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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,

Happy fall y'all! We've been enjoying the slightly cooler weather that has been gracing us the past several days. In fact, we've been trying to soak up as much of it as we can before the winter winds blow in ☺.

The kids have been having a great time playing and exploring in the backyard. In fact, they've collected six caterpillars, and we're hoping to get to watch them turn into something amazing!

Just as fall was beginning, we started our homeschool year. I've got to admit, I'm super excited about this year! We've been covering Zoology and Early American History. So much fun! Even though these two subjects are geared mainly toward Jael, Josiah has been diving in, too, especially when we talk about snakes or bugs!

Jael is getting the opportunity to learn about many of our American heroes and how God was, and still should be, the foundation of our country. She is constantly asking to help plan Josiah's schoolwork, helping take care of the baby, and wondering when we can take another trip to the library. This girl loves to read. She just turned 7 at the end of September, and she's already reading chapter books like a pro.

Josiah loves books, too. In fact, he's expressed a deep desire to learn to read as soon as he possibly can. He has been enjoying learning each of the letters in the alphabet and their sounds. He is quickly realizing that he can recognize most of them as we read together. This seems to excite him, and we love to see that! And, besides just becoming a builder, he has now decided that he wants to also be a pilot and maybe an astronaut ☺.

Our little Eli spends most of each day trying to keep up with brother and sissy. In fact, he can often be seen running and climbing all over the place, asking us to read to him, and making just as much happy noise as the older two! He can hold small conversations with us these days, but admittedly, we don't always understand what he is saying ☺.

Y'all probably won't be surprised to hear this, but we're a very musically oriented family. Everyone loves to sing and learn about music. Whenever there's music, Jael can be seen dancing along, Josiah likes to beat box, and as soon as he could, Eli started singing along in his charming baby talk. And, a bit of bragging here – he matches pitch beautifully!

So, what else have we been up to? Well, Joel was able to finish all the work on our house that needed to be done. Yay! Also, we've been trucking along, leading church services on Sunday evenings at Refuge Church of Waller. In fact, last Sunday, we moved the service to the parking lot, pews and all! It was a bit intimidating (well, not for Joel) to worship out in front of the neighborhood, but it was fun, too, and fabulous weather!

Traci has had the opportunity to help out at Waller Baptist, playing the keyboard with their praise team once a month. We also had the opportunity to sing at a Sunday school party for Traci's parents, and we're looking forward to singing again for their Christmas party. Traci is hoping to get to sing for the Waller Christmas Festival as well!

Yay! Fall is such a great season because it means Christmas is knocking at our door! Yes, we're one of those families that listens to Christmas music before December. In fact, Josiah has been going to sleep listening to Christmas music all year long ☺.

Let me tell you about some other things we're looking forward to in this time of year. Joel is planning to finish flight school so that he can receive his private pilot's license. We, as Mission Waller, are planning to hold a Christmas party for the Ministerial Alliance. We've done this once before, several years ago, and we had such a great time. We're definitely looking forward to this time of fellowship.

In November, we are planning to travel to North Carolina to see James, Joel's big brother, and his family, for Thanksgiving. We love road trips, and we can't wait to see our kids playing with their cousins. We're not quite sure how we'll handle the snow, though ☺.

Also, in case you were wondering, Elizabeth just headed out for another outreach. She will be leading team in Romania and Europe. Please pray for their safety and that God would totally bless all of their efforts, giving them the energy and love that they will need for such a ministry. We are so proud of her, but we have to admit, we are most excited to see Elizabeth when she comes home for Christmas for a visit. Can't wait!!

Well, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to give us a call (Joel's phone number is 713-899-3215). We love all of y'all and pray a blessed fall and winter over you and yours.

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael, Josiah & Elijah



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 wisdom 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 God to move in a big way during Freedom Fest 2014