



# ONE

*"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

Summer 2015

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Dear Family and Friends,

Summer is such a great time of year. Even though we've had enough of the rain, and we don't necessarily appreciate humid heat, summertime has an endless wealth of opportunities for fun!

To begin, we are truly excited to announce that we've hired Katie Horton Moore on part time as our Missions Director & Administrative Assistant. She is an incredible help in all that she does, and the kids think it's a blast to have



her around, too! She has felt a call of missions on her heart for a very long time now, ever since she was a teenager in our youth group at Waller Baptist Church. So, now she has the opportunity to work first hand with us in missions pursuits on a regular basis.

In fact, Katie is heading up Summer Missions this year. In case you don't know, Summer Missions is a special time in the summer where we invite teenagers (and adults) to participate in service projects weekly that will bless the people

throughout our sweet community of Waller, Texas. Of course, one person we were so incredibly excited to help out this year with Summer Missions was Elizabeth Raines. She had wanted to put her home in Cypress up for sale, and she needed some work done to the home. However, with her being in Mexico, it wasn't easy for her to get the work done. So, our missions group of awesome teenagers took the time one Thursday to lay down sod, weed and plant new flower beds and a tree. It looked beautiful! And, we're happy to be able to share the excitement of her getting a quick and strong offer on her house! God truly is good.



Traci and the kids have completed their homeschool year, and we have to say, it feels so incredibly good to come to the end of something and have a huge sense of accomplishment. We feel that the kids have learned and grown so much this year, and we can't wait to start planning for next year!



Elijah and Josiah have both had birthdays since our last newsletter. Eli turned two in March, and we celebrated with an E-I-E-I-O party. He had a blast and couldn't get enough of all the fun with family and friends. Josiah turned five in June. We can't believe he is growing up so fast. Knowing that June is usually hot, we decided to hold Josiah's party at Pump It Up, a place that is full of bounce houses and slides. The kids had such an awesome time. In fact, they pretty much stayed in constant motion until the food was served!



### Save the Date!

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm-dark – Worship Night

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-dark – Freedom Fest



Jael has been having a great time as well. Even though it hasn't been her turn for a party, she's been enjoying helping Mom plan both of her brother's parties. In fact, she came up with the theme for Eli's party all on her own. She is such a great and loving sister. Jael also got to shine on her Dance Recital in June. She had the opportunity to dance on stage to three different songs (one for ballet, one for tap, and one for jazz). She is definitely a little dancer and loved every moment of it. Her favorite dance was her ballet, which was a routine to the song, "Once Upon A December" from *Anastasia*. She looked so

grown up in her costume that Mom had a hard time not tearing up.

Joel has been spending most of his work time heading up Waller Freedom Fest 2015. It looks as if this year is going to be even bigger than last year. In fact, you may have even heard our commercials on KSBJ! Joel and Katie have been working furiously to get all the details of this awesome, community blessing, event in order. It is a two-day event.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> will basically be a gathering to celebrate the freedom we have in Christ! It is called Worship Night, and it will begin at 6pm and go until dark. There will be food & craft vendors, games and water slides, and live Christian music throughout the event. The headliner for Worship Night is John Mark McMillan, and the MC will be Johnny B from KSBJ. The evening will end with fireworks!

July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the big event – Freedom Fest. It will begin at 3pm and go until dark. The food & craft vendors, games and water slides will be open throughout the event, with live patriotic music playing the whole time. And, don't forget, helicopter rides will be available for just \$25! It will also feature a Veterans' Recognition Ceremony and close off with a live performance by the talented TX Special! And, of course, fireworks will bring an excellent ending to one of the best community events in Waller!

It is important to let you know that admission for both days is absolutely free! We just ask that everyone who can, bring a canned good to donate to W.A.R.M. The event will take place at the Waller ISD Football Stadium (20735 Stokes Rd.). For more information, visit [www.wallerfreedomfest.com](http://www.wallerfreedomfest.com), or give Joel a call if you have any questions (713-899-3215). We'd love to see y'all there!

And, before we close this letter, we saved the best news for last. We are expecting another baby bundle of joy sometime in January! We feel incredibly blessed, and it's fun to see how excited the kids are about it, too. When we first told our kids that we were pregnant, they could barely contain their excitement. Jael immediately began teasing that it would be an elephant. She's as silly as her daddy. She is, of course, praying it up and hoping desperately for the baby to be a girl. However, today Josiah looked at the ultrasound pictures again and declared that it looked more like an alien to him. LOL. Eli, on the other hand, just keeps telling us that *he* is the baby. If you would send up a prayer or two for this sweet new baby, we would definitely appreciate it!

We love all of y'all so much and maybe we will get the chance to see y'all at the Freedom Fest this year!! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> everyone, and here's to a great rest of the summer!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler  
And Jael, Josiah & Elijah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for our amazing, growing kids and the new baby on the way!
- ✠ ...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