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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,

Introducing, Elizabeth Hope Bauler!



Born January 19, 2016 at 11:04am. 7lbs, 9.5oz; 19 3/4". What a joy it has been to welcome our fourth child into the world – she is so beautiful, and the LORD has truly blessed our family with each one of our kids. Traci has been recovering just fine from her fourth C-Section, and we are all getting settled in to a new home routine with baby number 4 joining the crew.

Of course, with Elizabeth's birth taking place right in the middle of the school year, we've taken some time off from our home-schooling. Traci had planned ahead for this, so we actually started the year a little early, squeezed in some extra days when possible, and it should end up that we only finish 1-2 weeks later than we normally would, even with Momma taking several weeks off to recover from surgery. Now, just because we haven't had official home school, that doesn't mean the kids have had no education at all – in fact, Nana and Bubba (Traci's mom and aunt) did some home-ec with Jael by helping her sew a baby blanket and pillow for her new baby sister, and Grandma Bear (Joel's mom) came by to help all the older kids bake homemade oatmeal chocolate chip cookies from scratch!

Elizabeth's older siblings all adore their new baby sister, and they each want their turn holding her and playing with her as much as they can. This can, of course, be somewhat exhausting for Mom and Dad, so we end up taking some interesting naps from time to time!



OK, we could probably spend this entire newsletter just talking about Elizabeth Hope, but we have had other things going on in our family and in the ministry of Mission Waller.

To begin with, we are really looking forward to Spring Break this year. We are planning to go up to Nana and Papa's ranch in Clarksville, TX, along with all of the cousins. It will be their first time all together on the property, and we are excited about the kids being able to fish, play on the jungle gym, and just run free all over the place up there together.

Save the Date!

National Day of Prayer:
Drive-Thru Prayer
Thursday, May 5

Waller Freedom Fest
July 3rd & 4th

One really exciting thing that we are preparing for through Mission Waller is this year's National Day of Prayer. Yes, we have observed this event every year, but this year, we're doing something different. Ladye Lindsey, the First Lady of Bailey Chapel C.O.G.I.C., is giving leadership to the event, and she has come up with the idea for Drive-Thru Prayer. We will have teams set up in two locations (one at the Waller Auxiliary Stadium parking lot and the other at Immanuel Church in Prairie View), and will have stations set up where people can drive up in their car, share whatever prayer requests they may have, and then let us pray for them there on the spot!



We are also putting together packets with tracts, childrens' books, and a directory of all the churches in Waller for them to take as they drive off. This will be supported by multiple churches in Waller, (the Church of Waller, as we call it), and we can't wait to see the results as we physically come together to bless our community.

Finally, as you know, Waller Freedom Fest is coming up on July 3-4, and Joel and Katie Moore have already been working hard with the churches to make sure we put on another successful event. We are so honored that once again the City of Waller has agreed to partner with us financially, while at the same time giving the churches the leadership to plan and implement Freedom Fest 2016. Jael has already created a countdown calendar for Freedom Fest (secretly, we think she believes its her party, and she just gets to celebrate alongside 7-8k of her closest friends!).

There are some other things going on with us that we can't share at the moment, but we hope to be able to soon. Please continue to pray for us, and know that we value your partnership with our family and ministry dearly.

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael, Josiah, Elijah &
Elizabeth



Elizabeth Ann Raines holding her namesake Elizabeth Hope Bauler

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ **Praise**...for Elizabeth joining our family and Traci's recovery from surgery!
- ✠ ...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.