

# MISSIONS connection

August 13, 2025

September Birthdays 1 Sadie Jones 29 Emily Keeter  
October Birthdays 27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis  
November Birthdays 6 Bryan Kelly

**Bryan & Brittany Kelly**

*Brittany is the Children's Director at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN*

We are so thankful for you and Grove Level. Thank you all for always lifting us up in prayer.

We are doing really, really good! We are in a rhythm, and I'm loving my days home with Nate. There are days I wish I didn't have to go back to work - but I know that my job isn't just a job...it's a calling. I miss being there, I miss the leaders and kids, but my heart will be torn spending my days away from him.

Will you pray for us as we prepare for the end of the month for me to go back to work? Prayer not only for our hearts as we are apart, but also Nate's protection at the daycare he will be at and also finances. Daycares are way more expensive in Chattanooga than they were in E'town - we were not prepared, but we know the Lord will provide.

**Elijah and Raelene Soritau**

**Elisha, Tori, Karis and Isaiah**

*Elijah is the Vice-Rector of Emmanuel University in Oradea, Romania and pastor in the Oradea area*

Greetings! We are on summer break for 1 week from today until next Thursday. Raelene wanted to take this vacation before the big camp. She has had multiple meetings with the staff and will have some more and then the camp. Please pray for the camp, staff and children. This is our major concern and of course selling Elisha's car. He cannot enroll in the Fall because we have not paid the school, and they will not release his transcripts and diploma. Thank you so much! Love you guys!

**Stephen and Emily Howard**

*Stephen is the youth pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Verona, KY*

Hello!

- 1) I'm starting to apply for some jobs that I think would go well with our future. Pray we would trust God.
- 2) Our dossier was approved! We are one step closer to finishing the process. Now we are waiting for the referral. We aren't too far away from finishing the process!
- 3) Continue praying for the girl that we have been approved to adopt. I think she'll learn about us soon.
- 4) A way that we want to continue to put into practice what we learned in Germany is to keep doing evangelism here in the States. Pray God would work in the hearts of those we work with.

Thank you all!

**Hannah and Enos Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

*teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.*

We love y'all!

Praises:

- Even though Rachel (the expat facilitator) is still on health leave in the US, the Kimki translation team is continuing on with Oral Bible Translation. They are participating in another workshop this week and next. A facilitator is here from Canada standing in for Rachel, and she said that the team is making good progress. Thank you for praying with us for them!
- NILD is going well with the student that I am working with. God has provided extra energy and time, and someone to take care of Azaryah. With the start of the new school year, we are asking God to work out the schedule so that we can continue to meet.

Prayer:

- Please pray for salvation for Mr. H and his family. His health is not much better, but he is going with his wife as she sells fruit each day. Pray for continued opportunities to show them Jesus' love.
- Please pray that God will provide for YAJASI and give them favor as they continue to deal with customs and tax officials.
- Enos and one of his coworkers are going to visit the customs office tomorrow on behalf of YAJASI. Please pray for favor, wisdom, and opportunities for gospel witness.
- Pray that we can be a light in our neighborhood and love on the neighborhood kids. Maria was recently in a motorcycle accident. She is okay, but is missing a lot of school and in some pain.
- My visa renewal is coming up soon. Please pray that it will go smoothly and quickly.
- Pray that God will lead more local Indonesian churches to partner with the ministries here.
- Pray for the Kimki Bible Translation team as they participate in the workshop this week and next. Pray for health, good understanding, accurate translation, and diligent team members.

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA  
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Thank you so much for the encouragement from God's Word. At times I do grow pretty weary, especially with the lack of much use of my right arm. Last night Andrew and I watched Lifeway Film's Free Burma Rangers, and it was rather convicting to be reminded of how much I am focused on "self" instead of the coming "finish line" you talked about. In a better renewed frame of mind today!!!

Grace — we are gearing up for the new church year next month. Lots we want and need to do.

We have two children that are wanting to be baptized. Pray for Lillie and Corbin as both their parents continue to talk with them about Jesus. Pray for our Grace family as we encourage them and embrace, with much joy, God's gracious saving work in them. Also pray for us to be a good discipling fellowship for them and their parents.

