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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,

Well, to say that summer was just a little bit crazy would be quite the understatement! Now that we've gotten fully into the 2011-12 school year, we are excited to see what exactly the Lord has in store for our family and ministry in this new season. One thing we've figured out for sure...it's going to stretch us, and it may hurt a little bit, but in the end, it will all be worth it!

We mentioned in our last newsletter that "See You at the Pole" was coming up this month, and that we were going to have several of the youth pastors and their families meet at our house to pray and plan this year's evening rally. One of the things we did last year was to really "simplify" the evening by focusing on prayer, rather than more of a "traditional" youth service (is there such thing as a "traditional" youth service? ☺). We're going to do the same this year. We will meet at our city park from 6:30 – 8:00p for a brief time of worship music, followed by over an hour of focused prayer covering areas like Adoration of God, Confession of corporate sin, Thanksgiving for what God has already done for us, and Supplication for our schools, city, county, state & nation. We ask that you join us, and our youth, in praying for these critical areas.

The weekend following "See You at the Pole" also promises to be exciting, as we are holding auditions for a second go of our community-wide Christmas Production, "Do You See What I See?" by Christian recording artist Todd Agnew. And this year, those who audition and make the cut are in for an incredible treat – they will get to perform with Todd Agnew himself! That's right, Traci was able to successfully book Todd to come and perform with us on Sat & Sun, Dec 10 & 11, at the WHS auditorium. He'll even be playing an additional 30 min worship set at the end of each performance.

The last time we did this production, in 2009, we had 8 different churches contribute and a total budget of \$3k, which was huge for us. This time, we have a budget of \$10k and are hoping for more churches and Christians in our community to get involved as we bring the body together in a meaningful way to "serve and bless our community." It's so cool to see God use the artistic focus of our A.C.T.S. academy in perfect harmony with the overall vision of our ministry. We'll be selling tickets online soon for the two performances, and should be able to let you know how to get them in our next newsletter.

One more big event coming up that we need to give you more details about – the Spasenie Concert/Mission Waller fundraiser on Mon, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. "Spasenie," which is Belarussian for "Salvation," has an amazing story that covers over two decades of having their Christian music played on "secular" airwaves in the former Soviet Union and now all across the globe. It will be an evening of testimony from Joel & Traci about how the Lord has worked through Mission Waller in the past year, as well as music and ministry from the band.

### Save the Date!

September 28<sup>th</sup> –  
See You at the Pole

October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
Christmas Auditions

November 14<sup>th</sup> –  
Spasenie Concert/  
MW fundraiser

December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> –  
Christmas Production

The evening will kickoff at 6pm with a delicious barbecue dinner provided by Mark White at \$10/plate. We are asking that you purchase tickets in advance to give Mark an accurate head count. He is also willing to sell whole briskets for take home to anyone who is interested in buying. The money raised from the barbecue will go directly to support our ministry. We'll give a report on the ministry around 6:45, filled with highlights of the year that has been 2011. Then, from 7:30 – 9:00, we'll have Spasenie in concert, and we are asking you to be prepared to give a love offering to support their ministry as well. We know it seems like we may be asking a lot, but we promise you will be blessed with amazing food and wonderful music/ministry in return.

“So,” you may be asking, “how is your family doing in all of this?” Well, we're glad you asked. We were finally able to get a much needed weekend getaway to Camp Tejas over the last weekend in August. While we were there, we took a day trip to a Jersey Cow farm where the kids got to see and feed all kinds of animals, Jael got to milk a cow, and we even saw a newborn calf that was just 5 min old! Jael and Josiah had a great time (and so did Mama and Dada).

Another exciting thing that happened last month was that Traci started doing some “home school” with Jael. Several of the kids at our church are homeschooled now, so Jael felt very important to be able to talk about her homeschool with them. They've been working on drawing numbers and lowercase letters two days a week, and there's usually some kind of craft activity to do as well.

Not to be outdone, Josiah has been attempting to say his ABC's and is enjoying having books read to him now. He seems to be understanding most of what we are saying to him at this point, and even responds vocally to us a lot of the time. One thing to pray for – at a recent wellness checkup, our family doctor referred us to a neurologist because Josiah's head is somewhat large. Even knowing that it's probably genetic (have you seen Joel's head lately?), the neurologist wants us to get an MRI just to be sure there's no problem, so we've got one scheduled for Tues, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

With Love,

Joel and Traci Bauler  
And Jael & Josiah



#### 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.
- ✠ ...for the amazing things our kids are learning every day...and us too!
- ✠ **Pray**...that the Christians in our community would be united as “One.”
- ✠ ...for Elizabeth Raines as she honors God in training in Juarez, Mexico.
- ✠ ...for “See You at the Pole” on Sept 28, morning and evening gatherings
- ✠ ...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 Christmas Production and the Spasenie Concert/MW fundraiser.
- ✠ **Need**...we are so thankful to God that because of the generosity of so many of you, we have not had to ask for financial help in over a year! However, we are in need now, and would ask you to consider either a monthly or one time financial gift to our ministry to help us continue the work the Lord has called us to.