



Andy Jong - Chief Executive

Dear Dentaid supporters

I arrived back to the office from my first BDA Conference and Exhibition to spend a few days with our accountant, to prepare the 2008/09 draft accounts. Despite a challenging economic and political climate and a period of major change for Dentaid, I was very encouraged by the provisional results, more of which will be presented in the next newsletter. Interest at the BDA was also keen and it was good to meet some of you who have been supporters of Dentaid for some time together with many who are keen to be involved in the future, especially in some kind of volunteer capacity.

I have been working on a future strategy for Dentaid and overseas volunteering will certainly be a significant element of it, whilst continuing to do what we have always done well, collect, refurbish and send out equipment all round the world.

Delivering our work effectively has been especially challenging over the past few months as we have undergone some big changes in staff here. Jenni, Nicky and Felicity have moved on to new jobs in the charity sector and Louise has joined Bridge2Aid in Tanzania to get some field experience. We are grateful for their time with us and are now glad to welcome new members of the team (introduced below) as we move forward.

Meet the team



Richard Grapes
Head of engineering

Richard has been with Dentaid for 8 years



Dave Effamy
Engineer

Dave joined Dentaid 4 years ago.



Rob Leak
Office Manager

This is a new role for Rob who has been with us for 4 years



Diane Platt
Head of Fundraising

The newest member of the team joined 4 months ago.



Meet one of our volunteers

Most people think of volunteering as charity shops or boring office work. The reality is very different, as Jeni

Jack, who volunteers 4 days a week for Dentaid reveals.

Q. Jeni, what do you do for Dentaid?

J - I produce project sheets which we send out to supporters and funders, and help in tracking where we are on each of our overseas projects. I also work with Diane and send out funding applications as well as helping to answer the phones. So it's all pretty varied really.

Q. What attracted you to charity work?

J - I spent my gap year working overseas in an orphanage and got a taste for the work

Q. What's the best bit?

J - I am in awe of the work Dentaid does and am thrilled to be a part of it. I love being in touch with the projects and hearing their feedback.

Q. What's the worst bit?

J. Trying to get funding. I had no idea how difficult it would be.

Q. What's next for Jeni?

J. I want to join the Peace Corps and work overseas for 2 years. My time with Dentaid is giving me such a wide range of experience and the team here has given me some great help.

Dentaid needs more volunteers like Jeni. If you would like to make a contribution, please ring us on 01794 324249

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Stop Press..Stop Press..

- **New countries supplied with surgeries for the first time - Angola and Azerbaijan**
- **Funding for shipping of 8 surgeries to Laos received and they are about to be sent.**
- **After a successful pilot schools toothbrushing programme in Cameroon, we are preparing to expand the scheme to cover 3200 children.**
- **The IOM Action group has produced an excellent leaflet on the subject - copies available on request from the office.**

Win a Fiat 500 & support Dentaid for £2. - see page 3



Schools toothbrushing programmes



Daily brushing as part of the Uganda schools programme

Primary health care is essential to improve the living conditions of poor people. Margaret Chan, the WHO's Director General, and in the news alot recently speaking about swine flu, launched the WHO's recent flagship report (CSDH, 2008) saying "We simply cannot afford the way we go about doing health care nowadays without tackling and doing more prevention."

Schools are a good starting point for preventive action especially in relation to oral health. Dentaïd has been exploring this avenue by means of 2 pilot schools toothbrushing programmes, in Uganda and in Cameroon. Some of you have been involved in sponsoring the schools taking part and we have seen some positive results in the reduction of treatments as these programmes have been continuing. The instilling of a habit of brushing and good hygiene has also been of paramount importance.

Both schemes have been reviewed recently. Some of the key issues for these programmes are;

- Finding practical ways of reducing cross infection and simple means of keeping toothbrushes.
- Obtaining affordable fluoride toothpaste locally.
- Getting the co-operation of teachers in implementing the programme on a daily basis.
- Making the programmes sustainable.
- Measuring and evaluating the results.