We still have quite a few families that attend very regularly but have not joined yet. We could definitely benefit from them in the privileges that come with membership. Pray for God to stir their hearts to see and understand the importance of becoming members of Grace.

Crowes - pray for Andrew. He is fifteen and facing all that fifteen year olds face. Pray for Samuel and Katlynn as they are expecting a little girl in December. Pray for Taylor and Emily who are currently walking through a miscarriage. They are brokenhearted and need God's healing and sustaining grace.

Pray for me and Kellie as we navigate all of these "life happenings". Especially pray for Kellie as she has her hands full with all of the rest of us!

Thank you for loving us through praying for us. Thank you for living Colossians 1:9 on our behalf!

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement! We are praying for you and Grove Level as well. Here are some prayers and praises.

1. Praise the Lord for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic! Our team served over 600 people in the medical clinics as well as provided medicines for them. In addition, over 150 children were taught in VBS. The gospel was shared and there were several decisions.
2. Pray for Iglesia Bautista Escalando Peldanos and Pastors Negro Almonella and Juan Jimenez as they now begin disciple making groups as a follow up to our work there. They will be using Impacto Uno (Impact One) from Crossroads Church and Impact Discipleship Ministries to disciple believers as they learn to walk with Jesus.
3. Pray for churches without Pastors: Cornerstone, Midway, and East Griffin.
4. Pray for me as I work with North Griffin Baptist Church to possibly plant a new Hispanic congregation.
5. Pray for our association as we make plans to move into a new facility.
6. Pray for the following churches that are in process of making a decision to become a part of Flint River: Macedonia Baptist, Jackson, Towaliga Baptist, Jackson, County Line Baptist, Jenkinsburg, Mt. Vernon Baptist in Jackson, Rocky Creek Baptist in Forsyth, Heavenly Way Baptist Church in Griffin, Gospel Community Church, Fayetteville, and Life Song Church in Griffin.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Reach UTK*

*1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

Thank you for your encouragement!

We're looking forward to welcoming old and new students over the next two weeks! Classes start back for UT students on the 18th. This past Friday Emily and I attended a retreat to meet incoming freshmen, and we will meet many new students in the coming weeks. Please pray with us for good connections and favor as we seek to invite students to get involved with our ministry. Thank you for praying with and for us!

**Chrissie Shaheen Foresman and Bill Foresman**

*Tent Ministries*

*PO Box 678, Signal Mountain, TN 37373*

Thank you so much!!! We appreciate you and our prayer warriors!!! Bill and I are speaking to missions pastors and churches about our work in Israel. Please pray that our message is received and new partnerships form. Pray for our team preparing to leave for Israel in October. We are planning 2 retreats for the Body of Christ. Pray for me as I minister to Iranian women in Turkey this September. These women are new believers and have refugee status in Turkey. Our team will be leading 3 retreats! Lots going on these days, His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!!!

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"*

*www.goandmakeministry.org*

Adelyn is at her first church camp with the 3rd-5th graders this week. We've seen some photos already, and she looks like she is having a great time. We are praying she has some great memories of spiritual growth she will look back on.

We are also thinking about Kelsey going on a women's mission trip to Guatemala in the fall with our church here. Pray as we work that out.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry*

*840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746*

Ephesians 4:15-16, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body is fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." We all have a part. The part we play is important. This is a great lesson I learned in the Army. If we all do our part the whole company gets rewarded. If one person fails to do their part the whole company suffers. Thank God for y'all working so hard to do your part. I don't quite consider it Fall yet, but I'm excited to see football season kicking off this weekend. I will be joining a young evangelist at North Murray to witness and hand out tracts. Some of the other fellas I have been working with are going to hit some of the other games here in the county. I have an opportunity to share at a men's breakfast at Riverview Baptist Church this Sunday morning here in Calhoun. I'm working on an interesting message, and I pray the Lord would add His blessings to it. Also I've been working to try to figure out my teaching that I will be doing in San Francisco as the team leaders for the Super Bowl Outreach gather on Labor Day weekend. Our topic is "The Doctrine of Scripture." The topic in and of itself is something we could talk about from now till Jesus comes back. But I only have 45 minutes to share my thoughts on the topic. I pray the Lord gives me wisdom for this endeavor. Please continue to pray for our calendar. I'm confident we're doing what the Lord wants, although there's always a desire to be able to do more. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Blessings. Gynnette and Mark

