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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,

This past month was a busy one. On the work front, Joel spent much of his time setting up and producing our Youth Summer Camp as Camp Director (more on that below). This was after already completing Waller's 4th of July "Freedom Fest," which we told you about in our last letter. He also has continued to meet with other pastors and ministries in order to build relationships and encourage those around us.

Joel's been quite busy at home as well...helping take care of the children and the house. Since we still have no buyer for our home, we decided to finally set up Josiah's nursery and make whatever changes necessary to live in a show home with a newborn! Also, many of you will be glad to hear that a member of our church came over and fixed our alarm system...hopefully no more break-ins!

Now, because we still haven't moved, we do not have any space to hold our Arts Academy, which we had hoped to start up officially in the Fall. And, realizing that we didn't start advertising early enough for the week-long Summer Arts Camp, we decided to cancel it and hold off for another time. Admittedly, we haven't done a great job on this...maybe it really was too much to have a baby and try to start up an Academy at the same time. But we will not be discouraged. Traci plans to continue to gather teachers for the academy and hold an introductory meeting for them sometime this month.

We are very pleased to announce that the doctor has given Traci a clean bill of health after the C-section. Jael's goal for this month was that Mommy would be able to pick her up again...she even asked Mommy to TELL the doctor that it would be so. Success!

Speaking of Jael, she has been keeping herself very busy. With constantly learning how to be a good big sister, trying to keep Daddy in line, potty training and working hard on her ballet moves, she's been exhausted by the end of each day. We plan on letting her continue ballet in the Fall and are currently praying about what else should be included in her Fall schedule (i.e. Mother's Day Out, learning to read, etc.). She surprised us incredibly this month by telling us that she'd spelled "Mama" with her fridge magnets...she really had. Then she proceeded to spell "Dada" and "Jael" as well. And a few days ago, she wrote the letter "A" all by herself. She's learning so fast...it blows our minds!



And Josiah? He's learning to read too...just kidding! He's now over 9 lbs. What can we say; the boy likes to eat. In fact, he loves eating so much that we recently discovered that some of the tummy aches he's been having were do to overeating. We've been working hard to keep him from snacking every 30 minutes so that he can actually eat full meals every 2 hours or so. It's been only a few days of trying this schedule, but he already seems more comfortable and is sleeping

much better (us too!). He also struggled for a time with a rash that made him very uncomfortable and fussy. But after going to the doctor, we've been using a special lotion, and it's been clearing up just fine. He's had a rough month, but he is doing so much better that now we catch him cooing and smiling an awful lot. 😊



Mommy and the kids took a road trip at the end of the month with Nana and Great Aunt Karen to visit Daddy at the campgrounds for the Youth Summer Camp. We really enjoyed seeing him at work, especially since the teenagers seemed to be enjoying themselves so much. One of the teens said, "Everyone has been saying that camp was a million times better this year and that last night's worship was amazing." The 86 participants at this year's camp came mostly from 2 churches in Waller, though at least 3 other churches sent campers as well.



Besides attending Bible Studies by an amazing teacher and being a part of small groups that contained students from several churches, they were able to serve the community with mission projects. Some of the projects included cleaning up city parks, putting on a Vacation Bible School at an apartment complex, visiting residents of a nursing home and senior center, working at the Food Pantry, building a wheelchair ramp and helping that family move in, and prayer walking across the entire city as they picked up trash. What an amazing accomplishment for them!

Several new things are starting up this month. Joel will be going back to Seminary to work on his Masters degree...two years to go! Also, he is very excited that school will be starting up for Waller ISD as well. He has registered to be a substitute teacher, which will give him the ability to build upon old relationships and begin new ones. Traci will be resuming her work teaching private keyboard this month and private voice by September.

As you can see, there has been a lot going on around us, and we will continue to keep you updated on how God is working in and around our lives. Thank you so much for all of your love and prayers. We love and appreciate you all!

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ For the right buyer to buy our house & that we'd be able to buy the one God has for us.
- ✠ For discernment as we make decisions for our family and ministry
- ✠ For Josiah and his new schedule, his tummy and our sleep.
- ✠ For the people of the area and the church leaders to be moved by God because of Mission Waller.
- ✠ Praise - We are currently at 70% of our monthly financial support. If you would like to make a one-time or monthly gift, please make checks payable to "Mission Waller" and mail to P.O. Box 1567, Waller, TX 77484.