a couple of prayer points for the staff and students of One-2-One:

Praise God for the work of One-2-One, and all they do to serve and demonstrate Christ's love to their local community. Please pray for Mr. Huy and the rest of team, that they would continue to have a zeal for the work they do, especially as they meet to consider new ways they can serve those in need locally with sustainable development practices. Pray also for the staff at One-2-One's outreach programmes; for Dr. Nech and the staff at Happy Dental Clinic, and for teacher Srey Ma and her students at the local slum education programme.

Pray for the sponsored students as they carry out their summer exams, that their hard work will pay off, but also that they remember that their worth is found, not in their grades, but in Christ. Pray especially for Chomraean as she studies for her final year nursing exams! Finally, please pray for the people that One-2-One are serving. Pray that they would receive the help that they need, but also that in seeing the team's love for Christ, they may come to know Him and the love He has for them for themselves.

I would like to thank all at CDF who have supported me in this trip, be it in financial support, prayerful calls or in-person encouragement - it has meant a lot! I do not know what the future holds for me regarding overseas dentistry, but am hopeful that I will return to Cambodia again soon, and know without a doubt that this trip will impact my faith and the way I practice for the rest of my lifetime.

Sarah Wallace

5th Year Dental Student, Sheffield

Mission Partner Update

Neil and Jane McDonald

“We’ve been pursuing an option BMS laid before us of working in Guinebor Hospital, N’Djamena, in Chad. However, our proposal to train clinical staff in basic dental care skills (with sustainability etc. in our minds) appears to have been turned down. BMS (and we) are seriously dismayed about this as the proposal is laden with common sense gleaned from our 20+ years in Kenya, Nepal and another place. There seems to be an impasse to which there is no obvious solution. We can’t, of course, eliminate the possibility of God’s voice guiding us elsewhere but, first things first, it would be good to gain a clearer view from Chad. We’d surely be glad of CDF’s prayers as we try to find a resolution.”

Lynne Smith (Burkina Faso)

“The two dental teams here in Burkina thank you for the finance so generously provided by CDF that enables the work to continue. They are bringing pain relief and the gospel to many who are surviving in very dangerous places. The Northern team have struggled with a lack of materials recently, as jihadists have blocked off the main routes to the north of the country. Please pray this will be resolved soon. They recently trained in Christian trauma healing counselling, as they noticed that most of their patients



Dental work in Burkina Faso

were suffering from post-traumatic stress. They now run a weekly counselling group with 45 Muslims coming along. The Southern team continue to hold clinics in their town and in the local prison. They were evicted from the rented yard where they kept their dental materials, but God provided some land with a storeroom which they have purchased. Pray for a reliable guard to live on the land and watch over the equipment. The Fulani guard they employed previously had to relocate due to persecution from local people. The jihadists are inciting inter-ethnic tension. Pray for the teams. Pray against fear and for the continued opportunity to use their skills to bring healing and the gospel.

Our best news is the release in March of fellow missionary Jeff Woodke, who had

been taken captive by jihadists in Mali in 2016. This was quickly followed by the release of Dr. Ken Elliott, who had been working very near to where we were based during our time in Burkina. He had been held for seven years. Thanks to everyone who prayed for Ken and Jeff and please continue to remember them as they reintegrate into ‘normal’ life and recover from the trauma of captivity. Thank you.”



Dr. Ken Elliott prior to captivity

Tony and Ann Giles (West Africa)

To hear more about Tony and Ann’s work and future plans, please see the report from the London North Regional Group on page 8.

Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes (Liberia)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes, who are dealing with the loss of their son Jonathan earlier this year.

Simon Crewe

CDF Mission Partner Secretary

Doing Dentistry in Rural Madagascar

In my late fifties and after many years in community dentistry, the last 18 in Newmarket, I never imagined I would be trying to set up a dental service from scratch in a rural hospital in Madagascar. I visited in 2018 to help show a surgeon how to do emergency dental care, as they had no dentist, and CDF helped fund materials. I went along to the CDF conference that year to report back and asked for someone to go. It seems I was talking to myself!

