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Bihl's Bugle



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Merry Christmas!

The highlight of our year included the birth of our second son, Aden Quentin Bihl! He was born on October 2nd, weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz, and measuring 20 inches long. He is named after his great-grandfather, Quentin Woods, whom went to be with the Lord this February; we miss our dear "Gramps" and are honored to carry on his name. Aden is such a sweet, laid-back baby, and we are enjoying every minute of him. **Caleb** is a wonderful big brother and is always happy to introduce his "baby brother" everywhere we go. The day before Thanksgiving, he was interviewed by KWTX (a local news station) in a Target parking lot, and the news reporter asked him what he was thankful for since they were putting together a kids Thanksgiving segment, and Caleb proudly responded, "I am thankful for my brother".

Caleb started Kindergarten in the Fall, and he really enjoys it. He is such a bright, mature little boy, and he is also a goof-ball like his Daddy. Caleb has been taking Mixed Martial Arts classes since the Spring and can throw a mean "hook". He mostly enjoys running around the gym, jumping on the trampoline, and wrestling with his coaches; they are so great with him. Caleb also enjoys reading books, playing video games, building Legos, attending church, and spending time with his cousins whenever he sees them. He also lost two teeth this Fall, and he went on his first camping trip with Danny earlier this year.



I (Amy) am about to start my sixth year as Social Work Case Manager for Therapy 2000. I still work remotely from home and travel to Fort Worth and Dallas every few weeks to attend meetings and visit with clients. I continue to be Vice President of Chari-T2000 (chari-t2000.org) and am proud to say that the charity donated over \$100,000 of equipment this past year to children with special needs. This Fall I also started teaching a Kids Missions class at our church on Wednesday nights, and I look forward to resuming it in January after the winter break. I teach the preschool class while Caleb attends the Kindergarten class.

I am continuing my publication pursuits for the Harley Hedgehog children's books. I have received four offers from self-publishing companies (where I have to pay to get my books published), but I have yet to find a traditional Christian publisher who will accept non-solicited and un-agented work. I am praying for God's wisdom and direction as I continue to pursue publication. Between work, the charity, and taking care of two boys (often by myself since Danny is away for work), it is difficult to find the time to write and to pursue publication, but I know God has a special plan for this ministry.

Danny changed jobs in May and started working as a Paramedic for Coryell Memorial Hospital in Gatesville, TX. He works 24 hours on, 48 hours off, and often works overtime hours as well. In August, after only being with the hospital for less than 3 months, Danny was promoted to the rank of Captain (bypassing the Lieutenant position), and he currently supervises everyone on his shift. Caleb was already calling Danny "Captain America" at home, and when Danny earned his Captain badge, Caleb excitedly said, "now he's a *real live* Captain!" Caleb and I are very proud of our Captain.



In addition to being busy with work, Danny has been taking online classes to complete his pre-requisites for nursing school, as that continues to be a goal of his. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with family, gardening, and doing projects around the house. Danny built two raised garden beds and several garden barrels, and we enjoyed fresh kale, lettuce, tomatoes, squash, pickles, blackberries, and strawberries over the Spring and Summer months. He also hand-crafted a rain harvest, a workbench, Caleb's "big boy" loft bed, and a fireplace draft stopper. His next projects include a coffee table, picnic table, and a porch bench. I keep telling him he needs to start a DIY blog/vlog!

2015 marked our *10 year wedding anniversary*! Danny and I are so thankful to the Lord for bringing us together, and we look forward to seeing what He continues to have in store for our marriage and our two precious boys. May God richly bless each of you this Christmas and New Year season!

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