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FROM GUATEMALA

It's spring in Texas and summer in Guatemala. How quickly the year has gone...and to our amazement we have survived our first year on the field. **Yahoo!** We will have been in Guatemala for one year on April 13th.



But what are we doing? We are "interning" as heart specialists with the Great Physician -- a short-hand way of saying we care for missionaries, leaders, and anyone crossing our path who might need a listening ear and a caring response as God leads us. Our major responsibility in Guatemala is pastoral care. We are also working with short-term mission teams.

We have been delighted to have our son, Tim, with us since mid January. He is currently studying Spanish in Antigua just like we did last year. It's fun to share some of the same struggles and adventures that go along with language study.

Last Saturday, we took a 12-hour field trip with our Guatemalan neighbors to a nearby sugar finca (plantation) and processing plant. We were stretched in our Spanish communication, but it was a grand day getting to know our neighbors and learning about how sugar is grown and processed.

The Lord is opening opportunities for both of us to meet with Guatemalan men and women in friendship evangelism. This too is a stretch, but we trust the Lord will not ask us to do anything that He is not willing to do through us!

Since January there have been many needs among several of our family members. Whether this is spiritual warfare or not, we do not know. But please pray for discernment and wisdom as we intercede for them.

The Easter season here is a world-class event. Have a wonderful Easter wherever you are. **He is risen indeed!**

With much love and appreciation,
 Wendell & Dianne

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

A valley area of very poor people without running water 45 minutes away from the Capital has a great need for the Living Water of Jesus. The largest and most remote of 3 villages has about 5,000 native Mayans and no evangelical church for several miles.

Missionaries here are coming together to help. Perhaps **some of you** would be interested to organize into teams to come build a church building and community center for feeding and medical programs. A local young man is in pastoral training and a mother church in the Capital will oversee this church plant.

Let us know if you are interested in joining a team or forming one. Contact us and we can provide more detailed information.

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