Mandritsara is a small, rural town (population 25,000) in the Northern Highlands of Madagascar. 25 years ago there was no hospital for the area and



The medical team: missionaries from the UK, Canada, Australia, Switzerland and Malagasy doctors and families on Independence Day

people would have to travel 200km on poor roads to the nearest surgical unit. The local Baptist church teamed up with AEF (Africa Evangelical Fellowship) and started one. It has always had the joint

vision of sharing the gospel whilst helping sick people (see mandritsara.org.uk or scan the QR code for more information).



There is a great surgical training programme, a community health team spreading the gospel and starting little rural churches, hopes of extending the maternity unit, a team of hospital evangelists, but no dentist.

I arrived here just over a month ago and recently the crate from Dentaid also arrived with all the equipment needed for



My dental surgery

a surgery (Dentaid have been a marvellous support; if you ever want to upgrade your surgery do let them have your old stuff!). A room has been

designated for my use. It is an old operating theatre and is currently clean but empty, bar a surgical light. So, we need to do a fair bit to make it serviceable and, being two long days travel from the capital, even cabinets are not easily available.

In the meantime, I am doing daily language study with a great teacher and we are just getting onto dental topics. I keep hearing horror stories of previous dental care elsewhere (e.g. drunk personnel with dirty instruments and no compassion). There is no good option for most folk here. People also die from

dental abscesses and can have horrific infections. Please pray that I will be able to start to meet the need with love, care, expertise and a bit of Malagasy language?! I also need a dental nurse and they are starting to think about who may suit. Please pray for whomever that may be that we are a good team who shine out Christ's love.

Debbie Hardyman and her husband are serving in Madagascar with SIM. Her husband is there to pastor and teach local pastors whilst Debbie works as a dentist.

Regional Gatherings

You are more than welcome to join us at any of these regional gatherings. If you would like more information about a particular region or its upcoming events, please get in touch with Malcolm Prideaux the CDF Regional Group representative via cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org

East and West Midlands Regional Group



Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" We had a blessed time as a group at Belton house, National Trust near Grantham, back in April. It was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends, to catch up on each other's news and how the Lord works in our lives. We enjoyed a walk in the magnificent ground of this impressive state house and visited the house. We also agreed to repeat this event at regular intervals.

Nevien Markos

Thames Valley Regional Group

The Thames Valley group met on Saturday 13th May for a social at Dr. Chris and Angela's house. There were four CDF members and two of us were with our spouses. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing lunch followed by an afternoon walk, and ended with some hot drinks and prayer. Chris and Angela have hosted CDF members at their residence on multiple occasions.

We were really blessed by this wonderful couple and touched by their willingness to host, serve and provide us with such a wonderful sense of fellowship.

Since it was art week in Oxford, our afternoon walk led us by chance to an open house where we had the pleasure of viewing some paintings by a Christian artist called Hannah Vickery. Some of her paintings had a reference to the Psalms and it was a delight to see the expression of her faith through art.



Left to right: Elenza, Angeline, Chris and Heather at the art studio

It was wonderful to connect with other CDF members and to get to know a little more about each other, their families and life experiences. We are really thankful that we had this opportunity to meet up with other CDF members in our area.