We have decided to stop the Uganda programme when the current sponsorship ends as we anticipate that towards the end of the year local staff to manage the programme will not be available. In Cameroon we are hoping to expand the pilot project and work with Dr Leo and his colleagues to develop an effective toothbrushing "model programme" and find ways of making it sustainable and in the long term release Dentaïd finance to start them elsewhere.

Dentaïd Portable Chairs V3.2

Well updates and new versions aren't the sole property of Microsoft it would seem, as the manufacture of the Dentaïd portable chair is undergoing some slight improvements under the careful watch of Richard and Dave.

Keith Cameron has come up with a material requirement spreadsheet to improve costing and stock control.

The engineers have made improvements to drilling and welding jigs which has helped to streamline the process .

Keith and Rick Platt, 2 of Dentaïds valuable volunteers have done a good job in keeping cutting and drilling for stock so thank you to them .

A new stronger bag should be coming soon from Richard. And a new back cover design is being looked at next .



24 chairs for Cambodia



One of the first designs being field tested in Uganda"

Laos Update

In early May a senior delegation from the French oral health charity AOI visited Dentaïd to inspect the 8 surgeries for Laos in final stages of completion. We are working with them as part of a major programme



Current equipment in need of repair and replacement

to significantly improve the oral health situation in the country. AOI have been working on introducing salt fluoridation, and a major refurbishment of the National University Dental School, the only one in the country.

Thankfully the equipment passed all their tests and plans were discussed for Richard and Dave, our engineers to travel to Laos to manage the installation, train local technicians and repair another 8 surgeries. If all goes well, by the autumn Dentaïd will have provided 16 working surgeries for the University, significantly raised the level of local maintenance skills and given a major boost to the training of students in Dentistry for Laos.

It will be the culmination of three years work and we want to say a big thank you to the individuals and Trusts who have supported us financially on this journey.

Fundraising and how you can help.

We are often asked for different ways in which people or groups can support Dentaïd. We have a few ideas which we hope will appeal.

BE ACTIVE

Great North Run

Are you a runner or aspiring to be one? If so Dentaïd has secured places for this years GNR

- **52,000 runners**
- **Atmosphere, dedication, passion, fun.**
- **THE most iconic half-marathon on the planet**

If you would like to run for Dentaïd call us on 01794 324249

National 3 Peaks Challenge

Not into running but still active? Do you think you could walk the 3 highest peaks in Britain in 24 hours? It is an exceptional challenge and is taking place on 12th - 13th September so give us a call for more information.

Walk the Test Way

If all that sounds just a bit too much then why not walk part of the Test Way for Dentaïd on Sunday 11 October. You can take part for as much of this organised walk as you like from 2 miles to 26 and you can even bring your dog for the exercise. For more information visit the website www.walkthetestway.co.uk and remember to register Dentaïd as your chosen charity.

BE LUCKY

Do you feel lucky? Dentaïd is taking part in a small car raffle where you could win a brand new Fiat 500

A brand new Fiat 500 could be yours!

Buy a ticket - £2 each - and give 95.2% to Dentaïd at the same time!

Draw takes place on October 1st 2009

Simply contact us at Dentaïd or go online and buy your ticket at www.everyclick.com/dentaïd



Tip- why not add the link to your emails and encourage friends and family to get lucky too?

BE SUPPORTIVE

If you would like to simply make a donation and leave the running, climbing and jumping out of planes to others, then we have many incredible projects which you could get involved with. On the following page we have a spotlight on one of our projects but we have others in Morocco, Vietnam and Uganda to name but a few.

