



# 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

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Dear Family and Friends,

Happy Winter everyone! Even though this season has been a bit different for us than normal, we absolutely love this time of year!

In October, we were excited to begin the holiday season. October is, of course, a great excuse to let the kids dress up in costumes & eat candy, which we did throughout the month. ☺ Joel took both Jael and Josiah to participate in the

### Save the Date!

Baby Elizabeth Hope Bauler is scheduled to be born on January 19<sup>th</sup>!



Walk for Life on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. This is an annual 5k walk that supports The Way, the Truth, & the Life Pregnancy Center here in Waller. Joel was initially going to walk alone, but then Jael signed up a week before the walk and Josiah joined them on the day of. The kids loved the fact that they were able to help babies just by walking on a rainy day, and because they joined in, "Team Refuge" (our church name) ended up raising over \$1000! It is such a blessing to see our kids caring about other people!

November brought about Thanksgiving and extra crafts for the kids. Joel had the opportunity to officiate his Cousin Grant's wedding, which was an honor. It was both beautiful and fun. He's also been busy doing some general contracting/remodeling as a way to supplement our income. In fact, he just finished up a friend's kitchen in time for the Christmas holidays. And now,

to finish up ours, right? ☺

December is always a month full of baking, crafts, special events, & Christmas activities. We took our annual trip to the Christmas tree farm and had a blast picking out the most perfect tree & cutting it down. The kids learned a lot about Christmas symbols this month in school, and it was neat to see what they remembered learning from last year. Jael also had a Nutcracker recital, which she portrayed a tap-dancing doll. Adorable. And, she was the best and most beautiful on stage. (I might be a bit biased!)

Traci has continued to help lead worship at Waller Baptist Church on occasion, and we were so incredibly blessed to both be invited to lead at WBC on the Sunday before Christmas. We also had the opportunity to lead music at Traci's parents' Sunday School Christmas party again. Christmas music is always a favorite around here, and we like to take every opportunity to lead worship this time of year!



Homeschool has been great so far this year. There are some ups and downs, just like in any other school, but it is always good to see the kids learning, growing, and getting those "ah ha!" moments. Jael is enjoying learning about different countries and having the opportunity to read chapter books like *Heidi* & *The Secret Garden*. Josiah was a bit uncertain that he'd be able to learn to read at the beginning of the school year, but he is learning phonics & catching on to sight words like a champ. Eli is determined to keep up with his siblings & insists on having worksheets and learning about letters, too. Such a cutie!

We do want to brag on our Jael for a minute. We can't help it. Joel's sister, Katie, (the kids call her Aunt Did as in katydid) gave Jael a bit of money so that they could do something together with it. We all expected her to choose to go out for ice cream or to go buy a toy. However, when asked what she'd like to do with the money, Jael said that she wanted to use it to buy bibles for kids that don't have them. Talk about tears. What a great heart!

Of course, we are all ecstatic to be welcoming our new baby girl to the family in January. Just a few more weeks until Elizabeth Hope arrives! In fact, the kids have already started the count down. ☺ We can't wait to meet her and hold her in our arms.

This has been a great holiday season, and we are looking forward to what the LORD has in store for 2016. We pray blessing over you and yours, and we hope that you will have a fantastic New Year.

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 Raines on her missionary journeys.