

MISSIONS connection

August 23, 2023

*Birthdays
September 29 Emily Keeter*

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers for our family. Please continue to pray for Lille and our baby girl to remain healthy. We go for our next appointment in a couple of weeks. My class at school is going well. Continue to pray I stay on top of my studies.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Please be in prayer for me as I am also helping out a sister Amedisys and have to travel when I'm helping them. Pray for us as we seek ways to serve God in our local church, pray especially for me as I'm learning to be a member instead of a pulpit person (this has been hard lately). Pray for Sara and the girls as they start the new school year tomorrow. Lift Ashlyn and Angel up in prayer as they are pregnant with child number 2. Thank you for your continued prayer!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

*"Go and Make Ministries"
www.goandmakeministry.org*

We would like to ask for y'all to join us in prayer for our community group at Kingsland. There are several families hurting right now mostly all related to sickness and death. One family lost their 4 yr old daughter (they are also expecting their second child in December). One person's dad went to Dr to find out he has brain cancer, and they gave him 2 months to live. And a few other families have also been struggling with major sickness. Praise God for the group though, as they really have shone the light of Jesus in these hard times and have been quick to take care and make sacrifices for each other.

Love y'all, Josh

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Hey, friends. Thank you for your prayers! Continue to pray for our hearts. We are both in a tired and weary season. Grief has been hard for us to navigate while ministering to those around us. Being a children's minister means being surrounded by families and walking through the season of life they are in. I have so many families welcoming sweet little ones, and, while I'm so happy for them... it feels really heavy right now, and I'm really fighting to battle bitterness.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Thanks for praying for us as we transition back. It's been good, and we have all we need, but still a stretching process for us as a couple.

Praise:

- Enos was able to start working at YAJASI this week.

Prayer:

- Pray for wisdom for me as I serve a lot of students at HIS.
- The Bible dedication is this weekend. Please keep praying for spiritual protection, peace in the village, and for YAJASI as they fly everyone in and out. Pray that the people will read the Bible they will receive.
- Pray that God will provide a national director for YAJASI who has the vision of the ministry and is willing/able to raise support (instead of receiving a paycheck).

We love y'all and are so thankful for you guys!

Hannah and Enos

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Whew! This heat is affecting so many in their training plans! We are so thankful for the praises and attitudes through it all.

Thank you church family for your prayers! Please pray for safety for all those who are getting out, running and still sharing Jesus along their way. We are enjoying hearing their stories and praying with them as they hear struggles and circumstances of those they encounter.

We have a couple from Ohio who have been separated for a season as he is in the Army and has been deployed. They are faithful Run Club members and are sharing their running journeys with us from their different homes. Lance and Adrienne were here in April at our 5K Weekend and again at our Hawkins 10k race. Of course we ask for prayer for them as they navigate this journey.

We are all settled in our new office at Cohutta General Store. It is so exciting getting to become a part of the precious community. God has certainly blessed us.

Thank you Grove Level! We love you!!!

The Run for God Team

Nathan and Laura Johnson

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry
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We are so thankful for your prayers though.

Here are a few things you can pray for. We start back with students in a few weeks and will start planning meetings and whatnot at the end of this week. Please pray for the meetings and for us as we prepare. Ask for the Lord's wisdom and favor as we enter a new school year.

Also, with that if y'all would be praying for our fundraising. We are trying to get as much done before the school year so we can give as much of our time as we can to our students. We still have a bit to go to reach our goal.

