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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,

Wow! This month has felt quite a bit like a roller coaster ride...moments of fast-paced excitement, of anxiety in the pit of our stomachs, of exceeding joy and moments of trembling limbs and amazing fun!

That's what you get when you pull a creative guru like Ken Bailey along for the ride. We've been able to join him on the fast track to complete the filming of his vision, "The Deed" – a Docudrama. It tells the story of A.D. and Betty Purvis and how they founded "God's Mercy Store," a general store that was in business in Waller in the early 1900s. So far, God has been blowing over "walls" and drawing people in at an overwhelming rate for the purpose of accomplishing this vision by Premiere Night.

I know what you're thinking...a film? How's this supposed to fulfill the mission statement of Mission Waller? How's this supposed to unite and build up the community...when it's just a film?

Well, it's been absolutely incredible to see the impact it has already had on the community, and we're not even finished filming it yet. People of the area came in droves to audition. Ken not only found everyone he needed to fill each role, but he also was able to fill other additional roles that are incredibly helpful to the shoots...makeup artist, on-site chaplain, director's shadow, and many more. It's been wonderful to watch each person who's dedicated themselves to helping this project in their own special way. The pure joy written all over their faces is hard to ignore, and so many of them are in a great position of learning.

Another thing of amazement is how God is truly meeting each need that comes up. Every time Ken mentions that he doesn't know how we're going to be able to meet a particular need, miraculously, that need gets met in God's own timing. But it's even more incredible than just a need getting met...God has been bringing people into our paths that are volunteering their time, efforts, and stuff to the cause. Ken says that for a period film such as this to be working with \$0 budget is practically impossible. But thankfully, our God is the God of making the impossible possible! We've had several shooting locations loaned out to us for free, antique furniture, costumes, artwork, music and even a model T. It's incredible!

Traci and the kids have truly enjoyed being a part of this amazing feat. We took the children up to one of the filming locations and were up there for at least half the day. Traci was able to get in close and take pictures during the shoot. And the kids...they really seemed to find it fun to be the mascots for the day. Jael especially liked hearing the flute player...it's not very often that she's completely quiet...and this was one of those unexpected silences. It's been absolutely wonderful to see how a film is put together, to see the workings in the background and all the footwork needed. Thanks Ken for sharing your vision with us and being willing to enjoy this filming craziness with us for the impact of a community.

Joel has really enjoyed helping Ken with the film and the interviews for the production. Through this, he's been able to meet so many amazing people that have a love for Waller and have been a part of this community for decades. He feels that he is growing closer to the people that God wants him to minister

to...and that's a necessary blessing. He thinks that this film is going to put Mission Waller on the map. Now, when he introduces himself, instead of people saying, "Now what's Mission Waller?" they say, "Oh, y'all are the one's putting together that movie." So now, people of the community, church or not, are becoming aware of the existence of our ministry and realizing some of the work that we are doing for the community. It's quite incredible and unexpected to be the "talk of the town."

So, would you like to know what you can do to be a part of this intense artistic endeavor? Please pray for the production, for the good weather and health of everyone involved so that the schedule can be accomplished smoothly and without delay as the Premiere is fast approaching. Please pray for the lives of those whom God is planning to touch through this production, whether in the behind-the-scenes workings or in viewing the film.

Also, we'd love to see YOU at the Premiere. It will be held at the Waller High School auditorium on Saturday, February 26th, at 7 pm. Come early to get your seats, because with all the buzz around town, we'd hate for you to miss out because we ran out of seats! Remember, this is a fundraiser for Mission Waller, but we are not charging for admission. Instead, we are simply accepting freewill gifts in the spirit of God's Mercy Store. What? We didn't mention that they made a living off of freewill offerings? Well, if you want to hear "the rest of the story," you'll have to come that night! Be sure to visit www.missionwaller.org for all the details of the event and any updates as they come along.

With all that going on, it may seem difficult for there to be anything else to write about, but there is! God threw another curve ball our way (we're kind of getting used to it) when he led us to assist "Ridin' with Christ" Cowboy Church by leading worship for them on Sunday mornings. We do not know how long this assignment will last, and we do miss being in our home church of Waller Baptist on Sunday mornings, but we are walking in obedience and it has been amazing to see how the Holy Spirit moves and works things out all for his glory. We are humbled by the opportunity to lead worship right now.

Well, we hope to see you soon! Thanks again for your prayers and for all of your interest in what's going on with us...we truly love to share our lives with you, and we love you very much!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah



IN PICTURES:

Above- Josiah
& Jael on
Waller's "Snow
Day," 2/4/11

Left - Kevin
Dean & Debra
Duderstadt as
A.D. & Betty
Purvis

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✝ Praise...for all the incredible works God is bringing our way...pray that we would know how to handle all of them and not be overwhelmed.
- ✝ Pray...for discernment 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.
- ✝ ...that we would always have what we need and that we will always understand what God wants from us in each instance.
- ✝ ...for "The Deed," for its success in ministering to Waller and impacting lives for our Lord.