If you feel you could help us give them the smile they deserve, then please contact us on 01794 324249 or diane@dentaïd.org or you can donate online to our special fundraising page for "Smile Morocco" at:

<http://www.everyclick.com/di-platt>



People already making a difference for Dentaïd



Matthew Styles

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We at Dentaïd are always inspired by the stories, pictures and frankly mad things our supporters do to raise money for Dentaïd. But every so often someone stands out as being a bit special. One such person is Matthew Styles who is currently

in training to complete the 3 peaks challenge in aid of Dentaïd in September. Impressed yet? Well perhaps you will be when you hear that Matthew is only 15 years old. He completed the Yorkshire 3 peaks last year and now has his sights set on higher things. Good luck Matthew and we will keep you all informed with how it goes.

Golf Day

The 2009 Golf day was a huge success despite almost being a complete wash out. But our hardy golfers donned waterproofs and

braved the stormy weather. The winners this year were the Denplan team with runners up The Wednesdays Team. The nearest the pin was won by Bob Pennells and the longest drive was won by one of only a few lady players Mrs Brenda Moody. Come on ladies, lets give the boys a run for their money next year and have a few extra ladies teams. The day raised over £3,300 thanks to the generosity of players and sponsors alike.



Denplan Team - Winners of the 2009 Dentaïd golf day

A situation of concern and a need to be met...



Silvia Morales treating a patient

Nicaragua is the largest state in Central America and has a population of over 5.5 million, but only 243 qualified dental personnel. In a 1997 a study showed the total prevalence rate for dental caries in children between 6 and 15 years of age was 85%.

Pro-Dental Mission Service responding as best it can...

Silvia Morales, a licensed dentist in Tecate, Nicaragua, provides free dental care to poor children and their families. In addition to her current workload she currently provides cleaning,

extractions and fillings - all paid for by Silvia's personal donations and those of other individuals. She also offers fluoride treatments for children, oral hygiene instruction to families and nutritional information to prevent early missing primary teeth such as Bottle Syndrome.

The aim of the project...

is to reach people who are too poor to afford dental care. Many live on the rural outskirts of the city and can not afford transportation - so Pro-Dental goes to them.

Help requested from Dentaid...

Silvia desperately needs dental equipment. She currently pulls and fills teeth while her patients sit on a reclining lawn chair. With no dental light or X-Ray machine, she is forced to use a flashlight to examine her patients' teeth. Instead of a dental suction unit, she uses a turkey baster.

The difference...

Better dental equipment such as an X-ray machine will allow Silvia to implement root canals and oral surgery. The equipment will also allow her to treat up to 40 to 50 children a week.

Dentaid urgently needs £4580 to fund this project and thus revolutionise the oral health care available to the people of Nicaragua. Please help us to respond to Silvia.

Events 2009

It's never too late to take part in an event to help Dentaid.

12th - 13th September
National 3 peaks challenge

20th September
Anglesey Abseil

20th September
Great North Run

10th - 18th October
Great Wall of China Trek

Or you could hold your own fundraising event. Contact us for help or ideas.

Equipment needed

Our stocks of the following equipment are very low so any donations would be gratefully received;

- Single pot compressors
- Ultrasonic scalers
- Capsule amalgamators
- Delivery carts
- All instruments but especially extraction forceps and elevators

Phone 01794 325148 and ask for Richard

Thank you

As always we owe thanks to so many people for their help and support.

- Rotary Club of Crewkerne who have sponsored a portable chair in Vietnam.
- A number of the Lions Clubs who have raised money through a range of events for portable chairs.
- PIAs who offer much needed and appreciated income for Dentaid

- Fundraisers who raise money every month of the year.
- Sponsors of the golf day - Admor, Wright Health, A-DEC, DPAS, Lloyde & Whyte, Coltene Whaledent, Bambach Saddle Seat, Scope Dental PR, Qualident, GC UK, Hildon mineral water, Langtrys Restaurant, Dentalsky, Scotthall Hampshire, Refining Direct, Henry Schein, Grand Harbour Hotel, Dentsply, The Dental Directory, Redmayne Bentley.



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