**MHELJ**

*serving in Asia Pacific Rim with the IMB*

We are in the final stages of moving our life to the other side of the world. July will wrap up with goodbyes, the selling of our house, and time with family. August and September will be training in Virginia that will provide us and our kids with all the tools necessary to thrive in another culture. In October we will arrive in a city in the Asia Pacific Rim where we will study language for roughly one year. After that time, we will arrive in a city of 15 million people that is almost entirely Buddhist and in need of the hope of the gospel. The church is present there, but growth is slow. It is less than 1% evangelical christian. Please pray that closing on our house would proceed smoothly. Pray for good goodbyes with family and friends for us and our children. Pray for the transition out of our home, into a temporary home in Virginia, a temporary home in Asia, and finally a more permanent place a year from now. Pray for quick and effective language acquisition.

**Upward Running Ministry**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

It was so meaningful to hear the references to Run for God/Upward Running as Brother Charlie spoke from Hebrews 12 a couple of Sundays ago. What a blessing!

Thank you for your prayers church family.

We thought we would share a little "heated" Upward Running post this week. This is from Jim Stimson who is a long time, faithful Run Club member who lives in Arizona. It is important that you know, Jim is 78 years old. "Got out later this morning, temps were 109° when I finished my run, but the humidity was only 18% today. It's a dry heat. Today's run actually felt good though, even in the heat. All glory to God!"

It is so exciting and Praise worthy to see all our folks posting, knowing they are sharing Jesus with every step.

Keep praying for these most important steps.

We love you Grove Level!

The Upward Running Team

**Phil Walleck, PhD & Lou Walleck, LPC, LMHC**

*The Restoration House  
South Walton | 30A | Florida*

I love that GL is a house of prayer!

1. Our three (2 in 7th and one in 8th) all start school this coming Monday.
2. I preached last week and will again this week at a church I was previously the interim pastor for. I love that they reached back out!
3. We are hosting a pastor and his family of 9 at the Restoration House next week. This will be their 1st family vacation somewhere in 8 years not related to a Mission/ministry trip.
4. We continue to have people reach out to Hope Counseling Online. We love seeing healing take place!
5. Praise!!! We are continuing to cut down on all the student loans we had from our Bible college and seminary work. We have a ways to go, but we are making significant progress!

Thank you all!!!

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry  
6212 Woodlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209*

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayer for us and our ministry!

We would love continued prayer for favor and provision as we work towards our funding needs for the upcoming school year. We also have 3 new staff coming on, and they have been working hard on their funding all summer long - but if y'all could be praying for them as they wrap that up and are aiming to be fully funded by the beginning of August as well!

Besides that we are 3 weeks out from starting our planning meetings and 5 weeks out from school starting up (August 19th) - which is crazy! So pray for a few more weeks of good rest before we jump back fully in with all the things. Prayers for our students that they would really be connecting with God over the last month of summer as it can be easy to fall out of those rhythms over the summer.

We're grateful for y'all and love y'all!

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.  
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Times are most difficult right now, and our only hope is in Jesus. Please pray for us as people are finding out about us and are starting to come. Pray God gives us the words that bring life and hope to those who are seeing the world and wanting something to believe/hope in. Thank you and all of GLBC for your partnership, prayers, and friendship.

**James and Jessie Choi**

**Jemma**

***Crossings Community Church in N. Augusta, SC  
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Thank you so much for your partnership for the gospel! It's encouraging to know there are others "holding up hands" alongside you when the going gets tough. We truly are serving a Kingdom so much bigger than just ours, and you are a reminder for that to us!

Just an update for you: We decided to end our partnership with our sending church, Anchor, and I updated our core members that we will be seeking a new mother church to provide oversight. It's looking like they (Anchor) are on the way to closing their doors and dissolving because of the church split. Please pray for them as they navigate this difficult season with those remaining. Pray that God would protect their hearts from bitterness and that there would be reconciliation among the pastors that caused this split.

