

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Greetings again from the Refiors,

February is here, but in a sense I look forward to March arriving. I have five jury trials stacked up and they will be completed by the first week of March. I still have not figured out how I will pull this off.

Last weekend was successful for the girls. For the first time Nikki tried a first division solo at the solo and ensemble regional band contest. Level one is the most difficult level, and only those who get a "First" at that level qualify for State competition at Indianapolis. Nikki has never played her baritone better. She received a "First." In addition, her brass ensemble received a First in the first division, so Nikki will be competing at State both as a soloist and as a part of the ensemble. Nikki worked very hard in preparation for the band contest. Johna Hodges was the accompanist for Nikki's solo. We really appreciate her work in preparation and the giving of her time for Nikki. Laura is on the Warsaw Christian School girls' basketball team, and she is a cheerleader for the boys' basketball team. This past weekend the boys had a basketball tournament in Auburn, Indiana. They came away as champions and Laura had a great time cheering them on to victory. Since the tournament and Nikki's band contest were on the same day, Pam and I had to split up and she went with Laura, while I went to the band contest.

During a recent girls' basketball game, Laura scored ten points to lead all scorers and the girls came away with a victory in overtime. It was the first game of any kind in the new gym at Warsaw Christian. So Laura was a part of a victorious inauguration of the new gym. Both girls earned all A's the first semester.

This past month has been a month for having groups of kids over to our house. There were slumber parties for Nikki's friends and slumber parties for Laura's friends. As the only boy in the house, I found myself a little boxed in. I either spent time away from the house or simply up in my room so as not to interfere with all those girls. In preparation for Laura's friends coming over (the 5th and 6th grade girls from our Action group at church), Laura and her friend Beth Russell painted one of the cement walls in the basement. Then all of the girls drew designs and wrote things in various colors on that wall. The girls had a great time doing that. And we certainly have the most unique basement wall. However, since the girls pretty well filled that wall up (with the help of Nikki's friends who came over and added their signatures, drawings, statements, etc.), I believe that

we will have to go ahead and paint a second wall to make room for future visits. Really it is fun. And more significantly, one of the girls at the party prayed that night to receive Christ!

Nikki is in the process of filling out papers to apply for scholarships. We are requiring that our girls pay for one-half of their college education. Any scholarships they earn will apply toward their one-half. Nikki scored high on her college entrance exam and has extremely high grades and we anticipate that she will receive some scholarship assistance. She will be attending Cedarville College and she already has received a \$1,000.00 scholarship from Cedarville based upon her high SAT scores.

I had hired a fourth full-time staff employee in anticipation of there being a second attorney in the office. When it did not work out to keep that young attorney, I continued with the larger staff, believing and hoping that things would work out. All of my employees are so outstanding. They are all solid Christians and there is beautiful harmony in the office, along with diligent and faithful work. However, the practical realities were such that I decided last month I would need to reduce my staff by one person. That was and continues to be a painful decision since I hate to lose any one of the ladies.

By God's grace and His work last month we saw some exciting events. A seventeen year old client prayed to receive Jesus Christ in one of the conference rooms at the courthouse after a hearing was concluded. He needs our prayers that he will get involved with a Bible-believing church and that he will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A client in his sixties had come to me to ask that I represent him in filing for divorce. I do not represent clients filing for divorce and I explained my Biblical stand in that regard. Although our time together was meaningful, when that client left it was with the intention of finding a lawyer who would file the divorce papers. I did assure him of my continued concern and my daily prayers. He came back to my office later to explain that he had reconsidered what we had talked about and he had decided not to go forward with the divorce. Praise God!

Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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