



# MASAI DENTAL CLINIC



*A cooperative project of*

World Health Dental Organization (WHDO)  
The National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD)  
and Loma Linda University School of Dentistry (LLUSD)

in Kenya, East Africa

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The Masai Dental Clinic was established in an area of Africa that “looks like Africa should look.” Located near the Siana Springs Intrepids Lodge, the clinic is just five miles from the world-famous Masai Mara National Game Park in Kenya, East Africa (see ATTACHMENT A). Operated by a non-profit, the World Health Dental Organization (WHDO), the property which is slightly less than two acres, has been leased for 33 years.

clinic which is staffed by a nurse and a lab technician. An airstrip, served from Nairobi International Airport, is located about five miles away.



## **First Class Facility**

Designed as a first-class facility, the Masai Dental Clinic was built as maintenance free as possible. The building includes a 1,200 square feet upstairs apartment, two small apartments for students, and an apartment for the clinic manager.

A stone-block building, the clinic has three dental operatories. Each operatory is fully-equipped with new DCI units and cabinetry, Progeny x-ray, McKesson twin-head vac and twin-head air compressor; a sterilization room; and a lab/storage room.

The Masai Dental Clinic officially opened on January 7, 2009. Attending opening ceremonies were government health officials, the Masai people and tribal leaders, and Siana Springs Lodge officials.

Near the facility there is a medical



An important part of the clinic facility is a Toyota Land Cruiser. The vehicle is used not only for business throughout the area, but also to accommodate needs of volunteers

who wish to see animals on the game reserve. The roof of the vehicle opens up for viewing of exotic African wildlife.

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## ***Clinic Leadership***

Just recently a decision was made by WHDO to turn over leadership of the Masai Dental Clinic to the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD). That is being accomplished by replacing each of the WHDO board members with members of the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists. NASDAD leadership will then operate the clinic in an exclusive partnership with Loma Linda University.

In addition to its original goal to provide quality dental care to the Masai, under NASDAD leadership, the facility will also be used to facilitate deep, life-changing experiences for students in the educational program of Loma Linda University,



## **Volunteer Service**

In addition to providing a life-changing experience for Loma Linda University students, dentists with three or more weeks available may serve as well. Volunteer service is arranged by contacting NASDAD at (909) 558-8187 or by email, [volunteer@masaidental.org](mailto:volunteer@masaidental.org). Volunteers must complete an application form available online at [www.masaidental.org](http://www.masaidental.org), obtain appropriate vaccinations, provide their own travel insurance including coverage for medical evacuation, and pay for their transportation to and from Africa. Time will be provided for an excursion into the Masai Mara National Game Park.

## **Aggressive Plans**

To fund the operation of the Masai Dental Clinic, which provides dental care at no charge to the Masai people, two funds have been established cooperatively by NASDAD and Loma Linda University. The first is an annual operating fund which will provide resources necessary to operate the clinic – about \$100,000 per year (see ATTACHMENT B). Of that amount, a portion funds scholarships to assist students with transportation to and from the facility.

A second fund will also provide operating resources, however, it is an endowment fund held at Loma Linda University



Foundation. The goal is to provide operating resources for the clinic into perpetuity. Only the income of this fund will be used to supplement the annual operating budget of the clinic. An endowment of \$2 million is needed to fully fund annual operating costs.

This plan is an exciting opportunity for members of NASDAD and Loma Linda University, partnering together to fulfill the mission embodied in their mission statement, to further the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, *“To Make Man Whole.”*

You may be wondering what will become of your investment in the endowment fund if operation of the Masai Dental Clinic is no longer possible due to political unrest or some other such unforeseen event. Endowment documents require that should this happen, the fund will be used for a service learning opportunity that is essentially the same. Your investment in the endowment will continue to fund cooperative service learning opportunities.

## **Benefits of Operating the Masai Dental Clinic**

The following are just a few of the benefits derived by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and the Masai People from the operation of the Masai Dental Clinic. For more information on the legacy of service by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, see ATTACHMENT C.