Elenza Jacob

Yorkshire and Humber Regional Day



In April Frances hosted a get-together at her home at Saltaire, near Bradford. After meeting up for morning coffee at Frances and Jason's home, we all sauntered down to Saltaire, as Frances gave us a brief history of the village and pointed out its interesting landmarks. Saltaire village was built in the 1850s by Titus Salt, the owner of the large woollen mill, situated on the River Aire and the Leeds Liverpool canal. He built the mill and village for his workers out of the city centre, in response to the poor living conditions and high prevalence of cholera in the centre of

Bradford. The village was declared a World Heritage Site in the 1980s, and the mill is now privately owned and hosts the permanent Hockney gallery (David Hockney being a Bradford boy!), along with other shops and restaurants. We had a look around the village and mill, some of us viewing Hockney's latest work, *A Year In Normandie*, which stretches over 90 metres long. Others took a stroll around the park built for the village along the river and canal. We then headed back to Frances' home for lunch and a good chat. It was good to welcome new members Madeleine, a student at Leeds Dental Institute, and Esther, a dental technician (with Frances' ceramic lab), alongside us 'older' lot, Ian and Jenny from Sheffield and Susan from Harrogate.

Frances Vose

Southwest Regional Group

On a miserable wet Saturday morning in late April a small hardy band of us met for a short walk to one of the highest points in Plymouth and then a dry-off and a cream tea at the home of Malcolm and Bridget. In spite of the weather, we all had a great time. In direct contrast, on the 1st July, for our second face-to-face meeting



of the year, we gathered at Castle Drogo, a National Trust property not far from Exeter. On a bright breezy day, seven of us met for a tour of the castle, a wander through the gardens and a good chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Despite the effort to get there, up to 90 minutes for some, it was well worth it to see friends and spend time sharing news. Our next gathering will be at the CDF Conference in October.

Malcolm Prideaux

London North Regional Group Meeting

A select group of CDF folk met at the home of Ann and Tony Giles in Mid Bedfordshire, under the auspices of the London North Regional Group on Saturday 22nd April. Lively conversation across a range of topical topics over coffee was followed by lunch kindly prepared by Ann. The Chilvers family joined us for the afternoon. Tony gave a video slideshow talk on their recent visit to Liberia and Guinea. This was followed by a time of discussion and prayer followed by the serving of a wide selection of homemade cakes. The party broke up around 4.30pm with the taking of the obligatory photo.

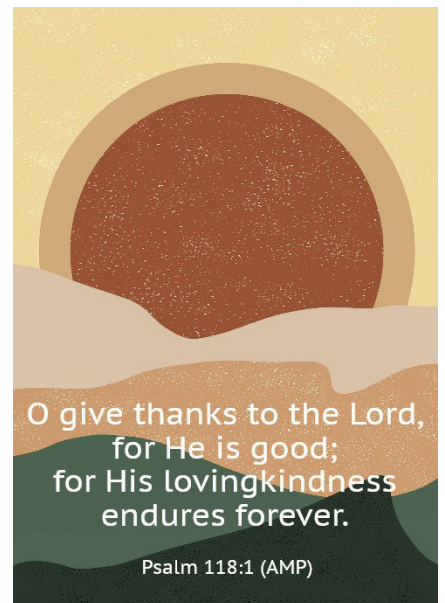
During their time in West Africa in February, Tony and Ann were able to encourage Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes at ELWA Monrovia, do some teaching to the medical staff and perform some surgery. Selected patients were able to travel to Hope Clinic in Guinea where they received maxillofacial surgery. Tony, joined by Desmond Tham, was then able to support Dr. Jean Faya Yaradouno and Jon Erikson in performing large facial tumour removals with titanium jaw reconstructions, as well as complex cleft lip and palate operations. They went on to visit Guesso clinic, a remote satellite of Hope Clinic, where the aim is to set up operating rooms and perform surgery. Although much of the rest of 2023 is taken up with family affairs, plans are for



Ann and Tony to return to West Africa in January 2024 for six weeks. It is likely these expeditions will have to stop in 2025 due to age - Tony will be in his 75th year and will no longer be able to take out the necessary SALT insurance.

Tony and Ann will leave a lasting legacy of lives changed through maxillofacial surgery, teaching for successional training of surgeons and indigenous medical staff, and presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ with a heart for the gospel to bring light to the unreached tribes of the area.

Jonathan Longhurst



CDF Annual Conference
This year's conference will be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, on 13th-15th October 2023
Book your place now via the website

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