

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Isn't it amazing that 1987 is one-half over? I guess we will be sending Christmas cards before we know it. We are having a great summer. The girls are quite active during this summer vacation. Laura just finished Lancer basketball camp at Grace College. It was fun for us to go and watch the games each evening during camp. Marching band has started in preparation for the Fall marching season. The band has already marched in two parades. Nikki is happy to be back with the marching band. She particularly enjoys being a high school senior and the additional clout that it brings. Although the girls get a recess from piano lessons during the summer months, they both continue to play daily. They are progressing very well. Laura continues in her gymnastics and is looking forward to being a cheerleader in September. Nikki is a member of the church ladies softball team.

Nikki had an outstanding visit to Pam's parents house in California last month. Pam has a thirty by forty foot garden. She is growing corn, beans, peas, tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, eggplant, zucchini, etc.. I thought that I had protected the garden very well with the three foot high rabbit fence I installed around the garden until I saw deer in the area. At that point I wondered why I had put up that fence.

We continue to be very excited about what the Lord is doing at Pleasant View Bible Church. Pam and I continue to head up the children's ministry. We are changing the name from "Olympians" to "Action." We have an outstanding staff of twenty faithful leaders in the program. Our church continues the trend of increasing in missionary giving, sending missionaries, and other involvement. Pastor Ivan French is a wonderfully gifted Pastor and teacher of the Word of God.

This is the year for weddings at Refior Law Office. Brian Weiss who graduated from law school this year and who will be taking the bar exam July 16th and 17th was married to Joy on May 23. Last month Karen Herrold who will be joining the staff in September married Jim Lorch. And on August 1 Lisa Butler, my paralegal, will be marrying David Grainge. These three, as well as, John Hodges and Robin Coules (legal secretaries) and Pam (my bookkeeper) are all committed christians who are walking with the Lord. It is a great delight to work with believers.

I continue to be chairman of the Lakeland Child Evangelism Fellowship Committee. The Lord is blessing the ministries this

summer. We just released our latest films for use throughout the nation and the world. We have given tentative approval to move forward with steps toward the production of our next film which will be specifically designed for international use.

My goal to establish a network of attorneys throughout the country who will provide legal services to missionaries, missionary kids, and mission agencies, as well as produce useful information materials for missionaries and mission agencies, has taken a new direction. When I obtained approval from the American Bar Association for the program, that was for the program to proceed under the auspices of the Christian Legal Society. But when the executive director of CLS changed, so did the interest of the leadership in the program. I have decided to proceed to create a new corporation and to organize the program independently. Lord willing the initial steps will begin even this year.

I am still asking the Lord if I should plan a third return trip to Japan next year. The transition at the office which is necessarily part of bringing in an associate lawyer may result in a postponement of such a trip for one year.

It is truly hard for Pam and me to believe that one year from now Nikki will have graduated from high school. We are much more mindful of the short period of time parents have to nurture their children before the kids begin to spread their wings and move out into life. By God's grace we can look at Nikki and Laura and see that we have two trophies for the Lord who are saved, who are obedient and who have the joy of Christ in their lives. Yes...God is so very, very good!

Sincerely,


Paul D. Refior

