



Bihl's Bugle



Merry CHRISTmas!

Danny & I officially became first-time homeowners this year! We moved from our small 2-bedroom duplex into a larger 3-bedroom house on August 30, 2009. The house sits on a corner lot in a nice, quiet neighborhood, and it has a large fenced-in backyard with ample room for Bella and Churro to run and play.



We completed a lot of projects within the first couple months of occupancy, including stripping wallpaper and painting walls, installing new fixtures, replacing a broken toilet, re-fencing the yard (after a heavy storm blew down 2 sides of the fence the weekend before we moved in!), installing solar screens, etc. Danny even managed to fall through the ceiling not once but *twice* while insulating the attic. We have enjoyed the home immensely and are grateful to God for His provision.

Baby Bihl:



Another "first" happened this year... Danny & I are thrilled to announce that we are expecting our first child, Caleb Aaron, who is due February 14, 2010. We praise God for His precious little miracle, and we can't wait to hold him in our arms. We have been busying ourselves with getting the nursery ready and attending parenting/childbirth classes, and we have already been blessed with lots of baby clothes from dear friends. Caleb will be here before we know it, and we can't wait to meet him!

Danny's Doings:

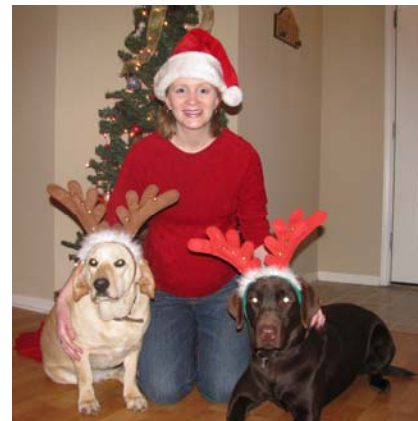
In February, Danny was promoted to Driver Operator at Harker Heights F.D. (*pictured at far right on next page*). Each shift is divided between two fire stations, and the Driver Operator is in command of one station while the Lieutenant is in command of the other station. In April, Danny decided to pursue a career in real-estate (for when he is not on shift at the F.D.), and he received his Texas Real Estate License in July. He currently works with Keller Williams Realty in Waco, TX, and he is a member of the Pat Nix Team. Know of someone who is buying or selling a home in Waco or the surrounding area? Have them give Danny a call! He can be reached at 254-315-3168 or at dannybihl@kw.com.

Danny's family is doing well. His brother, Jason, was recently promoted to Detective with the Waco P.D., and he still remains active with Waco S.W.A.T. Some of you may know that Danny's parents have had some health problems this past year, and Danny's dad has been living at a nursing home since June; we ask for your continued prayers for their health and for God's wisdom as they make important decisions. Cheryl happily retired from the Waco Post Office this year after 31 years of service, and she is currently visiting her family in Virginia until early January, while Danny Sr. is visiting his family in San Angelo, TX over the holidays.

Amy's Activities:

I continue to work at Providence Sub-Acute Care Unit as a social worker, going on 2.5 years. In May, I started doing contract work with Great Wall of China Adoptions, an international adoption agency that facilitates adoptions from China, Mexico, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and the Philippines. I conduct home studies for prospective adoptive parents and follow-up with them once the child is placed in the home. Check out their website at www.gwca.org. For the 3rd year in a row, the Muskrat-Bihl Family Team participated in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, and we successfully raised \$825.00 for Alzheimer's research and support programs. Thank you everyone for your support! To learn more about how you can get involved with the Alzheimer's Association, visit www.alz.org. Danny & I continue to be members of Highland Baptist Church, where I enjoy singing in the choir; sadly, I had to give up teaching ESL after the Spring semester due to my second job, the baby, the move, etc.

As to the Muskrat family, my older brother, Daniel, and his wife, Sara, were blessed with the birth of their 3rd child, Benjamin (Ben) Price, on Dec. 16. My twin-brother, Andy, recently published his own CD of hymn arrangements, including an original composition that he dedicated to me. You can listen to the songs at www.myspace.com/muskratpiano. My parents, Bruce & Nancy, are doing well and staying busy with their ministry at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute and their church. "Nana" will be teaching a music class at Baylor University next year, so she and "Papi" will be staying with us one night a week to ease the commute (*translation*: to spend time with their grandson).



We love you all and wish you a very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year!

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