1. No capital investment was required of Loma Linda University to establish the clinic. Other mission dental clinics throughout the world field have been established with a considerable investment.
2. The clinic is a safe learning environment conducive to good instruction for dental and dental hygiene students.
3. This is one more location which will provide Loma Linda University dental students with an experience that will change lives as they develop an attitude of "service" to humanity (See ATTACHMENT D).
4. A sustained presence in this underserved community will provide great benefits to the people there as we develop "friendships" with the people.
5. Opportunity to improve the health, over time, of the Masai people.
6. Enhance the international reputation of the School of Dentistry, attracting discerning students. There are other options for a quality dental education. Mission service in such a location may be the deciding factor for choosing a school.
7. Moral boost to staff who may be caught up in the ho-hum of daily teaching routine.

8. Experience of a lifetime – visits to the Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya to observe and photograph African animals, as well as into the Masai tribal areas to view traditional culture.
9. The popular perception of the profession of dentistry does not include a strong impression of social responsibility. This is one more step in changing that perception by imbuing the professional education with a spirit of "giving back." This point is so well said by a recent graduate.

*"I learned two important spiritual lessons on my mission trip. Although the kids we served came from a past that gave them every reason not to smile, they did anyway. Secondly, I'm truly blessed with so many wonderful opportunities. My life is significantly easier than most of the people in this world. Because of that, I have a huge responsibility! I must do all I can to pass that blessing on to others. I can change the lives of many people . . . This trip was a humbling and inspiring one that helped me to reset my spiritual thermostat."*

## **About the Clinic Founder**



Dr. Raymond Damazo was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1929. His parents emigrated from Azores Islands as

children and instilled in their ten children a need for education and the importance of contributing to make the world a better place.

Early childhood in a rural setting with woodland birds and animals combined with Frank Bucks African movies led him down a path toward a bachelor of science degree in zoology, and advanced degree in dentistry.

Beginning in 1965, Dr. Damazo began reaching out and helping third world countries. His first assignment was in remote parts of Brazil. He spent four months teaching an American physician, who served remote villages along the Amazon River, emergency dentistry. The combination of desperate needs, landing a modified Cessna 182 on dirt strips carved out of the jungle, and the awesome wonders of nature fueled his adventurous spirit.



In 1993, Dr. Damazo retired from a very active practice in general dentistry in Bellevue, Washington. He has a lifetime commitment of giving back through dentistry, a service unavailable in many parts of rural Third World countries. He has treated thousands without a fee and continues to finance his passion of helping needy patients with no strings attached.



Dr. Damazo does not plan to be involved with the operation of the Masai Dental Clinic other than a visit each year as he is able.

## ***The Need for Dental Care***

The Masai people traditionally don't use toothbrushes, toothpaste or have access to regular checkups and fluoride treatments. Remarkably, a few of the Masai have "perfect" teeth. Those that do brush do so a couple times a month, with a brush made from sugar cane.

There has been a rapid increase in cavities in the teeth of children, which can be attributed to the distribution of candy to them by tourists. The Masai Mara National Park in Kenya is one of the most popular tourist destinations, attracting about 750,000 tourists annually so there is plenty of opportunity to take in "sweets." Despite education, parents are not able to comprehend the connection between sugar and cavities.

According to Damazo, most of the dental procedures among the Masai are routine. What adds the "spice" to bush dentistry is the sometimes colorful people and the stories that accompany their dental woes.

One such patient was 65-year-old Chief John Oloodo, a Masai elder. He spoke fluent English and carried an American-style briefcase which held only a single photograph of himself. The chief was missing his upper four front teeth. While it was not a problem for any of his four wives, the 18-year-old woman he wanted to become wife number five refused to marry him until he got new front teeth. Oloodo returned some time later requesting new molars because potential wife number six would not marry him!

