

MISSIONS connection

August 9, 2023

*Birthdays
September 29 Emily Keeter*

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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I have begun my last class at Seminary. Please pray that I am able to stay on top of my studies. Part of the class involves supervised counseling, so please pray for wisdom and discernment in my counsel of others.

Also Lille and I go this Friday to find out the gender of our baby. Please pray the appointment goes well.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Please be in prayer for Sara, our family and me. Ashlyn, her husband and baby are up for a visit, so pray that everything goes ok. Continue to pray for me with my chaplaincy. I have greatly enjoyed this time of renewal of my commitment to serve God however He sees fit. I have grown in my own walk and have been able to really spread the gospel of love in Christ to many. Pray for a patient of mine: he is a 24 year old kid who has been battling cancer, and it's winning. I've been meeting him weekly to go through a faith journey. He loves and knows God. He is an impressive young man. I gave him an opportunity to say or ask God anything, and, instead of anger, he was concerned about whether or not he was good enough. Last week we spoke about that, and his whole demeanor changed. He "got it" that by ourselves we are not good enough, but Christ makes us good enough. It is a great time in ministry for me.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

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

We have a prayer request for a family in our community group. They just lost their 4 yr old daughter, Emerie. Emerie had always had health complications from birth, but she caught a virus while on vacation and wasn't able to shake it. So please pray for them as they grieve and for us as a community to surround them and be there with them along this long journey. The mom is also pregnant and was already having anxiety about that given the previous complications at birth, but now she is struggling with those anxieties even more so. Jessica and Daniel are their names. The service is on Saturday, so we will be traveling back from Charleston to try and make it.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- After check-in in Atlanta, we had a smooth trip.
- We are thankful we got to spend time with Enos' family.
- We are thankful for a nice place to stay while we look for a house.

Prayer:

- Pray for health as we re-adjust here.
- Enos will start working at YAJASI the week after next. Pray that God will be glorified in his work there, whatever it looks like.
- School starts next Monday. We had two teachers who decided last minute that they weren't able to come to HIS. So there have been a lot of changes made to fill the gaps. Pray for extra wisdom and peace as we prepare.

Thank you for praying for us! Let us know how we can pray for y'all, too!

Hannah and Enos

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Thank you church family for your prayers! We are so excited about the steps we are taking to move forward with Upward Sports! We are settling into our new office at Cohutta General Store. We are so thankful for these precious ladies as they have welcomed us graciously! God is definitely opening door after door for us as we wait patiently for His lead.

There was a great race in Wisconsin this past weekend and Angie, on our Run for God Team and her husband were able to go along with 13 other Run for God Run Club members who joined them from 5 different states. They were able to share Jesus with so many! They believe one of the ladies they were able to run with will be giving her life to Christ! Praise the Lord! The Race Director and her husband are Run Club members and will continue to follow-up with her.

We continue to say, this ministry is about so much more than running. Thank you Grove Level for your continued love and support. We are so thankful for each of you.

The Run for God Team

Nathan and Laura Johnson

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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.

We love y'all and are thankful for y'all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Jeremiah 23:24, “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?” saith the Lord. ‘Do not I fill heaven and earth?’ saith the Lord.” I often ponder the immensity of God. When you think of the fact that our entire solar system is only a speck in the Milky Way Galaxy. Couple that with the fact that scientists examining pictures we have received back from the Hubble Telescope now tell us there are billions of other galaxies in the universe. And the abode of God, which Paul calls the third heaven, is beyond the celestial. For God to fill heaven and Earth we’re talking about a BIG God. I have a paint board message I prepared several years ago that illustrates this, and I had the joy of preaching it this past weekend in White Plains Missionary Baptist Church, Kentucky. The same God that fills heaven and Earth wore a crown of thorns on His head, took the nails of Calvary, and was wounded for our transgressions. Amazing. We (Gynnette also) went to White Plains, Kentucky, to do evangelism training with the paint board. It’s a very small community probably about the size of Varnell. Praise the Lord, we had about 20 people show up for the training. It was a great 3 hours. The church members were expecting a boring lecture on evangelism, but we had a lot of fun painting and learning how to share Jesus with the visual tool of paint. I preached that Sunday morning, and we returned home after the morning service. Gynnette’s Daddy had been fine up until we left. We had not been there 24 hours before we got word that his breathing was not good. It’s been progressively getting worse. We had a little episode this morning. We can’t get him to go to the emergency room, so we’ve got a pulmonary appointment this afternoon at 3:00. This seems to be a cycle and common occurrence for COPD patients. There’s not a lot on our calendar right now. I guess we could use a little break, LOL. I know we are going to be in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend preparing for the Super Bowl Outreach. We need some things to do during this time, so please continue to pray for our calendar. We had registration for class Monday night. About 20 students signed up for Bible College. I’ll start next Monday teaching Romans chapter 9 through 16 over about an 8-week period. Glad to hear the good news that the Lord is answering prayers for the ministry at Grove Level Baptist. We look forward to God doing more and greater things in the future. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Gynnette and I sure appreciate y’all. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Our mission trip was wonderful! The team did well and by the grace of God we achieved our goals. As a team we’ve been to around 10 cities. We were able to take the group into contact with Baptist churches in these cities, get to know the local culture and ministerial challenges.

- The health of all the children in the Team was affected, but all are now doing well, with the exception of our daughter Rebecca who is on antibiotics (as she was unable to recover from an infection in her digestive system). Please pray for her recovery.

