

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Hi!

I just love Autumn. I like the crisp air, the beginning of the changing colors, the re-start of school and church activities... and FOOTBALL. I have to confess that although I do not particularly like baseball I have been caught up a bit in "Chicago Cubs fever" now that they have won the division and will be entering the playoffs. Indiana does not have a pro baseball team so many people in this part of Northern Indiana are true Cubs fans. My Iowa Hawkeyes football team is off to a less-than-outstanding start and they are one victory and one loss going into this weekend. However, they are still undefeated in the Big 10 and I have great hopes for them to play the role of the dark horse for the Big 10 championship and a New Year's Day ballgame.

Nikki is back at Cedarville College. She had a whirlwind of activities relating to her responsibilities as an R.A. in her dorm. All of the young ladies in the units for which she is responsible made it back to school O.K. and are settled in. Classes have started and Nikki is in the full swing of school. We receive reports from her that she is having a great time and she is quite happy to be back at college. Laura has thoroughly enjoyed her cheerleading for the 8th grade and 7th grade football teams. She is a real natural and we have fun attending the games and watching her cheer. She only has one more home football game to cheer for. After that she will continue as a cheerleader for the long basketball season. Laura has had a great deal of homework. She continues to be in the accelerated programs at school and it is quite a challenge. Even as an 8th grader she is wondering where there will be enough time for everything with piano lessons, youth group activities and everything else.

This weekend Pam will be traveling to Chicago with some other ladies to attend a convention with Christian Women's Club. I am away from home on business with some regularity but it is quite uncommon for Pam to be away overnight. I'm sure that it will be a very productive time and I am happy that she is able to go.

Tonight I am having over my 5th and 6th grade boys from our ACTION group at church for a party. Even though it will

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be rather chilly we are heating the pool so that the boys will enjoy being in the water. Certainly this will be the last social event at the pool before we close it up for the winter.

I know that this newsletter is not usually a prayer letter as such, but please bare with me and allow me to list some items for prayer:

For Nikki's ministries and development at Cedarville College and that she will continue to be happy, fulfilled, and spiritually growing... for Laura's continued ministries and spiritual growth in the difficult environment of junior high school, including the strength to stand up for the Lord even when peers may be doing or saying things contrary to that which is true and right, and for Laura to be happy and fulfilled during these precious years... for Pam and Me as a Christian couple that we will stand firm as an example of a Christian marriage and that we will continue to grow in our relationship, communication, mutual edification, and love... that the law office will be an effective hub of ministry and that I will be God-honoring, maintaining a standard of excellence as a lawyer and that there will be no compromise in any aspect of the law practice... for the ministries and development of Child Evangelism Ministries (internationally) and for Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries (in the central states of America) and that innumerable children will be reached with the Gospel truth of Jesus Christ through the ministries and outreaches of CEM, including effective follow-up... for Pleasant View Bible Church and its continued ministries in world missions, clear proclamation of Bible truth, evangelism, and that we will become even more caring, warm and loving, with enhancement of families and the development of deep and genuine relationships, and that we will be united and correct in the selection of a new associate pastor... for the youth ministries and ACTION ministries at Pleasant View Bible Church and that the leaders will be truly wise, mature, and sensitive to the individual needs of the young people while never compromising the truth of the word of God or the standards of the Bible in daily living... for Pam and me as we diet and exercise that we will be disciplined and that we will honor the Lord with our bodies while being balanced in this entire area... for Rev. Jerry Walden (the pastor who lost his wife and all 3 children in that tragic accident last spring) as he continues to work through the grieving process and as his ministries have been enriched and expanded following that tragedy... for me as an employer as I strive to fulfill that role and responsibility

in a way that is God-honoring... for the large responsibilities that Pam has week after week with Christian Women's Club and that many women will be reached with the Gospel truth with the outreaches of CWC... for wisdom in knowing when a brief trip to Japan will fit into God's plan, and God's provision of the time and finances of such a trip... for the logistics as Nikki plans to spend a semester in Europe studying French, including the selection of which university in either Switzerland or France, and her contact with Christians and Nationals during that semester... for wisdom to Pam and me as we try to think through goals for the ensuing 10 years (should the Lord tarry)... for wisdom and guidance concerning the building of an addition to the law office... for all of the Refiors to be effective in witnessing to friends, clients, neighbors, associates,... for guidance and wisdom in the establishing of priorities, including decisions about the use of time and even the discontinuance of some responsibilities or activities in order to not be "spread to thin" and to allow more time to concentrate on matters that are of higher priority... for Pam and me to be effective parents... (there is more but I will stop).

I am finding a personal need to spend even more time in prayer these days, consciously depending upon the Lord for His guidance, help, protection, forgiveness and love. The Refiors are greatly blessed indeed. But when all is stripped away, we all have a personal relationship with God Almighty, through His unique Son, Jesus Christ [there is NO OTHER way to salvation and eternal life than for one to place his faith in Jesus Christ as the only Savior], we have a wonderful marriage, we have two children who are obedient, God-honoring, happy and growing in every good way, we have purpose in life, we have... who could ask for anything more?!

Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

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