Damazo further states that *"A 17-year-old woman who was eight months pregnant, walked about 12 miles in 92-degree heat, without water*

*or snacks, to obtain much-needed dental care."*

*"The parents of another teen, who was missing her upper central teeth, wanted him to give her new teeth so they could arrange a marriage in which the family would receive a dowry of 12 cows – the equivalent of one year's income."*

Not many dentists have patients enter their office carrying spears, pangas (machetes) or rongas (clubs). Damazo reported that one patient sat with an AK-47 on his lap while the dentist worked. He was a member of the Kenya Police Patrol, who guarded the Masai Mara Park from poachers and would-be thieves.

Some patients have scars, and stories, from lion and leopard attacks. Then there are those who suffer from self-dentistry. A gap between front teeth is desired and some Masai will use a hacksaw to create one. Chiefs practice crude bush dentistry, using unsterilized forceps to pull teeth or a knife to cut out affected teeth.

Some patients have AIDS and it's not uncommon to see patients with Kaposi's sarcoma, an oral manifestation of AIDS. More than 1,000 people die each day from AIDS. Dentists working in Africa use all of the barrier precautions of modern dentistry.



Hard candy given by tourist visiting the Masai Mara Reserve is responsible for the damage of the teeth of this four-year old. She still has several years before getting her permanent upper anterior teeth.



Five-year old Riola with decay in almost every deciduous tooth. She was born near the gate of the Masai Mara Game Reserve and showered with tourist candy.



Teplitt, a seven year old Masai boy shows the effect of decayed deciduous teeth which have not fallen out (exfoliating), deflecting permanent teeth into a life of malocclusion or crooked alignment. Finding decay in the teeth of the Masai children was rare prior to tourists being told to take some candy for the "poor African children."



## ***Here's How You May Give***

**Gift of Cash** – The simplest way to give is with a gift of cash, either by check or major credit card. For income tax purposes, your cash gifts are deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income for the year, but any excess is deductible over the next five years.

**Gift of Securities** – A gift of long-term appreciated securities gives you a two-fold income tax benefit – You can deduct the full present fair market value, and you owe no tax on the increase in value.

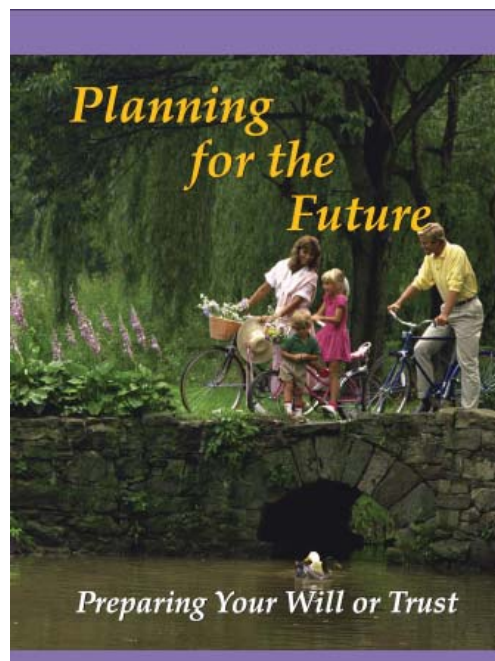
A gift of any type of asset to Loma Linda University may result in an income tax deduction. A development staff member is prepared to help you understand specific provisions in the tax code for deducting each of these types of gifts. You are also encouraged to seek the advice of your personal professional tax advisor.

To find out more about how you can remember the Service Learning program of the School of Dentistry, with a planned gift involving a gift annuity, annuity trust, unitrust, lead trust, donor advised fund, pooled income fund, a gift of retirement assets, closely held stock or real estate, you may call or write:

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For specific language in drafting your will or trust, please ask for “*Planning for the Future, Your Will or Trust.*” This document is available to you at no charge. It not only contains the language needed to leave a planned gift to Loma Linda University, but will assist you in gathering information your attorney will need to prepare a will or trust that accomplishes your goals.



## **The Masai Mara Game Reserve<sup>1</sup>**

The Masai Mara (*also spelled Maasai Mara*) is a large park reserve in south-western Kenya, which is effectively the northern continuation of the Serengeti National Park game reserve in Tanzania. Named for the Masai people (the traditional inhabitants of the area) and the Mara River, which divides it, is famous for its exceptional population of game and the annual migration of zebra and the wildebeest from the Serengeti. Its twenty or more lion prides are an attraction.