- We were able to better understand the idea of the pastor of the church in Caxias do Sul. He is looking for partnerships to help us go and work on a church plant in the neighboring city (at the same time as we help the mother church) as soon as we finish seminary. The city is called São Marcos, and has about 27,000 people, with about 5% evangelicals (Pentecostals and other smaller denominations), not having the presence of a Baptist church. Please pray that God would confirm if this is where we are going to serve before we leave Brazil.

- Our last semester at Word of Life has started. This is going to be challenging, requiring a lot of hard work in a short period of time. Please pray for strength and energy, as we give our best!

- I started the classes for my driver’s license. Here in Brazil we have to go to a school and take a course to get our license to drive. There is a blessing: someone that I don’t know donated to pay for the course! Praise God!

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, Bill Haynes, as he preaches this coming Sunday and a retired pastor and member, Steve Wilfert, as he preaches on the 20th. It is a blessing to have four elders and three other men in our Grace family who are able to preach on any given 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!

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

Please pray for the following:

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 will need another car at some point. Pray that we would have direction and trust God in this area as well.

4) We are going to meet with some church planters in Cincinnati later in the month. The purpose is to partner with them and do ministry with them.

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.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

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

Thank you for the prayers! We are excited to hear about a wonderful VBS.

Pray for me and my kids’ team as we have our annual leader training for our SV Kids team. We will have 80ish leaders here to become better equipped to teach and care for our children’s small groups.

Please just keep praying for us as we return to work. It’s not been easy.

Ministering to others is hard right now when we feel like we have nothing to give, pray that we would depend on the Lord, and trust only on the strength that comes from Him.

We love y’all.

Ross and Molly Kinsey
Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh
Critical Christianity Ministries
Galena, Alaska

First: Praise the Lord our barge arrived, and our food made it all in one piece. Thank you for praying!

Second: We were in need of a huge extension ladder - 28 ft. long - to clean our dryer vent (serious fire hazards out here) and do other maintenance around our house. It's been hard this past year without one, and when we went into town for our barge to shop for one, we were not able to find one! And they can't be shipped here if you order it online. So we thought for sure we were just up a creek and that the Lord would work it out. We didn't worry, just wondered how it would come to be. We assumed we would be on the lookout for one to borrow. But instead, the Lord gifted us one! We had a 28 foot ladder dropped off by a young Alaska-native elder, Jerry, who had known we needed one and surprisingly had come across one someone was throwing away (a local construction company finished with a project and getting a newer longer one instead and didn't want to store it). He was surprised when it happened, just as we were surprised when he dropped it off in our driveway! How cool to not only be perfectly provided for, but to get to show off how great our God is to a middle man?! Now our dryer vent is clean, and maintenance underway before winter hits. Praise the lord!

Third: About 2 weeks ago, Ross and I were doing our family house church. We were alone and just about to close for the morning, when we both felt we needed to tell the other something. For different insights and reasons, and ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit, we each came to the realization that we were being called to officially start a church. We spent the day praying, sorting details, seeking counsel from trusted mentors, etc. There are a lot of practical reasons why, but ultimately it is to obey the Lord. We have officially launched the Galena Community Fellowship. It meets at our house at 10 am with Sunday School for kids and at 10:30 church for adults.

Our first official Sunday was this last Sunday. We were so happy to have 4 families come to learn and grow and worship - including Jerry (the young elder). We had such a blessed and joyful morning. We are so thankful we said "yes" to God's command that we do this. We are also happy to have gotten to officially start a few weeks before the start of school. In Galena, the start of school comes with an influx of hundreds of students and teachers/dorm staff/ counselors, etc., for the boarding school. There is a boom of new people and returning staff. It is nice to be able to get our rhythm before we have so many back (many of whom are planning to worship with us).

We are so grateful for your steadfast partnership in prayer. We are taking things one step at a time and also staying in step with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer requests:

- pray for Ross as he leads. That he continues to do so with compassion, discernment, and wisdom.
- pray for our community
- thanks and praise to God for providing for us every step of the way.

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

Please pray for our travel to the States this coming weekend. We need to find a place for Elisha to live as he has to move off campus in his last year of studies. Also, please pray that we will be able to have as many speaking engagements as possible so we can present Childlife Romania. Raelene and the Emanuel Hospice are getting ready to have 2 camps this summer. One is for the families that have lost a loved one, and the other one is for the children who are diagnosed with cancer and are in the treatment. Thank you.

Frank Nuckolls
Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

1. Please pray for our team going to serve in evangelistic medical missions in villages near Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. We fly out Wednesday morning, August 9.
2. Pray for Antioch Community Baptist Church and Connection Church as I begin working with these churches in a revitalization process.

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

Ashley made it home safe and with only a minor hiccup from the Prader Willi conference in Orlando last week. While she had a good trip and was able to learn lots to help Sophie, she has come down with strep. She started a round of antibiotics yesterday and is resting. Please pray she is the only victim of this and the girls, especially, get passed by.

The house is moving along well still. Trim, cabinets, and doors got put in yesterday, so we are hoping our "move in" will be by the end of next month!

Luce Tertio
Serving God in Brazil.

Hello from Brazil!

It's been a busy time here with doctors and hospitals. My mother spent a few days in the hospital last week for a heart problem, but she is home now and doing better. My siblings and I divided our time between staying with her (hospitals in Brazil require a person to stay with a patient over 65 at all times) and staying with my father at home, because he can't stay alone. I stayed with him for two days and nights and cooked some meals he enjoyed. I will be taking him to the doctor later this week and scheduling a dentist appointment for him too.

My mother is also getting treatment for Raynaud's syndrome, which affects the blood flow in her hands. Please pray that this will improve.

I appreciate your prayers for these and an unspoken request. I thank God for your friendship.

Your sister in Jesus,

Luce

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