Last thing that's a bit of a praise as well as a thing to be praying for is we were able to buy the house I mentioned to you a bit ago. That's why we weren't going to make it back. We were supposed to close at the end of July, but the closing keeps getting pushed back for a variety of reasons. We are supposed to close next Wednesday. But pray for energy and rest as we will be moving and settling in during our busiest time of the year: when school starts back up.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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Psalms 145:9, "The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." We praise the Lord for His goodness towards us and thank you as well for your goodness towards us. We've had an amazing weekend in ministry. On August 11th my friend, Steve Godwin, and Shane Parrott, the pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, stood out in front of their Church and handed out 14 Bibles while holding gospel signs and crosses. This past Friday Steve and I set up to do the same thing. This time we gave out 21 Bibles on a hot Friday afternoon. Praise the Lord, people are hungrier for the Word than we really realize. This past Sunday morning I didn't have a preaching appointment, and it appears that God had a plan for me at my home church. We always have an altar of prayer at Sugar Valley Baptist. It always happens right before Pastor Mitch preaches. As I was walking back to my seat, a young teenager grabbed me by the arm and said that his cousin wanted to get saved. I grabbed my Bible, and we went back to the altar. That was the beginning of an amazing service. Pastor Mitch never preached, but waves of people just kept coming to the altar. I had the joy of leading several more to the Lord. When the service finally closed, there were five people who were saved. Praise the Lord for the unmistakable presence of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Mitch had asked me early last week to preach Sunday night. I preached on the Love of God from Ephesians 3:17-19. It was an amazing study preparing this message. On September 1st I fly to Las Vegas to meet with about 10 men to help with the planning and preparation for the Super Bowl Outreach in February. I'm looking forward to this trip, although I still have a good bit of preparation to get ready for it. I have to prepare a message to preach to the team leaders. Football season has kicked off, and I hope to find a game to work this weekend. Bible College is going well as we continue on teaching through the book of Romans. I had a pastor call me from Rome, Georgia to ask me about preaching in their revival. Thank you for your prayers for our calendar. Please continue to do so. Gynnette's Daddy is taking quite a bit of care at this time. We have noticed some change in both his health and cognitive abilities. He has decided he doesn't want to go to the hospital anymore, so we have set up hospice. I don't exactly know how to tell you where we are with his health. We just appreciate your prayers. I'm glad we have the Savior to lean on in times such as this, and I'm glad we have the support and prayers of Grove Level Baptist Church. You're a blessing to us. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- At the driver license classes I was able to share the gospel with many of my classmates. They were very open to talk about it. This is a characteristic of this region of Brazil where we live right now. Many people know about Jesus, though many have misconceptions about the true gospel and are influenced by the prosperity gospel. Many haven't decided to follow Jesus with commitment. Please pray for those people who heard the gospel through me. May the seed grow, and may they be saved.

- Please pray for us that we may grow in knowledge of the Lord. We want to be mature people who can help each other and truly bless those people around us. May the Holy Spirit mold us and use us.

Stephen and Emily Howard

living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them

1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. 2) Pray that we would be light to the community around us. 3) We did end up buying the new vehicle. So we finally have another one! Praise God for that. 4) We are going to meet with some church planters in Cincinnati next week. Pray it would be a good vision trip. 5) I want to start leading some local evangelism teams soon. Pray for wisdom on where to go with that. I'll be leading a booth at a local event in September. So pray we'd be a light. Thank you all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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Thank you for praying for us. Part of the Crowe's are in South Dakota today, and the rest are flying out here Saturday to join us at Yellowstone. Pray for us as we travel and sightsee.

Grace — pray for one of our beloved elders, Steve Wilford, as he preaches this coming Sunday Pray for our men's ministry as we continue to grow and equip for ministry.

We are planning our annual "Welcome to Worship" banquet for upcoming 3rd graders (who will now stay in corporate worship the entire time instead of half the time). We are planning this as we travel, so pray for us to have wisdom.

We have to get back on the road for Wyoming....thank you for loving us so well.

We love you much in Jesus!

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Reach UTK
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We are a week away from classes starting at UT. Classes started today at a community college nearby called Pellissippi State. We went yesterday to scope out the campus and to pray. As we prayed for "persons of peace," we were soon connected with an administrator who is the wife of a former student that we know. We were invited to join them for their welcome week events, which started today. We had some good conversations with students today, and we'll be going back tomorrow. Please pray for God to bless our efforts there. This upcoming Monday we'll begin with welcome week events at UT. This is an exciting and busy time filled with many interactions and relational events as we try to connect with new students. Please pray for God to give us energy and that He would use us to reach students with the gospel. Thank you for praying with us!

