

## Dentaid launches Cameroon Schools Programme

**Following on from the success of the School Oral Health Programme in Uganda Dentaid is now setting up a similar project in Cameroon. The programme will be run with our long term partners the Cameroon Baptist Convention Board, with whom Dentaid has had a successful long term working relationship.**



When Dentaid visited some of the schools in Cameroon the levels of decay and poor oral hygiene were shocking. This affects the overall general well-being of the children and significantly impacts on their ability to learn at school. This new programme in Cameroon will involve screening and on-site treatment of

all children by indigenous oral health workers using portable equipment. They will also be able to refer more complicated cases to the local dental clinic, which was previously supplied by Dentaid. As well as oral health education, the children will also receive daily supervised tooth brushing.

The initial pilot will be run for a year involving five primary schools. This will start in mid September 2008, which is the start of the new academic year. After the initial trial, we hope to be able to replicate the programme in additional schools in the area. Thank you to the Lions Club who have kindly donated £5000 towards the initial set up of the programme.



Children from St John Primary School Nkwen playing



Children from the Government primary school at Mbiame

Conditions for Cameroon's children have deteriorated in recent years. Infant and under five mortality rates in 2005 were actually higher than their 1990 levels. Maternal mortality is alarmingly high. The idea of daily brushing and regular dental care is not widely understood in Cameroon. Dental care when it is sought is prohibitively expensive for most of the population. Many people therefore turn to alternative treatments, such as street dentists, which often complicate their oral health problems rather than cure them.



Assembly at Baptist Primary School, Kumbo

## The Kaiser 'Teeth' support Dentaid



The band fool around with the new equipment

Multi million album selling band The Kaiser Chiefs recently opened a dental practice in Wakefield and fundraising assistant Felicity was invited to meet them at the Dental Studio surgery in East Ardsley, which is run by Dentaid supporter Martina Hodgson.

From the sale of tickets and a raffle on the day £1190 was donated to Dentaid. Plus the Kaiser Chiefs kindly signed a CD for us so if you're a fan and would like to bid for it email Felicity with your offer by 30th September 2008.



Felicity with lead singer Ricky

# Dental treatment for new mums in Cameroon

Dentaid has recently provided the Nicolas Barre Health Centre in Yaounde, Cameroon, with a fully equipped refurbished dental surgery to provide affordable dental health care for the local population. The centre plays a particularly important role for expectant and new mothers and babies. The Nicolas Barré Centre was part funded by the Irish Government. It is operated by the Congregation Religieuse des Soeurs de L'Enfant Jesus Nicolas Barré Mission. The centre plays an important role in this densely populated and poor area of the capital. It carries out a series of follow ups for pregnant and new mothers. The



The Nicolas Barré Centre

prevention and the fight against oral disease and detrimental cultural practices is an important part of these checks.

Due to the lack of equipment, the staff were having to send many patients in need of dental care to expensive health centres and hospitals that they could not afford. The absence of an affordable dental unit meant that previously many people with serious oral health problems did not receive suitable treatment. Thank you to the Father O'Mahony Memorial Trust for funding the surgery.



New mums waiting at the clinic

## Projects update

- Funding required for - Combined Cordent kit to Mildmay hospital, Uganda (£309)
- Funding required for - Surgeries to Cambodian KAD prisoners project & Ugandan community project, contact Nicky for further details on 01794 324249.
- Funding found for Cambodian nurses project, portable chair design completed.
- Dental equipment has arrived in Liberia for Trinity dental clinic/Mercy Ships.
- 20 ART kits sent to Malago hospital to train community dentists in the practice of 'filling without drilling.'
- 2 surgeries are now ready to go to charity Medaid UK to their two community hospitals in Uganda. This project was sponsored by SIM.



## 2008 Golf day winners!

This years golf day was once again held at the scenic Hamptworth Golf Club near Salisbury, on 20th June 2008. We all had a great day and even the weather was on our side! Congratulations to the Lloyd and Whyte team consisting of Matthew Pyke, Mervin Pyke, Ian Passey and Rod Dawson who were the winners of the day.



The winning team 2008

The DPAS team consisting of Rob Coles, Andrew Warren, Stephen Drakeford and Gary Anders were awarded the runners up medals.



The runners up 2008

Other winners on the day were Gary Anders who won the 'Longest Drive' and Freddie Hall who won 'Nearest the Pin.'



Dentaid Instrument kit

## Caspian Compassion in Azerbaijan

We have recently sent 5 full instrument kits and 2 delivery carts to the Caspian Compassion Project (CCP) a non-profit eye clinic serving the needy in Azerbaijan. Thanks to a grant by the Rotary who saw the poor condition of many of the patients teeth first hand, the project has now set up a dental clinic. CCP, with funding from charity Samartian's Purse, contacted Dentaid to help with supplying instruments to the clinic.

**In 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed Armenia and Azerbaijan resumed hostilities. Nearly 1 million Azerbaijanis fled eastward to escape the conflict. With no help from the government families found themselves living in abandoned railroad cars, tents and empty factories. Today conditions have somewhat improved but there are still many people in need of help.**

# Trekkers conquer the Inca Trail

Jenni Phillips, communications & fundraising manager at Dentaid writes:



**The 10 day trip, organised as part of the Dentaid/Denplan partnership, saw our group of 23 spending a couple of days in Cusco acclimatising to the altitude before commencing the 4 day walk along the trail. Whilst in Cusco we took part in a walking tour of the city, visited the ruins of Sacsayhuamán, trekked the Sacred Valley and visited the market town of Pisac.**

Soon it was time to start the trek proper. Walking sticks in hand we left civilization behind us and started to trek the Inca Trail. Immediately we were immersed in the awe inspiring mountains with original Inca stonework, ruins and tunnels, winding uneven paths, spectacular cloud forest and snow capped peaks.

