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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,

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: *It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it*" (Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV)

In the last newsletter, we shared with apprehension, that we felt God leading us to move to our new home, even though we couldn't understand how it would be financially possible. Now we are writing to announce...God is good, and He will accomplish all He promises!

This hasn't been an easy time, but it has been a very exciting time as we've watched God move in our lives to fulfill His purpose. Last month, we battled our emotions as God told us to move, to be willing to put out money before we even had money to lease the new home, and to put our Binford house up for lease. As we noted, we were quite anxious. What if we end up having to pay for two homes? What if someone leases the Binford house and then destroys it? What if we just can't afford all this and lose everything?

I know...enough with the "what ifs." I'm sure God didn't need to hear them either. He knew His plan, and when we stepped out in obedience to what He'd told us to do, He moved. Just a few days after we put the Binford house up for lease, someone snatched it up...a Christian family that would love to be able to buy the home from us in the future. Wow God, You answered our "what ifs" so quickly...we won't have to pay for two homes and the family that is now living in the Binford home wants to take good care of it. Thank You.

Now, the A Street house...our new home and office. Do you want to hear about it? It may need some TLC, but it's beautiful. It has everything we need and so much of the extras we want. We already feel comfortable here and can see so much potential and love pouring through these rooms. This is a place that God has truly given into our hands, and we feel totally blessed.

We'd like to send out a tremendous "thank you" to all those who gave up their time to help us move into our new home...Brooke Dymont (Grandma Bear, thank you for watching the kids), Kerry Kirkland (Papa, thanks for letting us use your truck and trailer), Sharon Kirkland and Karen Lane (Nana and Bubba, y'all worked tirelessly...hope you weren't too sore), Elizabeth Raines (BFF, you took on everything...cleaning, packing, lifting, decorating and encouraging, thank you), Chris Willis (you came and you helped us conquer, even with a sore ankle, and we are grateful), Cole Moore (you packed, loaded and transported boxes all with a smile...wonderful), Keith White (you came early, helped with lifting, driving, unloading...such a blessing), Vern Hemenway (man, you came when everyone else had gone home...thanks for the needed encouragement...because of you, we got the refrigerator in and were able to sleep in our beds that night). Seriously, you are



Chris moving the couch on a bad ankle

all incredible, and we are beyond grateful...we couldn't have done this without each one of you!

As you can tell, we are just a little bit excited about our new house. In fact, we are so excited that we'll burst if we don't get to share it with you soon. We are planning an Open House for Sunday, November 28th, from 2-5pm. Here's how it'll work: show up when you can, we'll walk you through and share with you plans for each space...then we ask that you'd please take the time to walk through our property room by room and pray. We covet your prayers as we seek God's provision and favor. Also, we will be holding a short Dedication Service in our backyard at 4:45pm. We'd love for you to be a part of this time. If, however, this is not a good time for you, and yet you still want to see the place, just let us know, and we will work out a time.



Kids wait patiently during move

Now...in other news. At the end of October, we held our last Youth Crash of the Calendar Year. It is truly amazing to see the Lord breaking down barriers: racial, denominational, whatever... and bringing his people together at these events. This month's Crash took place in Prairie View at The Immanuel Baptist Church. The time was filled with worship, a powerful message and tons of excitement. The majority of the time was spent in musical worship. And how did the teens respond? They worshipped! One of the songs still resonates in our minds today: "I give myself away, I give myself away, I give myself away...so You can use me."



Students from 7 churches gather in Prairie View for worship



So what else happened in October? Our daughter got to dress up like Cinderella (surprised?) and our son a baseball player. We had a hayride with the Methodist church to collect canned goods for W.A.R.M. (Waller Area Restoration Ministries). Then we went to Waller Baptist for the Fall Festival, where Jael got to hang out with her cousin Wyatt, ride a pony *and* a train, and collect candy for herself. It was a good evening, and not a bit creepy!

And things to be looking forward to this month... We will be able to host our next Mission Waller Board meeting in the new Mission Waller Office. How exciting! Also, Joel will be going on a Vision



Trip to Acuna, Mexico immediately following Thanksgiving to help another Ministry plan their Mission Trip coming up in December. And Traci will be getting the opportunity this month to get her creative juices flowing...with the house, photography/video projects and continuing to pray over the Arts Academy.

Sometimes with all that is going on, we feel that we can't emotionally keep up with what God is doing. Because of this, we like to remember God's goodness and praise Him for His love as often as we have the sound mind to do so.

“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be *for the Lord’s renown*, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.” (Isaiah 55:12-13, NIV)

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler
And Jael & Josiah

Prayer Requests & Needs:

- ✠ Praise for the leasing of the Binford house and the chance to be able to move into the new house/office on A Street.
- ✠ 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 continue daily to work out the mission that God has given us.
- ✠ Pray that we would know what things to get involved in and how much time to give to our ministries as we don’t want to take time away from our kids unnecessarily.