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*"My prayer is...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...so that the world may believe that you have sent me."
- John 17:20-21*

One Body for One Community

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Save the Date!

March 25th-May 3rd –
40 Days of Prayer

Sunday, April 8th, 6:30 am –
Easter Sunrise Celebration

May 3rd –
National Day of Prayer

Dear Family and Friends,

Writing this newsletter only every other month feels a bit awkward, but we're gonna keep at it and see if it works. Give us some feedback if you have any ☺

Well, apparently God has some big purpose for prayer around here right now, or maybe He's just trying to teach all of us how important it really is. Several weeks ago, Joel was meeting with a pastor in the area who suggested that we start a prayer initiative with the 40 or so churches and ministries in the area. Joel immediately grabbed onto that idea and prayed over how it would look. Then he started planning and organizing something we call, "40 Days of Prayer."

The 40 Days of Prayer began on March 25th and will end on May 3rd (National Day of Prayer). Each day, a different church or ministry of the Waller area will lead a prayer service that will be committed to praying for every area church, ministry, pastor, and ministry director. We're pretty excited about this endeavor. The thought of so much prayer support going up for 40 straight days is encouraging and refreshing. We see this as a great way for the Christians of the area to hold up each other's arms like Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms to enable the Israelites to win the battle surrounding them!



Now, because Easter falls within these 40 Days of Prayer, our annual Sunrise Celebration will be devoted to praying for the churches and ministries. On that morning, as the sun rises, all the Christians gathered at the stadium will be lifting each other up in prayer. What an image! For more information on either Sunrise Service or 40 Days of Prayer, please visit our website. There you will find the schedule of prayer services involved in the 40 Days, and you are more than welcome to stop in at any of them to pray.
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As I'm typing this newsletter, we are actually on our way out of town. Sadly, Joel's Grandfather Johnson passed away this week, and we are headed to his funeral today (3/31). We're thankful that we took the kids up for a visit in December this past year! When we told Jael that he had died, she was sad, but when we mentioned that he knew Jesus and was in heaven, her face lit up. She said with a smile, "Then we'll see him again when we die." This, in turn, opened up a conversation with her about heaven and surrendering our lives to Jesus. We're grateful that even in a dark time, God can shine out some magnificent light!

We're excited to announce that after seven long years, Joel only has three weeks of seminary class left. He'll be graduating with his Masters on May 12th! Then, I'm afraid, he might expect everyone to call him "Master Joel!"

Jael has informed us that she *loves* Easter. In fact, it is most definitely one of her favorite days of the year, right up there with Christmas and her birthday – wow! Josiah is beginning to be a little conversationalist, just like sissy. In fact, it's been quite fun to see him expand his vocabulary. Now that he has the ability to say more words, he's letting us know all kinds of information!



The kids (okay, all of us) are looking forward to this summer. Right now, we are furiously working to update our website and organize the classes that our arts academy will offer over the summer. Thank God for bringing us sweet Elizabeth as such a willing and dear volunteer! We've also been talking with one of our former youth, Katie Horton, about coming on with Mission Waller to help us as an Administrative Assistant.* She will also take leadership over our ministry with the orphanage in Acuna, Mexico. (Katie surrendered to a call to missions in 2010, and this would be great training for her).

About this summer and the classes: we will be offering several four-day camps this year. We will have theater classes (instructed by a member of Houston's AD Players) and Art classes (instructed by a local talent/teacher) for ages six – fourteen. Also, we will be providing a three-day camp for preschoolers which encompasses both Art and Music (taught by Traci and two very talented young ladies who are currently studying to pursue their creative craft full-time). www.MissionWaller.org/ACTS

Oh, and as a side-note, Traci is *still* working on her fiction novel – not done yet, but its getting closer. We'd appreciate your prayers.

We are so incredibly grateful to all of you for your support and love. You encourage us in ways you don't even know!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for some incredible things God is doing at our church right now – we'll tell you more in the next letter!
- ✠ ...Joel is graduating from Dallas Theological Seminary with his Th.M. on May 12, 2012!
- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as "One."
- ✠ ...for discernment as we make decisions for our family and ministry.
- ✠ ...for our children to be healthy and for God to grow their character through our experiences.
- ✠ ...for us to be grateful for the times God is growing OUR character.

*Special Note RE: Katie Horton – In order to bring her on staff, Mission Waller will need about \$900.00 per month. Katie is working on raising her own support, but we would also like to ask you to consider supporting her. Would you please pray about this and let us know? Our goal is to bring her on board before June of this year.