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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,

Time sure does seem to fly! We can't believe it's almost Spring! So much has happened since the last time we wrote.

There is a new church in town called Redeemed Life Temple of Worship. Joel met Pastor Kenneth Harris at a Waller Ministerial Alliance meeting last October, and he found out that their church was looking for a building to rent. So, they are renting out church space from us on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights! We've really enjoyed working with Pastor Kenneth and First Lady Charlean and getting to know them. They have already put a lot of work into the church building itself to make it a more comfortable place to worship, including some fabulous new décor.

[Save the Date!](#)

Thursday, May 7th –
National Day of Prayer



We've also been working on another rental property. Joel has converted our office into an apartment, and at the moment, we are renting it out to a friend. Apparently, Joel has a bit of a handyman in him. Maybe it's a new discovered talent ☺ He's even taking on remodeling our kitchen. Yay! The really cool part is, Adam Chaney, whom Joel has mentored for the past fifteen years, came out to help with the first part of the kitchen remodel – Traci's corner walk-in pantry!

And, about our kids? You know what we're going to say. Yep, they are totally awesome. ☺

Jael is busy reading and learning. She's quite excited to have the chance to "babysit" Eli when Mom is cooking. She is such a big girl. She even changes diapers without complaining! She is practicing for a dance recital coming up in June. Just the other day, we had a fitting for her recital costume, and it blew us away how mature it looks! She won't be looking like a baby in a puffy tutu this year. In fact, she's more like a prima ballerina with an elegant flowing costume. How did she grow up so fast?

Josiah surprised us, and himself, the other day. We were watching a show, and he just started reading some of the words on the screen all by himself. We don't think he even realized that he was reading at first. Pretty exciting stuff! He's been asking some really good questions lately, too. He really seems to be piecing things together: from how letter sounds work to thoughts of heaven.

Elijah is talking up a storm. In fact, he has even spoken in complete sentences on occasion all by himself. He also likes to sing Old Macdonald. It is his favorite song right now, and he always adds in a lion at the end! We can't believe that our baby is turning 2 at the end of March! We will be holding an E-I-E-I-O party. ☺ The little dude loves animals!





We took a fieldtrip to the zoo a week or so ago, and all of us had a blast. We of course just assumed that the most exciting part of the day would be seeing the animals. However, we forgot that our kids live in the country and rarely get to see skyscrapers. So, all the way to and from the zoo, the back seat echoed with oohs and awws about how amazingly tall and awesome the buildings were!

Joel has some exciting news for everyone. As you all know, he works hand-in-hand with the City of Waller to put on the impressive Freedom Festival each year. This year, however, the city secretary that he has always collaborated with retired. Needless to say, something had to be decided about who would be placed in charge over the event. You guessed it. Joel proposed to the city that he and the Ministerial Alliance would take the management responsibility of Freedom Fest. The city approved it, and they are even contributing 1/3 of the funding for the entire event. We are super pleased to have this amazing opportunity to “throw a big party in Jesus’ name!”

We’ll get you more details on Freedom Fest as the date approaches. But, please feel free to pray for Joel and the Waller area pastors as they take on this awesome responsibility. Between now and then, another great event for the Alliance is the National Day of Prayer. NDP always takes place on the 1st Thursday in May, which is May 7th this year. Pastor Tommie and Ladye Lindsey have agreed to host our gathering at Bailey Chapel Church of God in Christ this year at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join us as we come together to intercede in prayer on behalf of our families, city, schools, state and nation.

One final cool thing that recently took place in our family. Joel’s dad turned 60 this February, so all of Joel’s brothers and sisters came to town to celebrate in style. They went to a South African infusion restaurant in Houston called Peli Peli, and they partied together there for three hours! It was the first time the five Bauler siblings (they referred to themselves that day as the “Fab Five”) were together in six years – the day was a blessing to everyone involved!



Well, we hope you will all have such a special spring time this year. Happy Easter everyone. ☺

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 2015