

NASDAD News



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68th Annual NASDAD Convention October 13-15, 2011

The 68th Annual NASDAD Convention is approaching very quickly so mark your calendars today and begin making plans to attend!! The convention will be held at the **Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson, Nevada**. This property is the same location as our last convention in Henderson back in 2006. Overlooking Lake Las Vegas, you will feel relaxed and rejuvenated while fellowshiping with new & long time friends.



Board members can plan to attend the board meeting which will be on Thursday afternoon, October 13th. The continuing education course is scheduled to occur on Thursday evening & continued on Friday afternoon. James Jesse, DDS. Dr. Jesse is on Faculty of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. The golf tournament will be held at the Tuscany Golf Club, located in Henderson and just a few minutes drive from the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort. The spiritual speaker for the weekend is Pastor Anthony Kelly. Pastor Kelly currently serves in the Southern

California Conference as senior pastor of the Smyrna Church in Los Angeles, CA. We hope you plan to join us for Friday evening dinner, Sabbath morning breakfast, and of course the banquet on Sabbath evening!

A fantastic room rate of \$125 per night (single/double) has been negotiated!! There are 1 or 2 suites available for families with children at \$185 per night. If you are interested in a suite, you must notify the NASDAD office as the suite can only be reserved through the NASDAD office. Amenities included in your room rate for you to appreciate and enjoy are: high

speed internet access, self parking, unlimited use of the Fitness Center and Spa Moulay (treatments are additional), concierge assisted boarding passes, secure golf bag storage, scheduled recreation and pool activities. Also included is scheduled shuttle trips to the Las Vegas Strip, a new amenity added after the resort removed the casino from the property! You may make your hotel reservation by calling the hotel directly – 1-877-285-6397 or via www.loewslakelasvegas.com, using group code: NASO12.

We look forward to seeing you in October!!

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Annual Missions Breakfast



Left to Right:
John andCarolynn Houghton
James & Rita Joseph

Missionaries know that the early bird gets the worm as evidenced by about the 50 dentists, spouses, prospective missionaries, and friends of dental missions who happily reminisced, caught up with friends, and planned together as they assembled at 7:00 am on the morning of February 11, 2011. After each person filled their plate with breakfast food, everyone sat around tables and enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Milford Anholm who reviewed his fifty years of mission service. Dr. Anholm spent 7 years in Thailand and 6 years in Zimbabwe. He recounted

stories from 30 short term mission trips to 15 different countries, 14 of the trips involving dental students!! During these trips he helped treat people who would otherwise have continued to suffer with their acute dental disease. He inspired us to continue to support and participate in long term & short term mission trips, and trips with students. In addition he challenged us to include in the training of dentists and dental hygienists, the culture and practice of service to those in our global community who so much need our help.

Thank you to everyone who joined the Mission Emphasis Breakfast even though it was quite early. Thank you to Dr. Milford Anholm for sharing his experiences and for encouraging each of us to continue the work of mission outreach. We hope you will make plans to attend the next mission emphasis breakfast on Friday, February 10, 2012.



NASDAD Board Voted to Protect Confidential Information



Left to Right:
Ron Fritz & Robert Turner

The NASDAD Board met for its semi-annual meeting at the regularly scheduled time following the Missions Breakfast, in connection with the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry's (LLUSD) Alumni-Student Convention.

Significant actions of the board included a report from the Mission Committee, reports on membership, finances and upcoming meetings.

Our sincere thanks were extended to Dr. Ralph Roberts for his continuing efforts in getting supplies and equipment from various sources and finding ways to get the items to their intended destinations. The latest ally is ASI with funding for shipping containers of equipments to various areas of the world.

Executive Director Dr. Bill Heisler reported that while NASDAD membership has remained steady with over 500 members, over half of those are Life, Mission or Student members. It is a challenge to meet the budgeted income because these member categories are not required to pay dues. Dr. Heisler is making an effort to contact all LLUSD alumni who are not on the NASDAD dues mailing list in an attempt to increase our Regular, dues

paying, membership.
Treasurer Sharon

Boggs, RDH, reported that although dues income was less than budgeted we closed fiscal year 2010 with a budget surplus of some \$9,000, due to spending below the budgeted amount in several areas. Sharon also reported that she and Katie, NASDAD Executive Secretary, are working to make "on-line giving" a viable option for those wishing to use this modality for payment of dues and giving to Year-Around-Mission-Money, the funding arm of NASDAD's mission program.

