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Dental Technician JORGE REYES MINGUILLÁN

"To do a great job, it takes courage. To complete a great job, it takes perseverance¹¹

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Who are you? How would you define yourself?

Tenacious, restless and teammate.

What is your profession?

Dental Technician. I have a dental laboratory, since 2003: Dental Reyes. I have been through many situations, from working on my own, which has been not a long time, to start working with one, two, three technicians until I got a medium-sized laboratory with 13 employees and being able to all the possible works in our profession: removable prosthesis, fix prosthesis, Cad-Cam and, nowadays, Composite.

How did you get into this profession?

The truth is it was pure chance. I was a lazy student. As I did not like studying, I was not sure what I wanted to do when I finished secondary school.

One day, I was talking to a friend about this issue and she told me:

- Why don't you do the same as J.C?

I asked her what was J.C doing, and she told me she was studying dental prosthesis. I did not know what dental prosthesis was, I had never heard of this profession before.

From that moment, I started to learn more things about dental prosthesis. I told my parents and they supported me from the beginning, so they enrolled me in one of the best training centers of that time.

I don't regret that conversation with my friend.

I have to admit it has not been an easy journey to come this far. All sorts of things has happened to me, but I think that from the moment I opened my laboratory Dental Reyes I have experienced a very positive professional growth.

When would you consider you reached the top in your profession?

The present. I mean from the last two years since this very moment, because I don't know what may happen tomorrow.

I have always been training myself, I like to be updated or at least I try to be updated. As a result, two years ago, a company contacted me and now, I can train other colleagues. Thanks to this opportunity, other commercial companies are collaborating with my training courses and for me this is a dream come true.



How did the sector changed over the years?

It has changed a lot in recent years. There were not a lot of new developments, maybe from time to time some ceramic oven was renewed or there was some new machinery, but too little thing. Works were always done the same way and using the same tools.

Ten or twelve years ago more or less, the digital world and the new digital technologies started to enter in our profession. Suddenly, after a long period without any changes, our profession suffered a big revolution: from having to work manually to start working with all these new technologies, which have improved the quality of our works, among other things.

Fortunately, I got into these technologies very soon, because I saw there were many advantages, but some colleagues from the dental sector, both technicians and dentists, have not made the switch to new technologies yet. My opinion is that the digital world has shaken-up our laboratories and has it has been for good.

How did you hear about Dynamic Abutment® Solutions? Right now, I wouldn't know for sure, maybe through a colleague, when you ask for opinions or help, or in any of the congresses that I attended.

What is your next future project?

The truth is that I have clear idea, but I do not know how to do it. I just think, that I've already taken a big step by trying to follow a line of work that is hard working and, the most important think, it is valued. My future project is to continue with this line and with this service, especially at this difficult times.

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How do you reconcile work commitments with family commitments?

That is something I have to improve a lot. This work is very slave labor and sacrificed, partly because we made it this way. I spend several hours a day, even during the weekend, to my work and this ends up taking time from your family and hobbies.

One of my hobbies is photography, it regenerates me psychologically and mentally, that's why I want to continue taking photographs. It's my passion, unfortunately I had to leave it a year and a half ago ff my work.

Spending more time with my family is a goal I have to achieve, and I know I will.

Tell us a sentence that inspires your day.

If you surrender today, the effort you made yesterday is worthless. To do a great job, we need bravery. To complete a great job, we need perseverance.

How do you see yourself in 10 years?

I could not answer this question; I prefer to seize the day and try to achieve my goals. Knowing how will be my life in 10 years time... that would be dreaming!

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