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**PRAYER MAIL FROM
WENDELL AND DIANNE MERRITT**

What is the "new norm" and are we there yet?

Our lives have been busy since arriving in Dallas on April 27th – getting ready for Mother to move in with us and resettling into our home and life in Texas. Mother moved in with us Memorial Day Weekend and she has been a blessing to both of us. We three, along with her doctor, are still in the discovery process of what she can and can't do. In the midst of questions about Alzheimer's and possibly Parkinson's she has made some noticeable progress physically and mentally. We are thankful, hopeful, and sure the Lord has returned us to Dallas.

I take Mother to physical therapy twice a week which currently includes water and land exercise. It is encouraging to see Mother make progress through therapy and also to watch others in their struggle to regain what they have lost through accident, illness, stroke, age, etc. How beautiful it is to observe weakness in the quest for strength – a person not wanting to "give up" on life regardless of age and circumstances.

**Mom and Angela, her therapist****Member Care**

Our responsibilities within Member Care (or pastoral care) look different than they did in Guatemala as we have a new set of challenges and opportunities. Wendell spends a large portion of his days at his office at the CAM Center here in Dallas. We miss Guatemala and the ability to work more closely with one another. However, we now have the opportunity to "grow more ourselves" in learning about pastoral care in order to have a more effective outreach in the entire CAM Family. This is exciting.

We were blessed to have two veteran missionaries stay in our home for 12 days during June while they were in Dallas for a medical checkup. Although skeptical at first at having two strangers share her bathroom, Mother truly enjoyed having them in our home and was sad to see them return to Guatemala. Wendell is again part of the Northwest Bible Church team going to Rio Hondo, Guatemala to put on a children and family camp as

**Mom, Helen and Dave Ekstrom**

they have done for many years. The Texas heat is preparing him for the intense heat he will endure in Rio Hondo.

God continues to encourage me through opportunities to love others through relationships inside and outside of CAM, and I am thankful.

Family

I just got a phone call from our two year old grandson, Cameron, wanting to talk to his Dede! What a joy to be a phone call and minutes away from our two grandsons and another grandchild due in January. God truly gives us "good" gifts! We are thankful to the Lord and to Neil and Brandy for making us grandparents.

**Finley and Cameron**

Tim pops in often to visit or to do laundry, is working, and is studying International Studies at the University of North Texas. Wayne is enjoying his independence and new career as a technology trainer in Austin, Texas.

So, what is the new "norm"? Truly, we don't know but it is just as well, because probably by the time we discover "the norm", things will change.

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.
Psalm 16:5

Wendell and Dianne

With love and appreciation,
Dianne for the Merritts

PRAYER

Thank you for your prayers about our transition in ministry and location. We are progressing in that transition but not done yet. Please continue to pray for..

- Many details of settling in – our home and new assignment with CAM.
- Transition for Dianne's mother, Faye, in a new location and with new treatment options and physician care.

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