



# Bihl's Bugle



## *Merry CHRISTmas!*

The year 2011 ushered in a year of change for the Bihl family. Change in jobs, residency (3 moves total), watching Caleb grow and reach his milestones, etc. We left our home in Hewitt, TX on January 8, and we immediately started our new jobs in Fort Worth and Coppell on January 10. My parents were very gracious to let us stay with them for 5 months while we waited for our house to sell. God provided- as He always does- and we thankfully sold our house in May. We moved to an apartment in Euless, TX the following month and then moved yet again 3 months later to another apartment just down the road. Though we have become expert movers and packers by now, we hope to “remain put” for a while...

### *Danny's Doings*

Danny is now a firefighter/paramedic at Coppell F.D. in Coppell, TX. On most of his days off, he works as an ER Technician/Paramedic at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. He loves working in the ER- so much so that he has gone back to school to finish his medical degree, with future plans of becoming a Nurse Practitioner.



### *Amy's Activities*



I am greatly enjoying working as a Social Work Case Manager at Therapy 2000, [www.t2000.com](http://www.t2000.com), a pediatric home health agency that provides physical, speech, and occupational therapies to children ages 0-21. On June 18, the Muskrat kids organized a surprise 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for our parents, Bruce & Nancy Muskrat. Several family members, close friends, and even close Argentine friends and missionaries were able to attend. Another “big event” for the Muskrat family occurred in May, when a devastating tornado hit our hometown of Joplin, MO. We thank God for his protection, as none of my family was injured. My mother's parents' house was destroyed during the storm, however, and they have since relocated to Fort Worth and now live in an independent retirement community near my parents; we are so blessed to have them here with us. Lastly, thank you to all of my family who contributed towards this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's- both in their own communities and for the walk in Waco. To learn more about how you can get involved in this valuable cause, go to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

### *Caleb's Changes*

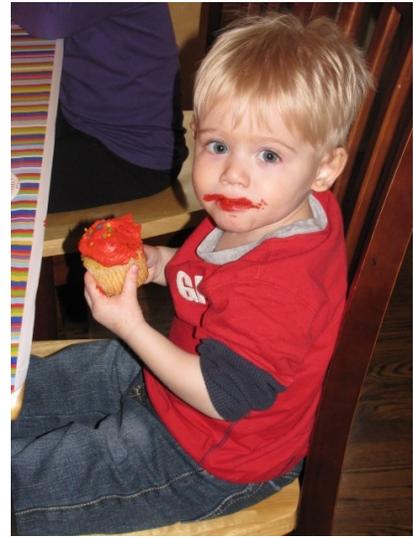
The year 2011 was marked with a lot of changes for Caleb as well. Caleb experienced the effects of the “big move” right along with Mommy & Daddy—starting a new daycare and meeting new friends, saying goodbye to our 2 dogs, not sleeping in his own crib or room for several months, etc. But Caleb adjusted well to his new surroundings and enjoyed spending time with his Nana & Papi. He turned 1 on February 7, and he started to walk about a week or two before his birthday. He is now a very energetic and playful little boy who loves to run, dance, and jump (he will jump off of anything he can find—or build). He had lots of “firsts” this year. First birthday party, first haircut, first time in a pool, first time managing flights of stairs, first time walking/running/jumping, first baseball game, first tricycle/fire truck/ambulance ride, first operation, first (and hopefully last) trip to the ER, first time using a “big boy” potty, etc.



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After numerous ear infections, Caleb had ear tubes placed in March, and he has not had an ear infection since! We have also learned through various allergy tests that he is allergic to peanuts (attributing to the ER trip), eggs, avocado, and dairy. All in all, he is a happy, healthy little toddler. Danny & I are amazed at how much he has changed this past year and how much he is developing into a little boy. He talks non-stop and is learning new words and phrases every day. He loves to pray at mealtime, and he always ends his prayers with a resounding “AMEN!” He also loves to “read” books and sing songs with Mommy. He’s our little cutie pie, and we thank God for him every day.

*Thank you for letting us share our year’s events with you. You can read our previous newsletters at [www.muskratracks.com/eng/amy.htm](http://www.muskratracks.com/eng/amy.htm). We give thanks for our family & friends, and we pray that God will bless you with a truly great year in 2012. Until next time,*

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