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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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Dear Family and Friends,

Things have been all a-buzz for the past few months around here!

First off, on February 6th, we finally closed on our house! It was definitely a long time coming, and we were beginning to wonder if we'd ever be able to own our home, but it is now official. We are so thankful, and relieved. We even laid down grass in the backyard with the help of Joel's dad and little sis, Rebecca. It is awesome, and the kids play outside as often as they can.

And of course, our sweet baby has arrived. Elijah Cole Bauler was born on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 1:05pm. He weighed in at 6 lbs 14 oz, and was 19 inches long. He is a very calm baby. In fact, he fell asleep only minutes after being born and was quite content to sleep as long as he pleased ☺ And, now that he's a month old, Elijah has already rolled over and is holding his head up well.

Traci is recovering wonderfully from the c-section, and she is enjoying being a mommy to three, even though "mommy brain" seems to be a permanent part of life now ☺ Joel was quite thankful to realize that losing sleep isn't as painful on the third baby around. And, we were able to celebrate Easter together in Elijah's first few days. In fact, Jael asked if we could have a party when we came home from the hospital. So, Jael and Josiah got together with Traci's mom and Aunt Karen to organize a celebration. We had some cake and an Easter egg hunt in the backyard. So much fun.

Jael and Josiah love the new baby. We weren't sure how Josiah would handle having a new baby around, but he seems to enjoy Elijah and can't wait until the baby is old enough to play. He is busy learning how to be gentle, and is doing better every day. We can see a lot of growth in him since Elijah has been born. He is incredible when building things and working with his hands, and he can already count to 12!

Jael, is of course enchanted with her new brother, and she is determined to hold him as often as we adults will allow! She has also been growing a lot these past few months. In fact, we are excited to inform y'all that she has professed her faith in Christ! She has been very interested in sharing her faith with her brothers, making sure they know that God loves them. And actually, the day Elijah was born, Jael made sure to tell him that God loves him no matter what! We are so proud of our big girl!

And now a bit from Mission Waller. The 40 Days of Prayer initiative has been a huge success. We've had 26 churches and ministries involved this year, each taking turns at hosting a prayer service which focuses on praying for every church/ministry in our area. That is the most participation for any activity among the churches that we've been a part of, and represents approx. 50% of the total number of churches

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 2nd –
National Day of Prayer @
Immanuel Baptist Church

Summer Thursdays, starting
June 6 – Summer Missions
@ Mission Waller Offices

Wed., July 3rd – Worship
Night (w/ Jimmy Needham)

Thurs., July 4th – Freedom
Fest @ Waller High
Football Stadium

and ministries in Waller. It is such a great privilege to be a part of this godly group of people that are willing to pray for each other every day for 40 days!

The 40 Days of Prayer will be finishing up tomorrow, as we gather together for the National Day of Prayer. We will meet at Immanuel Baptist Church at 6:30pm and will be praying for our area, our schools, our leaders, our country and the world. If you'd like to be a part of praying along with other Christians around the nation but are unable to join us, we've attached a list of what we will be praying for, and you can just pray through that list wherever you are! We'd love you to be a part of this wonderful event with us.

And, summer is already just around the corner, and we will definitely be hosting Summer Missions every Thursday morning again this year, starting on June 6. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and love people in our area with the love of Christ. If you'd like to join us some Thursday, or even if you can't but would like to do some type of ministry with us at some point, please contact Joel and let him know. We love to connect people with serving opportunities and have already had teams come out to work with us before. Contact Joel at 713-899-3215 or joel@missionwaller.org. He'd love to hear from you!

Also, one of Joel's favorite projects is coming up in July, except this year it will be bigger and better. Every 4th of July, we celebrate with Freedom Fest. It will be held at the Waller High Football Stadium, from 3:00-10:00pm. This is an awesome time for family and fun, with craft and food booths, water activities and games galore. There will also be helicopter rides and music, and the evening will end with a fireworks display. The BIG new element that will be added this year is a special event the evening before, from 6:00-10:00pm on July 3rd. It will be a night of praise and worship called Worship Night, and the headliner is Jeremy Needham! So mark your calendars and come celebrate freedom in life and freedom in Christ with us! We'd love to see you there!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- † **Praise**...Baby Elijah was born healthy and is such a blessing!
- † ...We've been blessed with the opportunity to start and serve a new church in Waller.
- † ...We now own our home.
- † **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.
- † ...that we would receive the support we need to continue serving this great community.



Elijah Cole Bauler