### **Geography**

With an area of 1510 km<sup>2</sup> the Masai Mara is not the largest game park in Kenya, but it is probably the most famous. The entire area of the park is nestled within the enormous Great Rift Valley that extends from the Mediterranean Sea to South Africa. It is at the bottom of the Siria Escarpment.

The terrain of the reserve is primarily open grassland, with seasonal riverlets. In the south-east region are clumps of the distinctive acacia tree. The western border is the Esoit Oloololo Escarpment of the Rift Valley, and wildlife tends to be most concentrated here, as the swampy ground means that access to water is always good and tourist disruption is minimal. The easternmost border is 224 km from Nairobi, and hence it is the eastern regions which are most visited by tourists.

### **Masai Mara Wildlife**

The Masai Mara is perhaps most famous for its lions. All other members of the “Big Five” are to be found in the Masai Mara,



although the population of black rhinoceros is severely threatened, with a population of only 37 recorded in 2000. Hippopotami are found in large groups in the Masai Mara and Talek Rivers. Cheetah are also to be found, although their numbers are also threatened, chiefly due to tourist disruption of their day-time hunting.

As in the Serengeti, the wildebeest are the dominant inhabitant of the Masai Mara, and their numbers



are estimated in the millions. Around July of each year these ungainly animals migrate in a vast ensemble north from the Serengeti plains in search of fresh pasture, and return to the south around October.

The Great Migration is one of the most impressive natural events worldwide, involving an immensity of herbivores some 1,300,000 Wildebeest, 360,000 Thomson's Gazelle, 191,000 Zebra and 600,000 lions and cheetahs. These numerous migrants are followed along their annual, circular route by a block of hungry predators, most notably lions and hyena.

Numerous other antelope can be found, including Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, impala, topi and Coke's hartebeest. Large herds of zebra are found through the reserve. The plains are also home to the distinctive Masai Giraffe as well as the common giraffe. The large Roan antelope and the nocturnal bat-eared fox, rarely present elsewhere in Kenya, can be seen within the reserve borders.

The Masai Mara is a major research centre for the spotted hyena. Additionally, over 450 species of bird life have been identified in the park, including vultures, marabou stork, secretary bird, hornbill, crowned crane, ostrich, long-crested Eagle, and African pygmy-falcon.

### **Useful Information**

The Masai Mara Reserve area is administered by Narok County Council and the Mara Conservancy (under contract by the Trans-Mara county council) a local non profit organization formed by the local Masai.

The wildlife roam freely across both the Reserve and Conservation areas which are a continuous wildlife ecosystem.

Game parks are a major source of hard currency for Kenya, and entry fees (as of April 2006) for adult non-Kenyans

is US\$40 (\$10 for children). There are a number of lodges and tented camps for tourists inside the Reserve and the Conservation area borders.

Lodges and camps inside the Reserve include Mara Serena, Governor's camp, Keekorok, and Sarova Mara. In the Conservation area are Royal Mara Safari Lodge, Siana Springs tented camp, Mara Sopa, Elephant Pepper, Mara Simba, and Sekenani camp.

Mara Serena Airport, Musiara Airport and Keekorok Airport are located in the Reserve area of the Masai Mara. Mara Shikar Airport, Kichwa Tembo Airport and Ngerende Airport are located in the Conservation area of the Masai Mara.

<sup>1</sup> *Wikipedia contributors. Masai Mara. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. December 1, 2008, 05:28 UTC. Available at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Masai\\_Mara&oldid=255151293](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Masai_Mara&oldid=255151293). Accessed December 16, 2008.*



Masai Dental Clinic  
 Loma Linda University  
 School of Dentistry

**PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Employees:			
Assistant/Translator/Manager		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Driver/Naturalist/Maintenance		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Night Ascarie		\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00
Day Ascarie		\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00
Gardener		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance:			
Depreciation		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Repairs		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fuel		\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
Supplies/Equipment/Maintenance:		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Transportation:			
Dental Students		\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
Hygiene Students		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Faculty		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Oversight/Management:			
Loma Linda University Faculty	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ (95,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>

