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**PASTORAL CARE
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We have the privilege of caring for the CAM Guatemala missionaries. Our responsibilities began in February and we are excited to become involved in their lives.

We spent a profitable few days here with pastoral care leaders from CAM's Dallas office which really helped to equip us for this ministry.

Also, we have been appointed language supervisors for new CAM missionaries studying Spanish in Antigua, Guatemala. This too is a joy because we know the difficulties of being in transition, in a new country and learning a language.

FAMILY

Our youngest son Tim was with us for over 3 months and returned to Dallas on April 21. His visit was an answer to prayer. God brought him here by way of New York and now is taking him back to Dallas to work and return to school – probably UNT in Denton.

Our eldest son Neil visited us for 4 days. It was a quick but extremely meaningful visit for us all. This was Neil's first visit since a mission's trip about 12 years ago. Therefore, it was good for him to see that we are safe and securely in God's hands. (In the photo we are eating at one of our favorite, quaint restaurants in Antigua.)



IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE THERE... (by Dianne)

Initially, the major reason it was hard for me to say *yes* to Guatemala and obedience to the Lord was that obedience would mean leaving family – my 80 year old mom, children and grandchildren. However, God assured me He was very capable of caring for our loved ones. I told our family, "If you need me, I'll be there!"

In April 2005, my now 81 year old mom needed me. Because of health concerns I flew back to Texas to spend an extended amount

of time in Tyler with Mother. It was good of God to allow Mother and I quality time together at a time she needed care. She is better, but the family still has big decisions to make.

I am thankful to my precious husband of 35 years for his support and sacrifice in allowing me the freedom of returning to Texas.

Henry Blackaby says that obedience to God is costly to us and to those around us. For us, it cost us separation between loved ones but, by the kindness of God, I have been with family when they really need me.

It is the same with God. When we need Him, He is there...always.

IF YOU NEED US, WE'LL BE THERE... (by Wendell)

Caring for CAM missionaries and anyone God brings across our path here has the same theme: "If you need us, we'll be there!" I have been meeting with new missionaries here in language school, with men who are recently in significant leadership positions, with a man who is transitioning through a planned exit from a leadership position, and with couples in later years of life who have had decades of ministry service here and are transitioning to new phases of retirement mixed with continued ministry.

All of us face life shaping events and transitions where a caring friend can help in the journey. I urge you, if you are facing something in life beyond yourself, to confide in a trustworthy, godly, wise friend to come along side you, so you are not alone in your journey.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- On May 16, we celebrated 35 years of marriage. We praise God for our marriage, His faithfulness past, present and future, 3 sons, daughter in law and 2 grandsons.
- Emotional healing for Dianne's mother and guidance for her future – specifically, future care for Faye and where she should live.
- Wendell has been without Dianne for an extended period of time. Please pray for him while he continues in Guatemala.
- God's continued ministry guidance here in Guatemala.

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Thank you for your friendship and continued support!

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