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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The Cedara community outreach has been going strong since we went to visit over July. The church service has been well attended with 15-30 adults plus kids each week. They have expanded to 5 small group bible studies during the week. There are still kids clubs weekly. Because of this growth, our local partner Syvion desires another helper. He has asked us to pray for wisdom around hiring one of the ladies in the Cedara community to help him keep up with the bible study growth, add tutoring kids at the Cedara primary school plus teach a life skills class. This person would also help manage the lady knitting project and garden development. He thinks he has identified the lady but wanted us to help pray for confirmation so he and Bro. David (Hilton Baptist pastor) select God's choice.

Secondly, we need to raise the money to pay the new helper's stipend. Pray for the funds to be able to hire this needed worker to keep up with the spiritual growth in numbers of adults and kids.

We are praying around another short term mission trip after Thanksgiving during the US University Christmas break to offer another VBS for the kids, do a construction project or house repair for a vulnerable person in the Cedara community. If this is God's plan, ask Him to raise up a team to go and share the gospel.

Thanks for your faithful prayer support all these years!

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

Thank you! Please continue to pray for the camps that many will be blessed and also saved as they will be exposed to the Word of God. Also, please pray for safe travels to the camps' locations, especially for the kids who have cancer and their immune systems are compromised. Please continue to pray that we will be able to solve Elisha's problem with housing. SMU has a rule that if you are an upperclassman you have to move off campus if you lose the lottery housing. Therefore, we have to find something immediately. As of now, we are in a hotel, and we have been here for almost 2 weeks. This is very urgent, and we would appreciate your prayers. Thank you! Please let everyone know that we are praying for them and you often, and we are grateful for the partnership we have with you all. Elijah and Raelene

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

I am so, so, so sorry we have been MIA the last however long. We have battled strep with Sadie and Ashley, and we moved into the house!! Somehow during that process I got one of the worst cases of poison ivy I've had. Also, SJ had lab work and back to back Dr visits (not sick), so days somehow blur together and seem so long at the same time. With all that being said, prayer for rest is always accepted! But we are so thankful to finally be in our home and getting to a point where we feel settled and not just floating. Sadie turns 7 in 9 days! She is very excited but nervous about starting her co-op for school and moving up in Sunday school. Sophie had a check up with her endocrinologist, and we are still a little concerned with her growth. Ashley has also been battling pharmacy companies trying to get her growth hormone squared away after this shortage. Continue to pray for Ashley and her ministry, specifically that we would get volunteers to help with our kiddos at church. We have a 4th grader that needs a lot of help and attention. It's definitely a challenge for us. We don't want to give up on him, but some days it feels like we are overwhelmed. Pray that God guides us to things he needs and uses us to minister to his family and give them a chance to go to worship in the service. We are so grateful that you are diligent and faithful in praying for us, even when we lose track of the days and are absent. I can say that I know you pray even when we don't send a text. We are in a busy season, but we know we can find rest in the Father.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement.

Praises:

1. This past Sunday the Primera Mision Bautista de Griffin had its 25th Anniversary Celebration in a joint service with the sponsoring church, Mt. Gilead Baptist. Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of these congregations to reach Hispanics in the south Griffin and Pike County area.
2. Praise the Lord for the Dedication Service this past Sunday for North Griffin Community Baptist Church at Highland. This church is sharing space with Highland Baptist Church. Pray that this could be a model for reaching the unreached in FRBA as a white congregation and black congregation share space to reach the community.

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for Antioch Community Baptist Church, a small congregation in south Fayette County, as they seek direction for its future.
2. Pray for a recently discovered growing Hispanic population in East Griffin. Pray that the Lord will use FRBA to develop and implement a strategy for reaching this unreached community.

Praying for you and Grove Level as well.

Frank

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