There’s a children’s rhyme that says, “Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes it brings good cheer.”

But for thousands of suffering people in more than 100 nations where we have delivered critically needed dental supplies, Christmas is relief from tooth decay and pain—no matter what time of year.

The year 2003 was a banner year for WDR. Your timely gifts made it possible to package and ship more than $800,000 dollars of dental supplies to some of the world’s most impoverished and remote locations.

CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Christmas for nearly 20,000 people in rural Honduras came in early August.

“The dental container got out of customs two days ago, and we unloaded it. WOW! I had no idea you were going to bless us with sooo much stuff...People will come to know Jesus as their savior from the things you have done.” Dr. Brent Hambrick
Regarding the supplies provided for their El Salvador outreach, Dr. Tim Fagan and wife Pamela wrote, “Thank you once again for all your help. It was amazing to open the boxes of supplies, and feel the generosity of so many individuals.”

“Thanks be to God for your book...and what you do,” writes Rev. Lin Stern of the Bishop’s Initiative on Children & Poverty, an outreach of the Missouri United Methodist Church. The book to which Rev. Stern refers is the 377-page handbook on Portable Mission Dentistry I wrote several years ago to encourage other dentists. It is full of step-by-step instruction on how to conduct remote clinics using new dental technology.

These are but a few of the letters we receive from dentists and other health care professionals and volunteers serving in missions around the world.

TEAMWORK—LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER!

The point of it all is that together—you and World Dental Relief—supplied over 300 mission teams in 2003. They, in turn, touched the lives of multiplied thousands with the love of Jesus in a real and practical way. They eased their pain, brought them healing and relief, and introduced them to the great physician.

The ministry to which we have been called is not flashy, or newsworthy. But it is vitally important. Take a look at what God has helped us accomplish:

- Shipped more than $7,000,000 in dental supplies since 1985.
- Supplied more than 2,000 teams and clinics since 1990.
- Provided supplies to treat the needy in more than 100 nations.
- Served church agencies who provide care for needy American children.
- Routinely provided “How-To” information to first time volunteer health professions doing overseas dental clinics.
- During the past year, 97 cents of every donated dollar went directly into program services.
With the new warehouse in operation for less than two months, our efficiency to quickly fill and ship orders has been substantially increased. We have now entered the “next level” of ministry.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

I am convinced that the year 2004 will bring us unprecedented opportunities for ministry and growth. That’s why I need your continued support. We’re all about the Kingdom business and maximizing the use of every dollar. I believe that’s what you want too!

Enclosed is a return envelope. I ask that you spend some time in prayer to see to what level God might want you to participate. You may be able to provide a substantial gift. If so, Praise God! Or maybe you are able to give only a smaller amount at this time. Whatever amount you are able to give honors God when given in obedience.

YOUR GIFT AND MY RESPONSIBILITY

I encourage you to plant this seed joyfully as unto the Lord. You can rest assured we will use as wisely and efficiently as possible to bring relief to hurting people, and the Good News of those who have never before heard.

My prayer for you is that God will make you abound in both spiritual and material blessings as you serve Him with gladness and obedience in the coming year.

*Merry Christmas*, and have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year from all of us at World Dental Relief.

Yours for the Kingdom,

Ron Lamb, DMD

P. S. In this busy season, you may have so far overlooked your need to make a charitable gift to avoid tax consequences. Such gifts must be postmarked by December 31st, to claim on your 2003 Tax Return.
Some of the Teams & Countries WDR has helped so far in 2003

