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### FROM GUATEMALA

The Lord reveals opportunities around us; our challenge is to notice them and respond.

Wendell had the opportunity to listen to his language teacher about difficulties with a pregnancy and home life and to offer encouragement that our hope is in the Lord and the indwelling Holy Spirit transforms lives.

An example of being available for the Lord (an unplanned opportunity) happened last week with the wife of a missionary couple who lives next door to us. Susan is a nurse practitioner and her husband is a teacher at an MK school. One evening Susan brought home a 22-hour old newborn baby girl with a cleft lip and pallet. This would make nursing from her mother almost impossible, so Susan was fearful the baby might quickly die from starvation and dehydration. Susan fed the baby by bottle throughout the night and the next day arranged for medical care. Dianne spent some time that evening with Susan and the baby and it seemed so natural, not strange, to have this newborn in the loving hands of this missionary.

Another evening last week Dianne accompanied Susan to a home for 18 girls ages 6 to 16 years. These girls had been taken from their families by the police because of sexual and physical abuse, drugs, alcohol, and prostitution. One girl approximately 12 or 13 was found in a motel and had been repeatedly beaten and sexually abused for a very long time. The girl did not know her name nor was able to speak, so the court gave her a name and a day of birth. Not only is she being given an identity but hope for a future.

For the last two weeks Juanita has been assigned to Dianne as her language teacher. Dianne discovered that Juanita's eleven-year old son is almost blind – an issue with which we can certainly relate. We immediately knew that the Lord had arranged the teacher-student match up as an opportunity for us to be available to Juanita.



Thanks for praying for and remembering us.

With much love and appreciation,  
Wendell & Dianne

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