

# Teethsavers International

This has been a very productive year for Teethsavers. It began in late January with Dr. Rudd, Gene and Bev Day and Joan Sears going to Malawi to meet with our team there, the Ministry of Hope and various government officials. They participated in treating many children at several feeding centers sponsored by the Ministry of Hope.

In February, Dr. Rudd, Joan Sears and Susan Hunter with members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock's mission team treated the children at several schools in Belize and provided training there for dentists in Atraumatic Restorative Treatment. These dentists previously had only been able to do extractions as their government would provide them with no restoration material. Since then we have been helping to supply the requisite Fuji material for restorations.

## EXCITING NEW BEGINNINGS FOR TEETHSAVERS!

Following Belize, Dr. Rudd went on to Jinotega, Nicaragua, where, with the help of Benny Baker and Mision Para Cristo, he has been able to establish a 6 -Year Molar Focus School with Dr. Bismarck Rivera as our full-time dentist, teacher and field supervisor. The first class of 7 students started their training in August 2009. They are in the process of setting up the partnership with Mision Para Cristo and we are very excited about what this will lead to in the future. Below are several pictures. The first is Dr. Patti Patterson with Mision Para Cristo. Following are pictures of the students currently enrolled in the class in Jinotega, the city where they are located.



Jack will be back in the states September 17th and would love to share with you some of his experiences that he has had along the way. Nicaragua is proving to be a great place for Teethsavers. If you would like to specifically be a part of what is going on with this partnership please contact us and let us know. You can give directly to the program, sponsor a dental student or even partner with dentist in providing the Fuji material needed for the ART treatments. Jack would love to come talk to your church, mission committee or professional groups about this wonderful and exciting opportunity you might have to partner with Teethsavers.

This year we also had good news from Afrikaada Teethsavers about how their program is coming. They are seeing many children in the Gambia. Dr Rudd helped provide training for them a few years ago. To read more about Afrikaada Teethsavers and what they are doing in the Gambia please go to [www.teethsavers.gm](http://www.teethsavers.gm). Great things are happening there and we want to continue to support and encourage these great oral healthcare workers!

Also, please check out our website for updates:

[www.teethsavers.org](http://www.teethsavers.org)

### **Update on Malawi..**

The team in Malawi has been divided in two parts since March. The part in Malawi with Fredson Sambani and Laita Kaone, have done some work with children and the Ministry of Hope and spent a lot of time with government officials trying to work with helping to get us established there. Gene Day has written a Constitution for Teethsavers in Malawi and it is presently in the hands of an attorney there. We are very near to receiving the NGO registration we need to implement full operation there. The other part of the team is in Zambia. Doranah Mulongo has worked with setting up the operation there and they have seen many children in the Chadiza school district in Zambia. Gene has also gotten a local board of directors made up of various officials in Malawi, to meet with the requirements of the Malawi government.

### **Upcoming For Teethsavers:**

Gene & BevDay and Rev. Matt Mitchell will be travelling to Malawi October 14-21 to meet the new Malawi Board of Directors. They will also be working with Ministry of Hope officials in forming a partnership in ministry. Please pray that this trip will go well and for God's continued blessing on Teethsavers Malawi.

### **THANK YOU DAN!**

The Board of Teethsavers would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dan Hatch for all his help in procuring dental supplies for our use all over the world, usually with little or no advance notice. You are greatly appreciated!

### **Special Thanks!**

Joan Sears has been assisting in writing and editing material for Dr. Rudd's section of Dr. Frencken's book on the Atraumatic Restorative Treatment. She also is assisting with Dr. Rudd's book covering the different dental care he has worked with and provided in all his world travels over the years.

### **Where in the world is Jack headed next?**

Dr. Rudd plans to go to Sierra Leone in October and see about setting up a 6-Year Molar Focus School there as they have requested that he come and do this. Further in the future. Dr. Rudd has also received a request from Morocco for training on this type of dental care.

The needs are greater than ever as we look to the exciting future of Teethsavers and Oral Health for children. If you would like to make a donation to Teethsavers, please mail to  
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3321 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Lubbock, TX. 79410. You may call for information at 806-799-3621.  
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