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**PRAYER MAIL FROM
WENDELL AND DIANNE MERRITT**

From Wendell's Journal



We have returned to our home in Dallas Texas and to a continuing responsibility in Pastoral Care with CAM International at the headquarters office here. We are thrilled to be back to deep roots in Dallas and to

serve here full time with an expanded perspective of the Lord's kingdom work in the world.

But, it is also hard. As I am sure of God's direction to come "home" to care for Dianne's Mom, I am also sorting out errands and emotions which tug on me. The errands have to do with acquiring automobiles and bedroom furniture and setting up our home here in order for Faye to move in with us later this month. The emotions include *thankfulness* for a wonderful 2 years of ministry in Guatemala, which ends a 5 year period of transition out of secular professional life to full-time missionary life, and *longing* for the "out of comfort zone" life of being stretched in a foreign culture. As we transition from Guatemala life back to familiar Dallas life, we are also finding our new normal, which I am sure will continue to stretch us uncomfortably – a good place to be in dependence on the Lord.

The missionary call continues for us as I start a position in Pastoral Care at CAM headquarters which will be busy and fulfilling – supervise furloughs for home-coming missionaries, assist in care and counseling of our missionaries around the world and not just Guatemala, help in assessing and preparing new candidates for missionary service, and more. We are back – we are thankful – we are looking forward to a new chapter of ministry here.

From Dianne's Journal

Wendell speaks of a 5 year period of transition in our lives through which the Lord has done amazing things – mostly in me! Words that come to mind are: disobedience, fear, confusion... obedience, trust, blessing...pain, challenges, insecurity...growth, confidence in the Lord, gratitude...packing our bags to move to Guatemala...tears leaving family and friends...packing our bags to move to Dallas...tears leaving friends and ministry.

What seemed like the biggest challenge of my life – leaving family, friends and ministry and moving to Guatemala – turned out to be one of God's greatest blessings in my life! I am so thankful for the courage to say "yes" and trust God with our family and future and for supportive friends that believed in us which allowed Wendell and me to experience living and serving in a different culture.

More than ever, we have a heart for missions! More than ever, we feel like we can care for other missionaries. More than ever, we want to share the gospel with those who don't know Christ. Now that we are missionaries, we know many of the joys, pains, struggles and challenges of being a missionary and we want to share with others how they might be more of an encouragement to those separated from family and friends serving Christ internationally.

I love being a missionary and pray the Lord will continue to teach Wendell and I how we can best serve Him and the courage to follow His lead.

CAM Guatemala Fellowship Conference

Thank you for praying! The conference was terrific! We were challenged by the teaching of Bill Lawrence and enjoyed beautiful fellowship and worship with one another. What a blessing it was to be a part of that special time together.

PRAYER

- Many details of settling in Texas – into our home and new assignment with CAM.
- Transition for Dianne's mother, Faye, into our home.

Thank you for your friendship and continued support!

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