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- Career direction for Wayne and Timothy.
- A place to live after language school.

Staying in Touch

Now that we are out of the country, the best way we can stay in touch with you is via email. If you would like to receive periodic email news items from us, send us an email request.

Also, we will be sending every few months a newsletter (such as this one) via postal mail. If you would like this, please get us your mailing address.

We really desire to stay in touch. Let us hear from you.

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We are praising God for you all,

Wendell and Dianne

Language Study

We started language school on April 19 here in Antigua. It is more difficult than either of us anticipated. My (Dianne) teacher has said all along – difficult but not impossible! Even though it will be some time before either of us will be asked to speak or teach in Spanish, we are both making progress. That is what counts! We each have a private teacher, one-on-one instruction, and there is no place to hide from your teacher when you are staring at each other eyeball-to-eyeball across a small table; and this makes for rapid learning.

Home Away from Home

We are living in Antigua with a family sponsored by our language school. (The photo of the church tops and dormant volcano was taken from the rooftop of this house.) Currently, there are a total of seven students living in this house along with four members of the family. We eat three meals a day together, so we've gotten to know both students and family well. Since some students are here longer than others, two new friends have already left and others have come. They became good friends fast – a gift from the Lord.



It looks like we will be here in Antigua in language school into August. Then we will move to Guatemala City (about 35 minutes away) to live in a rented condo (basically a zero-lot line small 2-story house) to be near other CAM missionaries with whom we will work every week.

Friends

One day, about 2 weeks ago, I (Dianne) was having a particularly difficult day – not only in class but missing family and friends – a mixture of emotions with tears at the door waiting for release. After recess, my teacher, Carmen, began our session as always, but soon realized Diana could go no farther. As my tears



began to flow, because the words were not there, Carmen reached across the table to take both my hands. Looking into my eyes she began to speak encouragement and opened up with intimate details of her own past experience. Even though, I did not understand everything because she spoke in Spanish, I understood what she was saying. This turned our relationship into a friendship. My teacher, Carmen is 22 years old and very wise in the Lord.

Working on Us and Within Us

In addition to language study within our minds, there are also some opportunities for building up our inner lives. I (Wendell) find that the awkwardness of learning something new (language and culture) does expose our fears and weaknesses – “I wonder if I can learn this; I don't feel very competent; how do I navigate within this culture?” One of our prayer items is that we would be free from burdens of pride and fear exposed by this challenging learning process.

Our Wedding Anniversary

We celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary on May 16 by spending one night in a beautiful hotel along the mountainside of Lake Atitlan. The lake is majestically placed in the middle of surrounding mountains, dormant volcanoes, vegetation and beautiful flowers. After 34 years of marriage, we wonder what God's plans are for us individually and as a couple.



Thank You

We have recognized how well the Lord has been taking care of us. Thank for your prayers.

PRAISE

- God's care for every detail of our lives, safety, and total provisions.
- 34 years of marriage.
- The good adjustment of Dianne's mother to our being in Guatemala.
- Our Spanish teachers.

PRAYER

- For the upcoming birth of our 2nd grandson – possibly July 1st.
- The sale of Neil and Brandy's home so they can move into our home.
- Our Spanish acquisition.