The Annual NASDAD convention, to be held in conjunction with the annual ADA meeting, will take place October 13-15 at the Loew's Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa in Henderson, NV. This is the same property where NASDAD

met the last time in the Las Vegas area. The property was found to be very conducive to our meeting needs. We look forward to an interesting and productive meeting with Dr. James Jesse presenting our CE on the use of lasers in dentistry. Dr. Jesse, in addition to his private practice in Colton, CA and teaching in our LLLUSD clinic on a weekly basis, lectures world-wide under the sponsorship of the Biolase company.

The Board also voted to have our 2012 convention in San Francisco, again following the ADA, as opposed to returning to a joint meeting with the Southern Union Medical Dental Retreat.

The Board received nominations for new Board members of Drs. Clyde Roggenkamp, Frank Godfrey, III and Shirley Lee, RDH. These nominations were accepted by the Board.

After considering a request from a commercial glove vendor to advertise exam gloves to NASDAD members in return for a percentage return to NASDAD the Board voted to NOT release the NASDAD mailing list for any commercial purpose.



Left to Right:
Ralph Roberts & Warren Creed



Leon & Darlene Grabow



YAMM Donations – Urgently need!!

The Year Around Mission Money (YAMM) fund plays a vital role in maintaining & implementing the heart and soul of NASDAD....DENTAL MISSIONS!! Each year the Board of Directors & Missions Committee votes various mission projects for funding, assuming funds are available. As most can imagine, YAMM donations have decreased. This decrease in available YAMM funds have limited how and when projects are funded. Below you will see examples of the YAMM projects that desperately need your YAMM donations!!!!

NASDAD Service Learning Endowment at LLU School of Dentistry –This endowment fund is used to create an opportunity for LLUSD students to participate in international mission trips by providing a portion of travel reimbursement. Each year the school of dentistry sends out 15-20 mission trips providing nearly 70 students an opportunity to participate in dental missions.

Maasai Dental Clinic Endowment – NASDAD has a commitment to dental education and this commitment continues via the Maasai Dental Clinic.

Worldwide Dental Clinics – Donated equipment is gathered and shipped overseas to aid in setting up and/or maintaining dental clinics. Funds are used for shipping and purchasing items which can't be located as a donation

International Student Development – In conjunction with the International Dentistry Program at LLU and as well as a special program in India, special continuing education program is available for select missionary dentists who are foreign trained, currently serve full time in a Seventh-day Adventist clinic facility, and have a continuing long-term commitment to do so.

Please consider making a donation to the NASDAD YAMM fund so these and other projects can be funded!!



Left to Right:
David Hernandez &
Gene Wilson



Left to Right:
Mark Porco & Frank Godfrey



Left to Right:
Joo-Yong Lee & Edward Ko

Overseas Missionaries Needed!!

Short term

To cover furlough and CE time, as needed

Long Term Calls – Regular mission appointment (5-yr)

- Trinidad
- Jamaica
- Madagascar
- St. Kitts

Contract dentists

- Tanzania

Any length of volunteer service, no financial sponsorship available

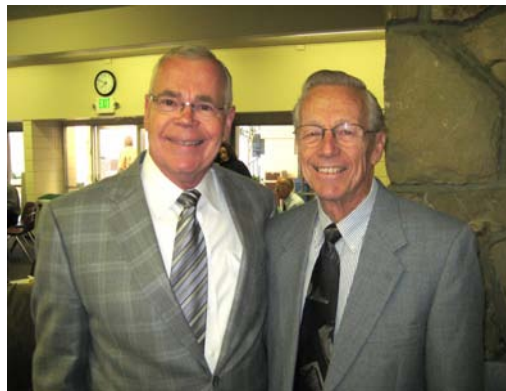
- Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Kendu Bay, Kenya
- Grenada
- Colombo, Sri Lanka (room & board provided)

Please contact Dr. Doyle Nick or Dr. Quint Nicola to learn more about these opportunities!!

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Left, Arnold Hutabarat (Northwestern University '88) and Right, Eric Cornelius, (Loma Linda University, '09) spend some time getting to know one another during the Missions Breakfast.



Left, Charles Goodacre, Dean of LLUSD and Right, James Crawford, former Executive Associate Dean of LLUSD at the Missions Breakfast.

First Students Volunteer at the Maasai Dental Clinic!!!



