

# The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Hello again from the Refiors,

This last month has been quite a month. There has been great sorrow and great delight. Jerry Walden, a fine Pastor of an area church, lost his wife and all three of his kids in a tragic traffic accident. If you might have time to remember to pray for Jerry I would appreciate it. Sherah Walden was a dear friend of Laura. That tragedy brought many opportunities for teaching moments as well as personal reflection and prayer within the Refior family and among the Christian community at large. In matters such as submission to an all-knowing, all-good, sovereign God...acknowledgement of the total control of God...the need to take care of important things today...the need to nurture and enjoy relationships today...the urgency of getting out the truth of salvation only through Jesus Christ now, while there is yet light...and the like. This tragedy has had a significant impact upon the Refiors. Our Pastor, Ivan French, preached an outstanding and timely message relating to this matter in light of our great God and Father and His purposes. If anyone reading this letter would be interested in ordering a copy of that tape, please let me know, and I will take care of that for you.

At the time of entering Cedarville College, Nikki was able to complete special testing which allowed her not only to test out of some courses, but also to receive full college credit. As a result of that testing and the completion of her second quarter at Cedarville, Nikki is now classified as a Sophomore in college. Last week Nikki had her spring break and it was absolutely delightful to have our entire family back together again. We did something that we have never done before - we went on a snow skiing trip. We went far north in Michigan where they still had snow and we had one of the most wonderful times of family togetherness, fellowship and fun that we have ever had. I was impressed to see the rapid skiing progress of the entire family. When we were renting our ski equipment we were asked the level of experience we had. I answered that we were all "ski bimbo's" and the man seem to understand what I was saying. All of us managed to learn elementary skiing and we were able to negotiate the chair lifts and a number of the hills. It was just plain fun. We all took our turns at falling from time to time. I had

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one of those spectacular falls. Perhaps you saw a similar fall on that sports program when they use a ski accident to portray "...and the agony of defeat." I had more than a dozen individuals come up to me during the three days following my crash to express their extreme enjoyment in watching my spectacular antics while crashing down that steepest of the ski slopes. It even hurt me a little (not just my pride, but my out-of-shape body as well). I do believe that the Refiors will go skiing again... that was great.

Laura completed her cheerleading season. This month they will have try outs for the eighth grade cheerleading squad. There is keen competition for the limited number of spots on the squad and Laura is now in the process of learning a new cheer for the competition.

We had a wonderful surprise last week. Takao Tanaka called to say that he is in America and that he could come to Warsaw using his bus pass. So we were able to spend a brief time with Takao. Takao is the brother of Satomi Tanaka who was here in Warsaw for one year. It was exciting to be with this fine young man who has continued on in his walk with the Lord since he was saved while we were there in Takamatsu, Japan.

Things at the office are very good indeed. I wish that Jerry Yeager would be graduating from Law School this year instead of next year. I am so blessed with an outstanding staff (Johna Hodges and Tracey Rose as Paralegals, Trina Hoy as Receptionist/Secretary, Pam as Bookkeeper, and Shirley Petro as Typist. Additionally, Jerry Yeager serves as my Law Clerk during vacations and some projects by mail). I am really enjoying the cases in my office. I thank the Lord that I am able to limit my Practice and to accept only those cases that I really want to participate in.

Pam and I celebrated our Nineteenth Wedding Anniversary. I am desirous of bragging about my precious wife. The Lord has blessed me with an outstanding friend, help mate, lover, and all of the things that an ideal wife can be. Because I had the opportunity to testify to the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on our anniversary, Pam went along with me. In that way we were able to spend the entire day together and Pam was also able to take in the very interesting proceedings. That was a memorable anniversary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends to the right.