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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*

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Dear Family and Friends,

As I'm writing, we are beginning the first leg of our two-week road trip! We're pretty thrilled as this is our first BIG vacation since we've had kids. We'll be traveling through Missouri, all the way up to North Carolina, visiting family and friends. Then, we'll come home by a different route so that we can have some quality family time. Super exciting! I guess we'll find out how much our kids like (or dislike) traveling in the car!

Our summer has been busy, hence the need for such a vacation, but we've been having quite a bit of fun. Summer Missions has been fairly successful. We've

been enjoying serving the community with the teens and with Katie Horton. She just finished her internship with us, I might add, she did a fabulous job putting up with Joel's silly antics and helping us with all of the projects and tedium we gave her to work on. She's heading off to Peru, so please be in prayer for her and the team going on this mission trip with her. We're proud of her and excited to hear about her trip when she gets back.



Katie Horton
Summer Intern

Traci's Book Release Party for the new book, *Stolen*, was incredible. There were over 100 people in attendance, and it was quite a bit of fun to talk to everyone who came. There was lots of chatting, lots of energy, and lots of signing! And, of course, the gem of the evening, was Patty Tuel Bailey performing a dramatic reading from the book! We

also had the opportunity two weeks later to hold another party at Ken and Patty Bailey's place in River Oaks. This party was laid back, with quite a bit of talking, relating, seeing people we hadn't seen in a while, and meeting new friendly faces as well. So much fun! To date, we have sold about 120 books! We plan on scheduling some book signings, and we are looking forward to hearing from our publisher with the news on how well our online sales have gone over the first quarter. Traci is currently working on finishing up book two in the series, *Scarred*. We plan to have it available in December!



Save the Date!

Sunday, August 19th –
Mission Waller Bible
Study Kick-Off

Wednesday, September
26th – See You at the Pole

Thursday, September
27th – Jael turns 5!



And a very big announcement: Josiah is now **TWO YEARS OLD!** What a big boy, and he's so smart, too! He is speaking very clearly. Of course, he's got a great sissy who helps encourage him in all that he's learning. He loves to copy her, so she's also learning to be a good model ☺

For his birthday, we threw him a Veggie Tales party, invited family and friends and even had water play and a themed cake. He doesn't seem to really understand that he's older, but I think he enjoyed all of the attention.

Then, on July 4th, we helped put on the 4th Annual Waller Freedom Fest for the community. Freedom Fest is one of Joel's special passions, where he gets to clearly see the city and the churches working together! And he was definitely in his element, socializing, networking and sharing life with everyone involved. This year was a blessing because at least 18 churches and ministries decided to be involved in one way or another, more than we've ever had for any event so far! It was a huge success, with 5500 people in attendance, at least 2 salvations onsite, the most amazing breezy weather, and of course - fireworks!



The day after Freedom Fest, we were sad to have to say goodbye to Elizabeth, as she left for Juarez, Mexico. She will be serving for at least two years as a missionary over there, helping with missions groups and helping lead the DTS schools that train other missionaries. We miss her a LOT, but we know that God is moving and love to hear her updates. Thank God for modern technology and the ability to Skype so that we can talk to her once a week and see her beautiful face, too! Please continue to pray for her safety and effectiveness.



Also, we'd like to tell you about a couple things coming up in the next few months. First of all, Mission Waller will be holding a Bible Study on Sunday nights. We're pretty excited to be able to begin this part of our ministry; it's seemed for a while that God was leading us to one day start a study, and now He's given us the "go ahead." We will be kicking it off after we return from our vacation, on Sunday night, August 19th.

See You at the Pole is on Wednesday, September 26th. We don't know if we will physically be involved this year, as we see that our ministry is changing. Please pray that we will have discernment about whether or not we should attend, hold a prayer rally, or simply pray over those ministering in this event. This event is dear to our hearts for a couple reasons. One, it was one of the big events in our youth ministry. Two, I remember being at one of these prayer rallies the night before Jael was born!

That being said, Jael is going to be **FIVE YEARS OLD** this year! How did she grow up so fast? We almost can't believe it. She is, of course, excited, and she is helping us plan her party, with decorations, cake and a fairytale costume. This little girl is so much like her daddy, it's almost scary. She **LOVES** big social events and she **LOVES** entertaining people.

We also have a huge announcement. Remember our last newsletter, when we wrote that we'd run into some snags with buying our home? Well, we'd pretty much put on the brakes and decided to wait it out, and then we received an unexpected call. Our mortgage lender was trying one last-ditch effort, and at first it seemed that it wouldn't work, but now it looks like it will! We know, of course that it's not a done deal until it's done, but we are hoping and praying this is it!

Again, we thank y'all so much for sharing our lives with us, for praying so much and loving beyond understanding. You encourage us to keep on keeping on!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- † **Praise**...for our amazing, growing kids!
- † ...the overwhelming things God is doing to bless us and the community of Waller.
- † ...that we might be getting to buy our house.

- † **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.
- † ...for Elizabeth and Katie on their missionary journeys.