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Bihl's Bugle



Merry CHRISTmas! Welcome to the 7th edition of Bihl's Bugle and to our recap of 2012.

Amy's Activities:

I (Amy) still work at Therapy 2000 as a Social Work Case Manager- going on nearly 2 years now. In September, I became a board member (and shortly after, Secretary) of Chari-T2000, a nonprofit organization founded by Therapy 2000 to fund equipment and services for children with disabilities who otherwise could not afford them and where said services and equipment are not covered by another funding source. You can learn more about it- and give! at www.chari-t2000.org. I continue to thoroughly enjoy my work and my wonderful colleagues, and I was blessed last week by being awarded the "Employee of the Year" for our West Division. To learn more about Therapy 2000 and the services they provide to children with disabilities, go to www.t2000.com.

The Muskrat-Bihl Family Team participated in its 6th annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in September. Caleb and I travelled to Waco to walk with Danny's mom, Cheryl. The Muskrat-Bihl Family Team walks in memory of Jesse Bihl, Fran Muskrat, and Linnie Jane Burks, and we walk in honor of Betty Muskrat and Lena May Carroll. Thank you everyone for your continued support and prayers towards this valuable cause! www.alz.org. Pictured below are Caleb & I at the Walk (September), and my immediate family at our Muskrat Thanksgiving Reunion (November).





Danny's Doings:

Danny left Coppell F.D. in March of this year (after a little over 7 years in the fire service, including his 6 years with Harker Heights F.D.). He chose to leave for several reasons, including financial needs, health reasons, personal fulfillment, and family. Caleb and I have been so blessed to be able to see him more and to have him home every night- it has made a world of difference for Caleb having his "Daddy" home.



Danny switched from his Part Time ER Tech position at JPS Hospital (Fort Worth) to Full Time, and with his new consistent schedule, he was able to complete a Spring semester and start a Fall semester of classes for his Associates in Nursing degree track. Danny had a back injury a couple years ago and it was increasingly getting worse- and very painful- this year. He was diagnosed with a herniated disc in March. After months of trying PT and Cortisone shots (with no pain-relief), he had a Lumbar Laminectomy in July. Unfortunately, he did not qualify for FMLA and he lost his job with JPS. Danny was out of work for over 3 months. We are extremely grateful to our parents for their support and generosity and for helping us "get through", and we are also thankful to all of our friends for their prayers and support during this time. Danny was blessed with a job at Plaza

Medical Center (Fort Worth) as an ER Tech in October, and we are slowly trying to get back on our feet financially. Unfortunately, with the changes in his schedule, he had to drop his Fall classes (he was already over half way through them too) which puts him a year behind on his degree plans. Still, we are so thankful for his job and for God's provision, and we are thankful that his back is feeling much better. We are hopeful and excited to see what God has in store

for us in the year 2013, and we give Him thanks for allowing us to lean on Him and our family this past year.

Caleb's Corner:

Caleb is just as cute as ever! He'll turn 3 on Feb. 7. He has such a fun personality and puts a smile on our faces and laughter in our hearts every day. He loves to talk (he can be a little chatter-box sometimes), sing songs, pretend, act silly, "play" sports, watch movies/kid shows, and be your typical rambunctious toddler. He is such a precious and smart little boy. We are extremely thankful and blessed to have him in our lives, and we look forward to watching him grow and develop in the coming year.



Thank you for letting us share our year's events with you. You can read our previous newsletters at www.muskrattracks.com/eng/amy.htm. We give thanks for our family & friends, and we pray that God will bless you with a truly great year in 2013. Until next time,