Afghanistan • Blessings International, International Health Services • Argentina • Springs First Church of Nazarene; Belarus • Grace Dental Missions; Belize • Christ Church of NY, Global Health Services; Highland Street Church of Christ; Jericho Road Foundation; Patchacan Presbyterian • Brazil • First Baptist Church of Nashville; AMOR • Cameroon • Grace Dental Mission • Chile • HealthCare Ministries; Assemblies of God • China • The Link Life; China Harvest; China Foundation; Serving Humanity in Crisis • Dominican Republic • Case Western Reserve University; Vision Trust International; Medical University of SC; Foster Seventh Day Adventist’s Hearts with Hands; Iglesia de Evangelica de Sabaneta de Yascia • East Timor • Asia Pacific Missionaries • Ecuador • Christian Medical Dental Association; Calvary Lutheran Church; Medical Campus Outreach; Frontline Ministries • Egypt • Christ Church of NY; Samaritan’s Purse • El Salvador • Dental Volunteers of VIM; Window of Hope; Greenwood Medical Dental Mission; International Partners of Washington • Ghana • Global Health Outreach; Project Africa; World Children’s Relief • Guatemala • Reach Beyond Borders; Tennessee United Methodist VIM; Project Salud y Paz; Health Teams International; Liberty Church; Lee University; CSRA Christian Dental Team; Baptist Medical Dental International • Guyana • Remote Area Medical • Haiti • Mission of the World; Christian Mission of Pignon; OMS International; Farsight Christian Mission; Twinning Paris; Max Cadet Dental Foundation; Haiti American Friendship Foundation; Tranby Dental Ministries; Jesus Alive Evangelistic Church; Carmelite Community of the Word • Honduras • Global Outreach; Sumner Presbyterian Church; Northwest Medical Teams; Chain of Love; Antioch Baptist Medical Dental Mission; Missionary Ventures; Christian Medical Dental Association; Church of Glad Tidings; Northwood Temple Church; Centro Evangelistico; Christ the King; First Baptist Church of Jackson; Medical Ministry International; Global Health Outreach • India • Tom Cox Ministries; Operation Mobilization; New York University; Bring Good News • Iraq • Blessings International • Jamaica • Beacon Group • Kenya • HealthCare Ministries; Kijabe Hospital; Africa Inland Mission • Liberia • HealthCare Ministries • Macedonia • HealthCare Ministries • Madagascar • HealthCare Ministries • Multiple Countries • His Healing Hands International Ministries; Northwest Medical Teams • Mexico • International Aid; The Chiapas Project; Indiana University School of Dentistry; MOC Outreach Center; REACHOUT 2000; First Baptist Church of Arlington; First Baptist Church of Alma; Asociacion de Padres de Ninos; Area Evangelism Ministries International; Mosaic Healthcare Team; Mexican Medical Ministries; First Baptist Church of Sherman; Rockwall First United Methodist Church; North County Church; Foundation for the LaPaz Children; Adventist Medical Aviation Service; Montrose Seventh Day Adventist Church • Moldova • Sarasota Baptist Church; Keys Ministries • Mongolia • Amigo Foundation; Youngnook Presbyterian Church • Mozambique • Cornerstone School & Seminars • Nepal • Amigo Foundation; Himalayan Dental Relief Project • Nicaragua • HealthCare Ministries; Claremore First Baptist Church; Faith Baptist Church; County Line Baptist Church; Assemblies of God; Chisholm Trail Church; New York Presbyterian Church; Menlo Park Presbyterian Church; Nicaraguan Children’s Fund • Nigeria • International Service of International Mission Board • Panama • Noblesville First Methodist Church • Papua New Guinea • Wycliffe Bible Translators; HealthCare Ministries; New Tribes Mission • Peru • Mercy Mission; St. John Baptist Medical Mission; Missionary Ventures; Mission to the World; Missions of Mercy; Evangelistic Temple; Olive Branch Ministries • Philippines • Fruitful Harvest Ministries; Asia Pacific Missionaries; Assemblies of God; Frontline Ministries; International Aid • Romania • International Mission Board; First Baptist Church of West Columbia; Arvada Covenant Church; Christian & Missionary Alliance; HealthCare Ministries; Feed the Children; Eastern Europe Aid Association; Mission Outfitter • Senegal • North Arkansas Baptists Association; Medical Relief International • Siberia • Agape Ministries • South Africa • HealthCare Ministries • St. Vincent • St. Vincent Seventh Day Adventist • Sri Lanka • Children’s Dental Care International; Church on the Way • Tanzania • Health Team International • Thailand • Wayside Chapel EFC; Baptist Clinic of Chiangklang; Refuge International • Tibet • Refuge International • Uganda • Sunset Presbyterian Church • Ukraine • First Baptist Church of Grove; Northwood Temple Church; First United Methodist; Smile Alliance International; Menlo Park Presbyterian; Northwest Medical Teams; Wayside Chapel EFC • Uzbekistan • HealthCare Ministries • Venezuela • Global Missions Fellowship; Global Health Outreach • Vietnam • HealthCare Ministries • West Africa • Christian & Missionary Alliance • Yucatan • Benneri Korean Presbyterian • Zambia • Lusaka Adventist Clinic • 21 Charitable Clinics based in the United States