Landon & Justin Libby, 4th year dental students at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, spend 2 weeks at the Maasai Dental Clinic.



My trip to the Maasai Dental Clinic in the Maasai Mara, Kenya was as good as it gets. My brother and I left Loma Linda and departed for Amsterdam. After 10 hours of flying we arrived in the Netherlands and realized we had a 11 hour layover so we promptly hopped a train to central station and proceeded and rent yellow bikes. We pedaled that city for 5 hours weaving and yelling and completely tired ourselves out for the 9 hour trip to Nairobi Kenya. Once in Nairobi, to get to the Maasai Dental clinic, you can either drive the 5 hours or drive to Wilson Airport and catch a caravan airplane with 540 aviation and fly right to the clinic. Justin and I flew in and got off the plane to be greeted by our parents, Jim and Pam Libby, and William, the clinic manager.

The Maasai Dental Clinic was much more beautiful and idealistic then I imagined it to be. It's in the middle of a natural spring so it's a jungle feel with an electric fence around the perimeter to keep the animals out. The clinic was fabulous with 3 operatories, a small lab, and sterilization. The building was over built meaning 3 ops could turn into 6 in the future. Its very roomy. Our sleeping quarters were next to the clinic supplied with twin beds, mosquito nets (even though I didn't see a single mosquito), and a bathroom with hot showers. Upstairs in the main apartment was a great living room, furnished with couches, recliners, a small library, a computer, and the master bedroom where my parents had been staying for the past 2.5 weeks. All in all the accommodations were ideal and felt very much like home.

The next day we woke up early, very early due to the eleven hour time difference, and enjoyed coffee

and conversation before starting to see patients at 9 am. The clinic was usually slower until about 11 am when more patients would start to show up. Especially with three of us doctors working we could see a lot of patients. On average we say about 12-18 patients per day. My clinical experience was amazing. I feel like I learned more in 2 weeks then 6 months working at the school. I took a root ZX II which is the unit I use to do all my Endo procedures. I was able to do eight RCT's, 2X the amount I've done here at the school in 2 years. The equipment there was top notch, really never once did I think of anything that wasn't there that I couldn't go without. My dad had an XPOD digital sensor there for radiographs. That was the biggest thing that clinic can't go without. The other alternative is hand dipping the radiographs and due to bad solvents they aren't even readable. Having radiographs that are that available made diagnosing and treating that much more efficient and enjoyable. Another thing we had was the Physics Forceps. These extraction instruments were amazing and I great experience to work with them and get comfortable using them for the future.

The biggest impact learning experience for me was having my dad there, who is an amazing clinician and successful practice owner who knows his methods of efficiency are tried and true, to throw feedback at me on how I was doing. In the middle of a procedure I could get his feedback on how he may do it differently. Then after all the patients were gone the three of us would spend hours talking about the treatment we did and the alternatives or different techniques that could have been possible. It was like a hands-on CE course, blasts of

great info and practical learning. Doing, discussing, learning other alternatives, and experimenting, lead to a greater understanding and a more solid knowledge base. This experience of working closely with a mentor in a clinical setting where there's a lot of work to be done, and time and focus to do it is PRICELESS! I wish this could be a part of every LLUSD student's curriculum, and I hope it will.

In the Maasai villages there is a lot of fluoride in the drinking water. Do to this we saw a lot of flouridosis which, made teeth look like chocolate. On many patients we were able to do composite veneers to make their smile white. They were very excited. We also started making flippers for people who were missing one or more of their front teeth. We were making 8-10 / week and more and more people were showing up wanting teeth replaced. It's an easy thing to do and I started to teach Eunice how to make them.

Apart from doing dentistry, the Maasai Dental Clinic offered a perfect blend of relaxation, game-driving to experience African wildlife, dining at the 5 star restaurant next door at the Sianna Springs Tented Camp, and peacefulness of living on the African plain. There was plenty of time to read books. The weather was dry and sunny and always within 55-75 F'. Perfect weather, not to hot not too cold. The people of the Maasai tribe and the employees at the camp next door treat you like their brother, always offering a Jambo Jambo.

I would highly and extremely recommend this mission opportunity to every dental student at Loma Linda. Also, I'd highly recommend this to any dentist who wants to teach. It's a perfect combination. I would definitely do this again.

