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### WENDELL & DIANNE MERRITT



Dear Friends,

We have finished a year since a major transition of an international move from Guatemala back to our roots in Dallas, expanding our responsibilities with CAM International in the Dallas headquarters, and settling in here with Dianne's mom living with us. As we have lived out this year, the hard transition has settled into a quieter pace, as it should. Praise the Lord!

Dianne and I have the opportunity to spend some time away together. We will be staying for a week at a retreat center for pastors and missionaries. Following that, Dianne and I are staying another week in Colorado – one of our most favorite places to go.

While away, Dianne's mom, Faye, will be staying with Dianne's two brothers and sisters-in-law so they can have some family time together. This respite stay with them worked well last fall for another trip, so all of us anticipate another pleasant time for them.

Please pray that Dianne and I **refresh our spiritual journey** and return in mid June with **recharged hearts** to live out well how the Lord directs our steps.

Below is our May newsletter with additional news.

With love and appreciation,  
 Wendell & Dianne

### **Serving with Care... May 2007**

"...let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

#### **NEW RESPONSIBILITIES**

Our responsibilities have grown over the year we have been back from Guatemala and working every week out of the CAM headquarters office in Dallas. I am now responsible throughout all CAM fields for every CAM family going on Home Assignment, or furlough, throughout their time for renewal and refreshment in the States.

Also, since January 1 we are caring for our new missionary families who have been accepted into CAM after a thorough application and interview process. We are part of the team in headquarters who thoroughly evaluate these new people, so we get to know them very early in the process. Plus, having been through that process four years ago, we still remember the major transition as your prior life is retooled into a very different life of cross cultural service. Any major transition of life brings stresses, doubts, excitement, anxieties, and other focus points of hard changes, and we are able to help in personal knowledge of what it is like, availability in friendship, and counsel.

This responsibility of caring for families in transition from acceptance into the mission lasts until their arrival in

their field of service, a period of a few months to a few years, as each family raises their support team of churches and friends. Sometimes a family races through the process of support raising and personal preparation. Other families take more extended time and need our help through accountability and counsel.

So, the mix of families we directly supervise changes over time. Currently there are 27 and therefore we are challenged with lots of phone calls, emails, and appointments. I struggle with wanting to spend more attention with each family. However, Dianne and I love our opportunities to help others.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our financial support has changed on our return to the States. If you feel the Lord would have you partner with us in caring for missionaries, we would be honored to hear from you.

With much love and appreciation,  
Wendell & Dianne

## PRAISES

1. Excellent training we are receiving.
2. Opportunities to serve the Lord and others that come our way.
3. Stabilization and quality of life for Dianne's mother, Faye.

## PRAYER

1. Creativity and availability in caring for missionaries.
2. Sensitivity to God's leading.
3. Monthly financial support.

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