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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 July – August 2013

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Dear Family and Friends,

We hope y'all have been enjoying your summer. We've definitely been enjoying ours, and it started off in June with a bang! We launched right into Summer Missions every Thursday morning, which has been a blessing to the community, just as it has been in years past.



On June 15, Jael performed in her Ballet Recital. She did such a fantastic job in both her ballet and tap dances. The theme for the show was Broadway (so much fun), and the girls got to dance their ballet routine to Beauty and the Beast's "Tale as Old as Time," and the tap to "Broadway Baby." Personally, we were pretty proud of how well she's gotten at memorizing the routines and how technically accurate she's become flowing from one move to the next right on time.

Josiah turned the BIG 3 on June 21st, and he was incredibly excited to be involved in planning his party. He told us what theme he wanted, who he wanted to invite, and even helped make his piñata from scratch. We can't believe how big he's gotten. When we first started out with Mission Waller, he was a newborn! Now he's a big boy with a big personality, who loves to sing, drum, and build things. It is so much fun to watch our kids come into their own!

Next on the calendar was Freedom Fest, which many of you know is Joel's favorite project every year. It was a blast this year because it worked like a well-oiled machine, with seventeen churches and ministries working together to pull it off. It went so well, in fact, that the City of Waller has requested the help of the churches for the upcoming Waller Christmas Festival! It's not every community that has the City, Police, Fire Dept, Chamber of Commerce, School District AND so many churches working together for such an amazing event, and we are excited about doing even more together in Jesus' Name!

Freedom Fest had a very special new element this year - we added an extra night to the event called "Worship Night," and it was Joel's favorite part of the whole event. Traci had the pleasure of singing the National Anthem for the Military Ceremony on the 4th and she was honored to be complimented by one of the US Army Veterans that participated. Jael's favorite part of the event was playing in the foam machine. Josiah's favorite part was riding in the golf cart with Daddy; it pays to be the son of one of the event's coordinators! Elijah's favorite part of Freedom Fest was finally getting to meet Aunt Liz, who was able to come into town for the event from Mexico!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, August 13th –
Bless a Teacher @ Waller
New Teacher Luncheon

Sunday, August 18th –
Elijah's Baby Dedication



Just an update from Elizabeth – though we miss her like crazy, she’s doing very well in Mexico. She just completed a week of teaching in Monterrey, and she is now heading to Caracas, Venezuela and will have the opportunity to teach even more while she’s there. Please pray for the people attending the seminar, that they will be open to hearing God’s voice. Also pray that Elizabeth will be prepared and focused on what God has for her to share and that she, and all those with her, will be healthy.



And, we know everyone is interested in knowing how sweet baby Elijah Cole is doing. He’s four months old and already wearing six month clothes. Little Dude is on the fast track to becoming a football player! Just the other day, he started scooting toward his favorite toy – the beginning of his independence ☺ He’s got the calmest, most laid-back demeanor we’ve ever seen, and of course, one of the greatest smiles!

We will be holding a Baby Dedication for Elijah on Sunday, August 18th, beginning at 5pm. It will be held at Waller Revival Center, which is only a block from our home on Alliance Street. We’d love to share this blessed time with you, and we hope to see you there for our celebration! If you would like to come, please give us a call or email to let us know.

Also in August, we will be a part of blessing all of the new incoming teachers at the Waller New Teacher Luncheon. We were hoping to give a copy of Traci’s first novel, *Stolen*, to each teacher present, and we were planning to ask you for help in funding this, but we are ecstatic to announce that the cost of those books has already been covered! Gateway Christian Fellowship, one of the churches involved in our Ministerial Alliance, is underwriting the entire expense for us – thank you, Gateway and Pastor James! Now, nearly 100 new teachers to the area will receive a free autographed copy of *Stolen*! Please pray that this will not only create a new fan-base, but also that this book will end up being a blessing to those that receive it.

And, another thing to mention before closing this letter. As you know, we have been selling Melissa & Doug toys for about a year now. We are planning to give toys to Toys for Tots again this year, and we would like to give you an opportunity to partner with us. For every \$1 you spend to buy a Melissa & Doug toy from us, we will match it by donating to Toys for Tots! So, if you buy a \$10 toy, we will donate a \$10 toy. We will match up to \$500 each month for August, September, October, and November, so a potential of \$2000 in toys for Toys for Tots! Let us know if you would like to take part!

One final thing – you may be hearing from us again in the near future with other opportunities to partner with Mission Waller in ministry. The LORD continues to bless us and stretch us, which means, in part, that we continue to need more volunteers, donors and prayer warriors to accomplish the mission He has given us. Remember, we love y’all, and we couldn’t do the things we are doing without you!

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 God is constantly showing us the way.

- ✝ **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 on her missionary journeys.
- ✝ ...for Traci’s book to bless those that read it and draw them closer to God.