-by Landon Libby

Dr. & Mrs. James Libby Volunteer at the Maasai Dental Clinic

Dr. James & Pam Libby and their two sons, Landon & Justin, volunteered at the Maasai Dental Clinic during the month of February. Landon & Justin are in their final few months of dental school at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and were the first 2 students to travel to and volunteer in the clinic. Please enjoy the following message Pam wrote regarding their experience in Kenya.

Pam writes...
Our experience at the MDC was remarkable! So much to share and I am willing to share. I know that Landon and Justin are prepared to share their experiences with students and faculty there at LLUSD. They shot significant amount of video and will edit, I'm sure, to make it a useful and inspiring tool for getting the word out about possibilities there at MDC.

I am clearly convinced of the value students get and bring to the service project there. Watching Jim mentor the boys while they had the unique opportunity to be practicing hands on, in Africa, was inspiring. I am blessed to have witnessed such learning and generous giving from the boys and in fact from all of our team. We served the community, and it is a big spread out community, in excellence I believe.

One day we drove 1 hour to screen about 200 school kids. Landon and Justin generated lots of energy with the kids in oral hygiene instruction and screened all. Approximately 35 had obvious dental needs that the boys felt warranted the kids walking to the clinic the next week. On Thursday and Friday of the following week, a total of 27 kids walked approximately 30k (approx 18.5 miles) one way to see us there. Due to it being late when we were finished seeing the kids in the afternoon, William, the manager of the clinic, did drive them back to the school. For most of the kids, that was a first time in a vehicle!!

Of course I can go on and on. I just wish to thank you for your part in creating the possibility for senior students to go there and learn while serving. It's magical. There are many aspects that are ideal and some that are not ideal and in fact kinda gross. The combination of the good and bad are what create the authentic experience. I was touched by the connections made and commitment to return again.

In Appreciation,
Pam Libby



Mentoring the dental students is an important role the volunteer dentists fills while volunteering. Dr. Libby used his time in Kenya to share his expertise and clinical suggestions to the students!



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Students Volunteer at the Maasai Dental Clinic

Fourth-year Loma Linda University dental students, **Landon and Justin Libby**, have quite a list of personal accomplishments beyond board scores and clinic competencies. The list includes, heli-skiing Alaska, surfing Nicaragua, 24-hour mountain bike racing California, and triathlons in Nevada. This February, they both added racing Africans across the Maasai Mara in Kenya.

The two recently boarded a plane bound for the other side of the world, and after a brief

stop in Amsterdam to stretch their legs on the city's famous bicycles, met their parents **Jim and Pam Libby** who were working at the Maasai Dental Clinic for the month of February. Of course Landon and Justin went to practice dentistry and learn under the mentorship of their dentist father, but the real purpose of their trip was to see if they could outrun a Kenyan.

During their time there, the Libby family started what became known as the "Annual Maasai Stampede 5K Foot Race."

Three Maasai joined the Libbys to inaugurate the run. These two competitive brothers are not used to finishing in the middle of the pack and got an introduction to racing in a country of people who run between villages as a means of transportation.

Landon chuckles as he talks about William, a local Maasai and winner of the race, saying, "The guy blew us out of the water!"

Afterward, the racers sat together on the porch of the clinic and shared the local version of Gatorade. Justin reflected on his experience, "Being in Africa was more than just providing dentistry. It was about experiencing the culture and integrating with the people."

Both Landon and Justin said their experience at MDC totally exceeded their expectations. They are looking forward to returning again. Besides, they need to go back to run in their annual footrace event!

-from the Maasai Dental Clinic Newsletter



Volunteer at the Maasai Dental Clinic

Did you know these once in a lifetime opportunities aren't only for students?! These opportunities are available for YOU, too!! The clinic needs dentists to volunteer so each month of the year has coverage!! You have a once in a lifetime chance to provide compassionate care to the Maasai AND to mentor senior students.

**Are you available for one or more of these months in 2012?
February, March, April, May, November, or December?**

Please visit the Volunteer Coverage Calendar on the Maasai Dental Clinic website, <http://www.masaidental.org>! Find the available 2012 (or beyond) month you would like to spend in Kenya, create a new user account, and request the dates that work best for your schedule!!

For more volunteer details, please contact Dr. Kirk Hunt via email, kirk.worldtraveler@kirkhunt.com or by phone 209-712-3909.

You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!! Sign up today!!

Sincere regards,
Kenneth W. Pierson, DDS, Director of Maasai Dental Clinic Project
Kirk Hunt, DDS, Volunteer Coordinator