Here are some ways you can be praying for us:

1. Continued financial provision. Pray for me as I cast vision to churches, networks, and individuals in raising support. Now we have consistent expenses and I will still need to continue to ask others for support in these earlier months as we have launched. We are also trying to teach our people to learn to tithe so pray that they would catch a vision for sacrificial giving to the Lord so that we can do all that God is calling us to do as a church.
2. Dream Team - Please pray that our Dream Team would be formed in such a way that they catch the vision of all contributing instead of it being on a select few to do the work. We want to see them have ownership of every ministry as they view our church as their home.
3. Connections in our community, churches, and college ministry to make a kingdom difference. Our ads continue to go out in the community asking people to try out a new church in the area. Please pray that they would make the effort to attend and that they would feel welcome with us.
4. Increased burden for our neighbors and opportunities to minister to them. It is a challenge to balance all that is going on at the moment with new contacts God has placed in our path. So pray that we can continue to be available to our neighbors in the midst of it.
5. Wisdom, peace, diligence in next steps for our church. Pray against the enemy's attacks as we seek His direction in all ways. This is especially true with division happening in our mother church, Anchor Church.
6. BCM - Baptist Collegiate Ministry. We had 63 students show up for our first Gathering (worship service) on Augusta University's campus! Praise God! 22 of them were first-time guests and we are seeking prayer in wisdom and diligence to follow-up well and to connect them to our church or other healthy churches in the area.
7. Sunday Services - Pray that we continue to follow up well with guests and welcome them with open arms into our faith family. We are continuing to go through our Ephesians series and praying that our church would know our identity as the church universal to live in faith for His Kingdom. This week is our Fall Kick-Off and we have a baptism scheduled! Pray that the Lord would move mightily in our service!
8. Community Groups - This is our small group strategy. We are ending our summer season but we will continue in August for the Fall season. Pray that when we meet with each leader, we will be able to cast a clear vision of what these groups were meant to be that will draw more people to Himself.
9. School Partnership - Please pray that we can find ways to minister to the school as school is starting back up. Pray that I can get in touch with him because usually we end up being last on the list to follow-up with because of his busy schedule.

Thank you so much for your prayers. Love you guys!

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

*works in security with the IMB*

We have the opportunity this week to be at the river and enjoy some sunshine and down time!

We received exciting news that we are having a boy! Ashley and I are beside ourselves, and the girls are over the moon. Everything is still looking great for our little dude, and Ashley seems to be doing better with how she feels. Ashley has officially been offered a full-time ministry position as the minister of special needs. She will be over our children's and youth and eventually adults with special needs. Everything has been approved, and she will go before the church soon. We are honored that God has opened these doors for us and how this has become our mission field.

**Davi Masi**

*He is the Staff Support Representative for Crossover Global in Brazil*

Thank you for this message; it encouraged me today.

Prayer requests:

- Please, pray for us to be more Christ-like in every area of our lives. We want to be more holy, loving, and caring people.
- This week Cris started leading a group of women called "Mate & Maternidade" (literally 'Mate & Motherhood', mate is a traditional beverage that we drink everyday, specially in a circle of friends). It is a great opportunity to teach and preach the gospel, and women from different backgrounds are attending. Please, pray for her and for the group of women. Picture: Cris is holding Martina on the right.
- I just started leading one of the worship groups of our church. Please, pray for wisdom as I lead them. We don't know each other so well yet, and I expect we'll have a good relationship.



**Troy & Lille Poe**

*514 Enzian Dr, Dalton, GA 30721*

Thank you for your prayers. We look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesdays as classes start back. Truett and Palmer Kate started Kingdom Kids this week. We are so thankful for the preschool ministry and the teachers that pour God's love into the hearts of our children.

We have a new hire on my team at work. Please pray that I will take advantage of opportunities to have Gospel conversations with him and other coworkers in my office.

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Julia Kelly Ralston**

*Property Intern at Crossings at Jonathan Creek in Hardin, KY!*

**Ross and Molly Kinsey**

**Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh**

*Critical Christianity Ministries*

*Galena, Alaska*

**Tony Fuscillaro**

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,*

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*Pray for his travels back to the states tomorrow.*

**Thomas, Paige Queen**

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**Luce Terto**

*Serving God in Brazil.*