Spiritual leadership and encouragement was shared with the NASDAD group by Pastor Dick Duerksen, currently with Maranatha Volunteers International where he hosts the weekly TV show Maranatha Mission Stories.

On Friday evening, using the story of Jairas from Mark 5, he helped listeners gain an understanding of what it is to “walk the Narrow Way” while traveling on the “Broad Highway.”

Sabbath morning, October 27, 2012, he suggested that “Disciples” are those who present a crystal clear image of God’s Character as if Jesus Himself were present. Pastor Duerksen also shared some of his outstanding photographs and stories from his mission travels.

It was a pleasure and a blessing to have Pastor Duerksen attend and present at our NASDAD Convention. Pastor Duerksen’s passion for missions mirrors NASDAD’S same passion & dedication.

Board of Directors Commitment to Young Practitioners

Recognizing that young practitioners and their families are the future of NASDAD, the Board voted at the Spring 2012 board meeting to encourage the participation of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry students by asking them to become involved with the annual convention activities.

When filling out the Annual Convention Registration form NASDAD members noted a line for donations to support student attendance. Approximately one-
half of the estimated $5,000 cost for transportation and lodging for the students was provided by member donations. A total of 26 students, some with families, including one student from the University of Tennessee, were able to participate in the 2012 annual convention. Students were involved in Continuing Education, Worship, and Music activities. They were warmly welcomed by everyone and encouraged to become active NASDAD members.

To make the annual gathering more accessible to students, next year’s meeting will be held at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. Anyone wishing to contribute to the very necessary activity may donate to NASDAD directly by check or online through the NASDAD website: NASDAD.org.
Increasing Awareness Among LLUSD Students

In an effort to increase awareness to NADSAD among Loma Linda University students, at various times throughout the year, dental and hygiene students were invited to enter a drawing for an i-Pad. The coveted prize was won by Solomon Iyesusab, a graduating hygiene student.

The campaign was so successful the NASDAD Board of Directors voted to award a prize to entrants from both the pre-doctoral dental and hygiene programs next spring.
Escape to Alcatraz
Thursday morning found 24 hardy souls gathered at Pier 33 on Fisherman’s Warf for the short voyage to the former US Federal Prison on Alcatraz Island. The weather cleared and the three hour tour of the very "spooky" facility gave insights into what life on "The Rock" was like for prisoners, guards, and the families of prison staff who lived there, so near (1.5 miles) and yet so far from freedom! Upon returning from Alcatraz, most enjoyed a visit to Ghirardelli Square and other attractions on the waterfront. Some decided to wrap up the day with a ride on San Francisco’s historic Cable Cars.

Membership and Financial Report

Membership Report
Membership for 2012 increased more than 100 over the final number at the end of 2011. The increase is largely due to a significant jump in Student members—the future of NASDAD! Throughout the last school year dental and hygiene students were encouraged to join NASDAD dues free and enter a drawing for an Apple iPad that was given at year end.

Finance Report
The financial report given at the annual business meeting by Executive Director William Heisler showed NASDAD well within budget and on track to end the year on Dec. 31 with an operating surplus over our projected spending of $29,000.00.

The report on Year Around Mission Money (YAMM) showed income of $20,386.90 and expenditures of $35,170.72, with a balance in the fund of $32,369.67. The Sabbath morning YAMM offering of over $17,500 and future donations will be added to that balance to fund this year’s mission projects as the projects become viable and as funds are available. Dr. Doyle Nick reported projects totaling $85,000 in various parts of the world, including $7,000 for the student Service Learning Endowment and $10,000 toward the Maasai Dental Clinic Operating Endowment.
Maasai Dental Clinic and World Health Dental Organization

The WHDO board of directors met in Burlingame on October 25. A number of items were reported and discussed, including the addition of a kitchen and laboratory structure behind the present clinic, planned replacement of the back-up batteries for the clinic and the planned addition of photo-electric charging panels. There was a report of some settling of the clinic building and resultant required replacement of some rafters.

Meanwhile, volunteer staffing of the clinic is scheduled through 2013 with only a few open dates. Anyone wishing to work at the clinic but feeling they cannot devote a full month away from their practice can arrange “split” coverage with a partner of their choice. Any dentist serving in the clinic while Loma Linda University dental students are at the facility must have Adjunct Faculty status. For the simple application for this designation please e-mail NASDAD@llu.edu. Dr. Ray Damazo, founder of the clinic, was in attendance and offered substantial suggestions and support for the infrastructure including a four-year maintenance schedule on the vehicle and the needed roof repair. NASDAD is very appreciative of Dr. Damazo’s continued involvement in the clinic operation after turning it over to NASDAD in 2011.