***Brief History of the School of Dentistry  
with Emphasis on Dates Specific to Service Learning***

A Grand Beginning - *"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven."* – Ecclesiastes 3:11

*The history of LLU (and its School of Dentistry) is more than a record of past events; it is the memories that live, the dreams that become reality, the hope that builds success. It is about dedicated students, alumni, faculty, staff and administrators, whose service to humanity has left a positive impact on our planet.*

May 29, 1905	Pastor John Burden paid \$1,000 to secure an option to buy Loma Linda, a failed 64-room luxury hotel. The \$155,000 piece of property was acquired for \$38,900.
August 24, 1905	Articles of Corporation of the College of Medical Evangelist (CME) were signed.
December 9, 1909	Officially incorporated, liberal arts, sciences, medicine, and dentistry were authorized.
August 17, 1915	Evidence documents that dental services are being offered at Loma Linda Sanitarium.
August 21, 1924	Roy Williams, DDS establishes a professional relationship with Loma Linda Sanitarium.
October 22, 1925	Authorization was given to expand to an additional dentist, leading to an increasing numbers of dentists who were invited to serve the hospital dental clinic.
1938	The first Adventist group of dentists graduates under an arrangement with Atlanta-Southern Dental College in Atlanta, Georgia (in 1942 became Emory University) in which they were excused from Sabbath classes and exams.
August 15, 1943	The National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) was formed. Because it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain exemption from Sabbath classes and exams, members proposed that the Seventh-day Adventist Church establish a dental school.
October 21, 1951	Recommendation was approved by the General Conference to authorize CME to found a School of Dentistry, contributing \$750,000 to the project. Becoming the eighth school at CME, and the 43rd school of dentistry in America, and the sixth west of the Rocky Mountains was named.
October 1953	The founding dean for the School of Dentistry, M. Webster Prince, DDS
August 26, 1953	Forty-three freshmen from across the United States were enrolled in the School of Dentistry's first class with the semester beginning on August 30.

September 18, 1955	The School of Dentistry building was dedicated with 133 students and 20 faculty moving in to an almost-completed building.
1955	First students participate in dental mission service, serving the Navajo and Paiute Indians of Monument Valley, Utah, under supervision of Drs. Audry Z. Nicola and Howard L. Martin.
1956	Drs. Howard L. Martin and E. Clifford Port took students to Mecca in the eastern desert of California to serve a population of migrant field workers.
1956	Student mission clinics began in Mexicali, Mexico under the leadership of Drs. Ross Stromberg, Howard Martin, Stanley Shephard, and Clifford Port.
1958	Student mission service was extended to Chiapas, the southern-most state in Mexico.
April 1957	The Commission on Dental Accreditation granted the School of Dentistry full accreditation.
Fall of 1959	Baccalaureate program in dental hygiene was established.
July 1, 1960	Charles T. Smith, DDS becomes the second dean of the School of Dentistry.
1964	The first off-campus clinical services program was established in Monument Valley, Utah.
June 6, 1965	Marlene M. Schultz becomes the first woman to graduate from the School of Dentistry, also the youngest graduate of the School.
1966	Dental clinic is established in Monument Valley with Dr. Kenneth E. Wical, clinic director, providing a year-round service learning program.
1966	Jane Navajo, becomes the first Native American to graduate from the dental assisting class.
1970	A mobile dental van is obtain to take dental clinic services to the community as far away as Indio, San Jacinto, and Holtville, California.
1970	Mobile clinics conduct weekly dental hygiene sessions at the San Bernardino County Juvenile detention home.
July 1, 1971	Dr. Judson Klooster became the third dean of the School of Dentistry.
1986	The first class graduates from the International Dentist Program.
1989	The Dental Student Association organized "Clinic with a Heart," providing a day of free care for needy people.
1991	First permanent dental clinic is established in the 400-bed Loma Linda University Medical Center administered Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hong Kong.
September 13, 1993	Clinic opened in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China.