The next four days were extremely challenging, but an amazing experience. By day we ascended and descended the seemingly never ending Inca steps, climbing to 4200 metres above sea level on day 2, reaching the top of Dead Woman's Pass in the early afternoon. At night

**"The trek has raised over £24,000 to date. Thank you so much to all of you who took part or sponsored our trekkers. It was truly an unforgettable trip with a great group of people. It was hard work, but definitely worth it, well done!"**

## A chance meeting leads Inca trekkers to the Kausay Wasi Clinic



We were also very lucky to be able to visit the Kausay Wasi clinic, a not for profit clinic serving the poor in the town of Coya, situated about 1.5 hrs drive from Cusco. A chance meeting with a lady who was volunteering at the clinic, which provides medical and dental

services free of charge to a community of 60,000, meant our group was invited to visit the clinic where we were given a tour of the facilities. On my return to the UK I emailed Kausay Wasi and I am pleased to say that thanks to some additional funding from Denplan we will be providing the clinic with Cordent instrument kits that will be used by their two permanent dentists.

In the 3 years since the clinic has been open they have treated over 26,000 patients. Cleft palate is prevalent within the area and plastic surgery teams often visit the clinic to perform reconstructive facial surgery. Kausay Wasi is currently seeking volunteers therefore if you are interested please visit [www.kausaywasi.org](http://www.kausaywasi.org) or view their video on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and just type in Kausay Wasi Clinic.



Group at Machu Picchu

we slept in tents underneath the Peruvian star filled sky.

On the final day we were woken at 4am to reach Intipunku (Gates of the Sun) for sunrise although the thick mist impaired the view of Machu Picchu. Luckily as we made our final descent the mist began to clear and revealed the magnificent site of Machu Picchu. After a guided tour around the Inca site and lots of photos, we visited Aguas Calientes, before returning to Cusco ready for a well deserved celebration meal.



## Trek the Great Wall of China

**Our Great Wall of China trek is taking place from 19 - 28 September 2009.** China leaves a lasting impression

on all who go there. It is a

country immersed in history, mythology and ancient traditions. This huge mass of land has the largest population on Earth. Highlights include the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. That's what this trek is all about; beauty, culture, people and above all a real physical and mental challenge which will earn every penny of sponsorship raised. For an information pack please email [felicity@dentaid.org](mailto:felicity@dentaid.org).



## Dentaid supplies surgery to widows and orphans in Burkina Faso



The new dental clinic being built

Dentaid has supplied a dental surgery to the ACTS Ministry working in Burkina Faso. ACTS works to educate and provide basic skills to AIDS widows and orphans to break the cycle of poverty in the rural areas of the country. The government provided ACTS with some land, where they have built a medical centre, which includes a dental clinic. Through literacy, vocational training,

production of literature, access to loans, widows and orphans are empowered and gain self esteem as they learn how to provide for their family. Belinda Chappel, who fundraised to finance the project, (run by Tearfund), visited Dentaid's engineers to see how to put together the surgery so she could help with its construction when it arrived at the centre.



The dental surgery set up by Belinda Chapel ready for use



The dental surgery room is named The David Sherwin Dental Hall, after Dr. David Sherwin who died last year. He was instrumental in getting the dental clinic in place. His widow, Rosemary, was able to attend the dedication ceremony in February 2008.

## Infant Oral Mutilation



Infant Oral Mutilation evidence

Over the past few months Dentaid has been addressing the subject of Infant Oral Mutilation (IOM), which is prevalent mainly in Africa. A working group has been formed and we will update you with our plan of action to combat this dangerous cultural practice in the near future. We will be undertaking some work on the ground in Uganda in September 2008, however if any of you have seen IOM first hand and would like to tell us your story please contact [nicky@dentaid.org](mailto:nicky@dentaid.org).

## Events Summer/Autumn 2008

Forthcoming Dentaid / Denplan partnership events, everyone welcome to take part!

### August

It's a Knockout - 1st August - Chester/Wrexham

Golf Challenge - 8th August 2008, East Horton, Eastleigh, Hampshire

Golf Challenge - 22nd August 2008, Hatfield, London, South Hertfordshire

Sky dive - 29th August - Bicester airfield, near Oxford

### September

It's a Knockout - 5th September - Droitwich Rugby Club, Worcester

C2C bike ride - 5 - 7th September

Abseil - 7th September - Mersey Tunnels Ventilation Shaft, Birkenhead

It's a Knockout - 12th September - Blaydon Rugby Football Club, Newcastle

Zip Slide - 21st September - Leeds Headingley Carnegie Stadium

It's a Knockout - 26th September - Crawley Rugby Football Club, Gatwick

**October** Dentaid stand at BDTA Showcase - 2nd - 4th October - Excel, London - Come and visit us

For a registration form or for further information please visit [www.dentaid.org](http://www.dentaid.org) or contact Jenni on 01794 324249.



## Marathon man

Well done to Dentaid supporter Robin Lesley who completed the London Marathon in a fantastic 4 hours and 43 minutes. Robin, a dentist who works in The Croft Dental Practice in Chichester raised over £2,700 for us. Thank you.

## Do you recycle your inkjets for Dentaid?

Please note we are no longer able to use In house recycling to recycle our inkjet cartridges. Therefore please do not return any further inkjet envelopes to them. We have now set up a new scheme, therefore if you would like to be involved please email [info@dentaid.org](mailto:info@dentaid.org). We apologise for any inconvenience.



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