A report was made by invitee Robert Perry, MPH who is now a dental student. Robert began a health study of the people around the Maasai Clinic and has recommended a follow up study based on the same design. One of his most important conclusions was that clean drinking water is one of the greatest needs of the surrounding people and he suggested that the clinic be involved in a strategy to make individual filtration units available so people can avoid the prevalent water-borne diseases.

Another report was made, by invitation, by Dr. Ray Damazo, who founded the clinical and who recently spent a month at the clinic. He reported on present conditions and recommended actions designed to strengthen the work of the clinic, including possible plans for fundraising, attracting younger, practicing dentists, an additional building, etc.

The most significant vote was to accept with regret the resignation of Dr. Ken Pierson as program director and board chair and to ask Dr. Ray Damazo to assume those responsibilities. Dr. Damazo agreed to these requests and the board looks forward to a continuing program which provides financial strength, an expanded facility, increased student participation, and effective treatment for the people that we serve.


NASDAD in Missions, A Report

A third of NASDAD’s goals have to do with mission dentistry. The Year Around Mission Money (YAMM) offering, received throughout the year, is emphasized during the Sabbath School offering at the convention. At that time we review the year’s mission activities and think about goals for the future. NASDAD works closely with LLUSD and the General Conference Health Ministries as well as other organizations.

In 2012, the dental clinic in Obwasi, Ghana that was completely equipped by NASDAD, opened the doors to patients. In addition, equipment donated by NASDAD was sent to Lusaka, Zambia and is now being utilized. In 2011-2012, we also arranged for the dental clinic at Scheer Memorial Hospital in Nepal to receive a brand new A-dec® chair and we sent a $60,000 3-D scanner to a Christian Hospital in Kenya. In the next year, NASDAD’s used equipment program from the Loma Linda NASDAD warehouse and from NASDAD member Ralph Roberts’ warehouse, will send complete equipment for new dental clinics in Bongo, Angola, Huambo, Angola, and Windhoek, Namibia. We are ready to ship a pan x-ray machine for a church dental clinic in Lima, Peru, and five chairs, a pan x-ray and other equipment for two mission dental clinics in Jamaica. There are many more requests for this next year.

The six month upgrading program, in connection with LLUSD International Dental Program, was important to Dr. Samson Manduku of Nairobi, Kenya who not only did excellent technical dentistry but reaffirmed his plans for a career in mission dentistry.

Dr. Kwang Chung, Dr. Frank Ordelheide, and Dr. Charles Lee were volunteers in Jamaica, Madagascar, and Malawi. Of course NASDAD members volunteered a month at a time to cover the Maasai Dental Clinic for the entire year.

YAMM funds also were used to enhance the many service learning trips of LLUSD as well as provide some assistance to other SDA dental associations and dental schools.

We anticipate providing continued assistance to strengthen the Adventist mission dental ministry and we appreciate the opportunity to work with God in this way. Thank you on behalf of thousands of patients for your generosity, prayers, and support.

By Doyle Nick DDS, MS

Condolences

It is with regret we note the passing of Dr. Eldon Carmen on August 2, 2012 after a brief illness. Dr. Carmen was an early NASDAD member, and the first Editor of the NASDAD News with the first issue being published in 1959. He served as NASDAD President in 1961-62 when the meeting was in Miami, Florida. Dr. Carmen, the first practicing orthodontist in Cobb County Georgia, held the position of Dental Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Department of Health and traveled world-wide on a regular basis organizing, supporting, and encouraging the many denominationally operated dental clinics. A highlight of the annual meetings for many years were his informative and entertaining reports of the impact of dentistry for underprivileged, as well as a summary of requests for equipment and staff for the individual clinics. During NASDAD’s October annual meeting in Burlingame, his son, Eldon P. Carmen, DDS, who served as NASDAD President in 1995-96, said his dad often expressed his deep sense of satisfaction in the work he was able to do for humanity through NASDAD. He had often stated that “it was the most rewarding facet of his dental career.” We offer our condolences to his family in their and NASDAD’s loss of a great leader.
The annual convention this year is the 70th convention….PLATINUM! Special speakers and a location worthy to celebrate 70 conventions have been arranged for you to enjoy.

Rancho Las Palmas Report & Spa in Rancho Mirage, California is a beautiful property near Palm Springs. It has its own water park, SPLASHTOPIA, exclusively for hotel guests! It also has Tranquility & Spa Pools for your enjoyment. There is nearby shopping at The River for your convenience. The Palm Springs area has amazing golf courses and other outdoor activities so plan to spend some time in the sun!

The Sabbath messages will be brought by Pastor Randy Roberts, Senior Pastor of the Loma Linda University Church.

Continuing Education on “Cariology Science and Practice” will be presented by Dr. Brian Nový, Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Christian Guenin, from Great Britain, will present a course for dental students.

Watch NASDAD.org for more details and registration information. Please update your email address with us so we can keep you informed. Contact us at: Nasdad@llu.edu or 909-558-8187 or visit our website: Nasdad.org.
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