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THOUGHTS FROM WENDELL...



As Dianne and I are in the final month of this chapter of our lives - service in Guatemala - we are occupied with final paragraphs of the chapter. The Lord has directed our affairs; everything has been sold or shipped; we are having final times of fellowship and saying goodbyes. We are truly grateful.

But there are bumps along the way for me: occasional moments of sadness, tension, and dealing with people who raise up hurts by not following through with their Yes (see Matthew 5:37).

However, the two-year chapter of our lives - ending April 27 when we fly to Dallas - has been wonderful. Dianne and I are blessed, changed, and opened up wider in our vision of the Lord's kingdom which *is* at hand.

The Easter season has led me to meditate on a specific passage of Scripture. Chapter 53 of Isaiah is one...

Chapter 53 of Isaiah is one of the most profound of the Bible discussing in detail the sacrificial death of Jesus our Savior seven hundred years before hand. I cannot absorb nor comprehend verse 10 saying, "Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer." My heart as a Dad and family man cannot. Yet the heavenly Father's intent to offer reconciliation far surpassed the temporary break in fellowship of the Trinity as Jesus bore our sins, suffered, and died for every one of us. His resurrection restored the Trinity and guarantees the profound offer of restoration to every one of us.

Thank you for your fellowship with us through your prayers, giving, and friendship. You have been wonderful. Our prayer requests are:

1. All the details of the CAM Fellowship Conference April 21-23 and that all attendees will be blessed through the Word and fellowship. We are in charge of this annual event for the CAM Guatemala missionaries.
2. The time of transition as we move from Guatemala to Dallas and all that includes: international move; getting some things out of the port of Houston; settling in; and having wisdom in our new ministry with CAM in Pastoral Care throughout the CAM fields.
3. Balancing time between care for Mother (early Alzheimer's) and ministry.

With much love and appreciation,
Wendell & Dianne

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