

A LONG WAY FOR THESE SMILES

BUT WORTH IT!

They say smiles are the universal language. Apparently, however, smiles come much more affordably in some countries than others! This is what Clayton Jordan and his wife found when visiting his son in the United States.

As citizens of France, Clayton was miserable with his dentures. They required "too much glue" to keep them in place and he was getting "sick and tired of it." He knew about dental implants and checked around in France for two years to find a qualified doctor to place them. "There, they are very, very expensive," he explains.

During a visit to see his son in North Carolina, he learned of Dr. David Kuhn at Kuhn Dental Associates. Dr. Kuhn not only has years of experience in placing dental implants, he is familiar with all types of implants. This enables him to objectively evaluate each patient's unique situation and make recommendations based upon what will work best for their long term goals.

Together, Dr. Kuhn and Clayton decided to go with implants designed to support a full arch of upper and lower teeth, which would be removable for cleaning. "Everything has changed now that I have my implants," states Clayton. "Before, I had

to eat mashed potatoes. Now I can chew anything and everything. Eating now is excellent."

Dr. Kuhn adds, "When you consider the quality of dentistry that is available through the premiere practices in this country, Americans are very fortunate. The level of technology and materials and the skills of our top dentists help keep these complex treatments safe, successful and affordable."

During the course of treatment, Clayton and his wife were back and forth helping coordinate mission work in Togo, West Africa (see inset at right). Because of his travel requirements, Dr. Kuhn planned Clayton's treatment so several appointments could be combined in close time blocks. All in all, Clayton was able to complete his full upper and lower treatment within just two brief visits to the United States.

Clayton's wife is French and speaks no English, yet grew to like Dr. Kuhn and admire the work he'd done for her husband. Regardless of the language she speaks, her new smile says it all! She now has dental implants to replace the upper and lower denture she wore as well.



About Their Charity Work

Twelve years ago, Clayton Jordan and his wife Christa began

containers with clothes along with first aid creams, baby aspirin and medications that could be sent to hospitals.

"The first container we filled was small, so it wasn't expensive to ship," states Clayton. But as word spread and donations increased, the containers grew in size. Shipping costs grew as well, up to \$10,000. The Jordans have donated over \$100,000 of their own money to ship items donated, although gladly, to ensure these poor people are being served.

The Priest is now retired, yet the Jordans continue their work but have applied for tax credit status through an organization called "Aid Togo," which should be up and running by the end of 2010.

corresponding with a Catholic Priest who was doing mission work in Togo, West Africa. The Priest invited them to come for a visit, which they accepted. Clayton and Christa, however, found Togo to be a desperately poor area in an already poor country, needing help in so many areas.

The Jordans felt they could easily gather donations of clothing and simple medications. So, back to France they went and began to fill

And, like most others who've had dental implants, Clayton says his only regret is, "I only wish I'd had this done twenty years ago!"

Today's implant dentistry offers affordable options and many can have teeth attached immediately. If you've thought about dental implants but felt they were too expensive for your budget, ask for a no-cost consultation with Dr. David Kuhn or Dr. Ritt Kuhn. During this time, you can learn about the types that are best suited for your needs and the associated fees.

Also, ask about payment plans. Several financial plans require no down payment and have no interest rate or prepayment penalty.

New Patients Always Welcome!

One of the nicest calls we get is from a new patient who was recommended to us by a current patient. We are always happy to accept new patients and your recommendations are a tremendous compliment.

Thank you!

Not All Crowns Are Created **EQUAL**!

Our team members who handle the main telephone lines occasionally get calls from people asking, "How much do you charge for a crown?"

This is similar to calling a shoe store and asking, "How much are a pair of shoes?" Like shoes, this question is too complicated to answer with a figure, since crowns can vary greatly in quality, size and complexity.

In our office, many crowns, inlays and onlays are created in one appointment through the advanced technology of **CEREC 3D**. This computerized imaging and milling equipment uses exceptionally fine ceramic materials that provide patients with a natural look and feel.

Our Doctors and team members are also highly-trained in the utilization of **CEREC** and continually complete advanced training as new features are added. This means they create restorations that fit superbly on treated teeth while aligning perfectly with adjacent teeth, ensuring a healthy bite.

In addition to the look, feel and function of your crown is the longevity. An inexpensive crown may save you some money up front, but eventually, you'll understand why it was so cheap! Crowns are constructed of materials that must be able to withstand years of heavy-duty wear and tear. The less-expensive ones are made of less-expensive materials. Thus, they'll break down sooner from cracks, fractures and breaks.

In some cases, we have a dental lab make crowns. For these, a temporary is created for the patient to wear while the lab creates the porcelain restoration according to the Doctor's specifications. Once completed, the patient returns and the Doctor places the restoration and ensures the fit and shade is a precise match.

Like anything, you get what you pay for and crowns are no exception. Kuhn Dental Associates is proud of the beautiful, quality smiles they create. To see a few examples, visit their web site's Smile Gallery at KuhnDentalAssociates.com.

Team Spotlight On:

Mary Beth Burrows

New Patient Coordinator/
Registered Dental Hygienist



❖ **Number of Years at Kuhn Dental Associates:**

"13 wonderful years!"

❖ **Native of:** *Florence, SC*

❖ **Loves most about her position:** *"My patients are all new patients, some who have not seen a dentist in many years or are frightened. I get to introduce them to a great, caring team of dental professionals that will take good care of them in a non-judgmental way."*

❖ **When not in the office, Mary Beth enjoys:** *"I love my Labradors! I also enjoy working in my yard, spending time with my friends and family, and pilates."*

❖ **Last book read:** *Blink, The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell*

❖ **Favorite Food:** *Mexican*

❖ **If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:**
"I would never worry about a thing!"

❖ **Biggest change in dentistry since beginning her career:**
"Computers are everywhere now!"

Congratulations!

It's A Girl!

Dr. Mandy Kuhn Grimshaw and husband Greg Grimshaw welcomed a beautiful baby girl to the family on February 22. Riley Katherine is a vision in pink and smiles easily at big brothers Ford and Alex.

