



We are thankful to all of you who have prayed for us because we are blessed by God's goodness to us.

In October, we attended Heartstream in Pennsylvania

for two weeks of training on care for missionaries. We learned about the challenges and opportunities to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of missionaries serving cross culturally and in the States. Even though the information and interaction was much like drinking from a fire hydrant, this excellent exposure reinforced the desire to *offer ourselves*, though imperfect and slowly maturing, as vessels through which care for others is extended.

We have been examining our spiritual lives, asking questions of the Lord about our journey, and asking Him to guide us more clearly in our service to Him. More important than learning *how* to serve Him and others in His name, we have examined *our hearts* out of which we serve. These past few weeks have not only enriched our ministry but our personal lives. We feel in order to help others grow, we ourselves need to be vulnerable and authentic as well as prepared to meet their needs.

In Dallas

After several months of transition back into our home in Dallas, we are feeling a bit more settled. Though our time in Guatemala was shorter than we had expected, we are assured of God's leading us back to Dallas to care for Mother and thankful for the opportunity to continue full time missionary service with CAM in the area of pastoral care. Through visitations, interviews, and private conversations in both casual and more formal settings, we have had the opportunity to come alongside other CAM missionaries to love and assist. These have ranged with candidates beginning their missionary careers, to retirees back in the States after decades of overseas service, to families of recently deceased missionaries. We are humbled by the breadth of seniority of those to whom we are offering "cups of cold water."

Family

We are pleased to report that Dianne's mother, Faye, who moved into our Dallas home in late May, is better. With periodic visits to an excellent neurologist and to a geriatrics

physician, we have carefully adjusted and simplified her medications to effectively treat the Lewy Body disease. We are enjoying each other and are pleased with her stabilization and quality of life. In order to travel for almost three weeks on a ministry trip to Pennsylvania, Dianne's two brothers and sisters in law shared responsibility for caring for Faye in east Texas while we were out of town. We were refreshed by the respite and Faye enjoyed being with other family members as well as renewing acquaintances with old friends in Tyler.

More News

We recently received news that in July 2007, because of our ministry change to pastoral care based in the States, we will lose financial support from a supporting church. Currently, this one church constitutes 50% of our financial support. We are thankful for the support we have received and how God has used this church in our lives. Please be in prayer with us as to how God would fill in the financial gap.

With love and appreciation,

Wendell and Dianne

Praises

- Stabilization and quality of life for Dianne's mother, Faye.
- Finding balance in care for Faye and ministry opportunities.
- Excellent training and personal renewal at Heartstream.

Prayer

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

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