1994	First alumnus dean, Charles J. Goodacre, DDS '71, MSD is appointed.
1995	Medical/dental clinic at the former Norton Air Force Base is acquired by the University. Known today as SAC-Norton Dental Clinic, there are 21 dental operatories.
June 1995	A relationship is developed with Coachella Valley Unified School District, in which seniors and accompanying faculty provide pediatric dentistry in elementary schools. In 2002 the program is expanded to provide dental care for adults from the community.
July 16, 1996	The Jorgensen Learning Resource Center, also encompassing the Robert M. Ricketts Research Library and Learning Center was dedicated.
July, 1996	Main clinic was refurbished.
1999	Mission service expanded to Micronesia.
1999	First major expansion in more than 20 years, the \$2.5 million project called for a two story addition on the east side, additional general clinic operatories, a new pediatric dentistry clinic, a dental anesthesiology clinic, and dental student laboratory with 36 stations. Total number of dental chairs was increased to 262.
January 10, 1999	Compassion Clinic, founded by Mark Carpenter, DDS '90, opened at the SAC-Norton Clinic which was founded by Mark Carpenter, DDS '80.
January 26, 2000	A preview tour and ribbon cutting are held for the new Hutto-Patterson Pediatric Dental Clinic
February 2000	Dr. Bernard Byrd is recognized at a special ceremony naming the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic in his honor
January 2001	Amphitheaters in Prince Hall are renovated. Updates include new lighting and audio-visual equipment, conference table seating with data ports at each place
2001	A \$900,000 federal Ryan White CARE Act (RWA) grant from Health Resources Services Administration is awarded over three years to operate a student training program in managing dental treatment for HIV positive patients
2002	Dr. Quint Nicola is appointed associate director of the Health Ministries Department for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He will oversee the 76 dental clinics operated by the Adventist Church around the world
October 2002	Classrooms 1176 and 1177 on the first floor of the School have been renovated and are dedicated in the memory of Dr. Robert James, who served as the first director of the Center for Implant Dentistry when it was established in 1993
May 2002	A calendar, featuring a timeline of the School's history, is distributed during commencement ceremonies

2003	The School of Dentistry celebrates its 50th anniversary. In early 2003, Prince Hall is adorned with large banners with the year's theme: "Celebrating 50 years of service," and faculty, staff and students begin wearing a special commemorative pin
February 9, 2003	Nearly 900 alumni and friends of the School assemble in the Gentry Auditorium for the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration, a banquet celebrating the School's golden anniversary
2004	In addition to the previously established four-year residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery, a new combined OMS residency and MD degree track is instituted. Applicants accepted into the six-year combined OMS/MD degree track are granted advanced standing in the School of Medicine
February 14, 2005	The advanced program in implant dentistry and the continuing dental education department held a one-week program for a group of 30 visiting dentists from Spain. This is the first continuing dental education program in which the School utilizes new video streaming technology, allowing live surgical demonstrations to be viewed by an audience in another location
September 2005	Extensive computer training sessions are held during pre-session for first-year dental (class of 2008) and dental hygiene (class of 2006) students. This year, for the first time, each student purchased a Dell Latitude D800 computer. An ever-increasing number of courses have transitioned from traditional textbooks to computer-based learning. Students are given a first-year (D1) Supplemental DVD with lectures, PowerPoint presentations, images, and notes. The Supplemental DVD was created by faculty and staff in the School of Dentistry
April 26, 2006	LLU DENTISTRY journal captures a Polaris Award in the magazines/periodicals category in a competition sponsored by the Public Relations Society of America. In addition, LLU DENTISTRY and Dentalgram receive MarCom Platinum and Silver Awards in the MarCom Creative Awards competition. "Personal Finance for Healthcare Professionals" (CD) received the 2006 MarCom Gold Award, and "Personal Finance for Healthcare Professionals," authored by Dr. Patrick Naylor, associate dean, advanced education, received honorable mention
September 25-26, 2006	The department of endodontics and the graduate program in implant dentistry together present a program, <i>Implant Dentistry for Endodontists</i> . Endodontists from throughout the United States come to Loma Linda to learn about current procedures in implant dentistry
May 28, 2006	Dr. Philip J. Boyne, emeritus professor, oral and maxillofacial surgery, receives the School's first Distinguished Research Award during commencement ceremonies. Dr. Boyne and his wife, Mary Anne, have been major philanthropists to the School.
July 24-27, 2006	Careers in Dentistry Workshop, a program designed to provide a view into the professional role of oral health care, is held. Participants, ranging from high school seniors to second-career adults, tour the School and attend seminars and lectures to learn about trends in the dental health-care profession
February 8-12, 2007	The first class to celebrate its 50th anniversary (the class of 1957), is honored

