



Bihl's Bugle



Merry Christmas!

We started off the year with a special blessing— **Noelle**! Snoopy left a big hole in our hearts when he passed in March 2021, and while we still miss him dearly, Noelle helped make that hole a little bit smaller. Danny surprised us at around Christmas time (2021) with the news that she was being adopted into our family, hence her Christmas name, *Noelle*. She LOVES chasing and catching balls and giving lots of slobbery kisses!



Another big highlight of our year happened over the Summer! We sold our 400 sq. ft. fifth wheel home (after living in it for four years by the lake), and we bought a small, older house in McGregor, which is just outside of Waco. We're thankful for the bigger living space, and we've been busy with lots of renovation projects. We have also fell in love with the small-town feel of McGregor and have enjoyed getting to know the community.

Caleb loves his new school and is currently in seventh grade. During the Fall, he played football for the seventh grade A team; he was a Wide Receiver and Linebacker. *Go Bulldogs!* He still plays the saxophone at school, and he medaled as Outstanding Soloist at the end of sixth grade (at his previous school) and advanced to the All-Region ATSSB Band (Association of Texas Small School Bands) in seventh grade. He has also joined the middle school jazz band and is looking forward to those rehearsals and performances. In November, Caleb went hunting and shot his very first deer. We've been feasting on venison stew, chili, steaks, and the like.

Aden adjusted beautifully to the move as well and is currently in first grade. He played on an Upwards Soccer Team for eight weeks in the Fall and had lots of fun. His favorite position was Goalie since he didn't have to run as much. He loves video games, Legos, jumping on his new trampoline, and being his big brother's shadow.

Danny made two career advancements this year by transitioning from his Assistant Manager position at Tractor Supply to United Ag & Turf as a Lawn & Garden Service Manager and then to Kirby Smith Machinery as a Product Service Manager. In January, Danny served as a Medic for the Too Cool Adventure Race at Lake Bastrop; we made a family trip out of it and took Noelle with us. Danny also served as a mentor for the Texas Parks & Wildlife and Legacy Outfitters Youth Hunt (which Caleb participated in) and the Texas Parks & Wildlife BOW (Becoming an Outdoor Woman) Hunt. In his spare time, he's enjoyed fixing up our 1956 house. We couldn't have done the updates without the assistance of Jeff Roberts (with Mesquite Tree Designs) and Cecil Guerrero (with Big Buck Services)!

I (**Amy**), am still a social worker at Therapy 2000 (pediatric home health) and completed my 12th year there. I accepted the role of Vice President for the nonprofit, Chari-T2000, and I also became its Fundraising & Publicity Chair. In the Fall, I re-joined the church choir and Praise Team, and I had the privilege of partnering with my brother, Andy, in leading worship for a bilingual worship service during the Texas Christian Community Development Network's annual "No Need Among You" conference, which was held at Andy's church this year. In my spare time, I still blog at faithfamilyfirst.com, and I published a *Creation Exploration Coloring Book*, which is a companion to the devotional book, *Creation Exploration*. Both are available on Amazon, along with my other two devotional books, *Andy's Armor of God* and *Ana's Armor of God*. I'm sharing a FREE devotional resource at the beginning of the year, so be sure to subscribe to the blog if you want a copy!

Danny & I celebrated 17 years of marriage this year, and we took a three-day trip to one of our favorite places—Fredericksburg, TX! We enjoyed touring the historic town, visiting wineries, and spending time with each other. We've also had a blast watching Argentina compete in (and WIN!) the FIFA World Cup! VAMOS ARGENTINA!



We thank you for being a part of our lives, and we pray you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

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