during the 47th Annual Alumni-Student Convention. It is the first time a class has celebrated a 50th anniversary of their graduation year

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| December 13, 2007    | The Nobel Biocare Advanced Technology Laboratory was officially opened. The laboratory represents a significant partnership and commitment of financial support by Nobel Biocare   |
| May 2008             | Two professorships have been funded – <i>“Ronald E. Buell Professorship in Endodontics”</i> with Dr. Leif K. Bakland as the first Ronald E. Buell Professor of Endodontics and the <i>“Boyne-Geistlich Professorship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,”</i> with Dr. Alan S. Herford, the inaugural Philip Boyne - Peter Geistlich Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. |
| May 2008             | The 6,000th graduate, Jennifer Clark, walked across the platform to receive her degree   |
| February 20-21, 2009 | Dental hygienists celebrate the 50th anniversary of the development of the dental hygiene program  |

**University Mission**

As a Christian health sciences institution, Loma Linda University (LLU) remains committed to the unique vision of its founders and is sustained by its close association with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Three fundamental tenets have defined this heritage and are at the heart of the University’s mission that seeks to further the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ “*To Make Man Whole*”:

- (a) God is the creator and sustainer of the universe,
- (b) mankind’s optimal development entails a relationship to both God and society, and
- (c) the pursuit of truth and professional expertise benefits the individual and society while advancing the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ.

These three tenets guide the mission-focused learning (MFL) and lifetime commitment to service. This reflects our philosophy that LLU is to be a place for health professional education that promotes the prevention of illness, and that service is to include ministry to not only the physical, mental and emotional, but also to the spiritual needs of human beings.

**Institutional Core Values**

Central to our understanding of mission-focused learning is our ability to provide experiences that offer “teachable moments” which enable our faculty and students to integrate core institutional values, thereby transforming their personal lives and professional practice. The fundamental values that shape our students’ lives are highlighted in the sidebar.

According to the prophets, religious faith could be genuine only when it led the believers to “seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphans, [and] plead for the widow.”

- **COMPASSION** – The sympathetic willingness to be engaged with the needs and suffering of others. Among the most memorable depictions of compassion in Scripture is the story of the Good Samaritan, which LLU has taken as a central symbol for our work.

- **INTEGRITY** – The quality of living a unified life in which one’s convictions are well-considered and match one’s actions. Integrity encompasses honesty, authenticity, and trustworthiness.
- **EXCELLENCE** – The commitment to exceed minimum standards and expectations.
- **FREEDOM** – The competency and privilege to make informed and accountable choices and to respect the freedom of others. God has called us not to slavery, but to freedom.
- **JUSTICE** – The commitment to equality and to treat others fairly, renouncing all forms of unfair discrimination. The God of the Bible is One who calls people continually to justice.
- **PURITY/SELF-CONTROL** – The commitment to be morally upright and moderate in all things with complete control over one’s emotions, desires, and actions.
- **HUMILITY** – The willingness to serve others in a sacrificial manner; the self-respect that renounces haughtiness or arrogance.

**Fast Facts about the School of Dentistry**

- 2,000**  
Applications are received at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry each year
- 100**  
Students are accepted each year
- 6,000**  
Graduates since inception in 1953
- 150**  
Students who volunteer for international short term mission trips each year
- 11,000**  
Requests last year for teaching aids created by the school
- 9,000**  
Community patients who received care from the dental school’s students last year



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