

MISSIONS connection

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March Birthdays 11 Kellie Crowe 29 Landon Hollis

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 my sister. She has surgery either today or tomorrow. It is pretty major I understand. Also, please pray for Raelene's travel safety. Also, I have planned a conference with about 42 pastors in my home county where I am teaching Homiletics. It will not be until April, but I am working on logistics. Thank you.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley
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We both have interviews this week that we are excited about. Pray that we would trust the Lord as we seek what He has next for us. Pray for my heart as I am struggling pretty hard at work.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry
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Thank you so much for your prayers Brother Charlie! A few things you can pray for: Our students, that they would finish the semester strong in classes but also in their relationship with God & they wouldn't let that fall as they're heading into the stress of finals. We are also hosting a Christmas party this Friday where we will spend some time reading the Christmas story & singing a few songs (hoping to start with our focus on Jesus as we enter Advent). Also just pray for Laura's health, she's been sick for almost 2 weeks now & it has just been lingering & not wanting to go away. She was also put on a new medication recently that is supposed to help some with her other health problems that have been going on for a while. She is also receiving some treatment over Christmas that should help with that as well. Thank you & we appreciate y'all!

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your insights; they always find their mark. Please be in prayer for a coworker of mine named Abby. She is going through a difficult time. She has had her own struggles due to a new diagnosis for her 7 year old daughter, Maeve. I may have asked for prayer for Maeve before. She had a spot on her brain, and it was operated on and removed. It has since come back, and it has caused her to have headaches and pain. This has led to her mom, Abby, having a terrible time (as it would any parent). Please pray for healing, both physically and mentally. Continue to pray for Sara and me as we serve at our church. We know that God has placed us here in a difficult situation, so pray for guidance for us. Also, please lift my youngest daughter, Emma. She is dealing with flu symptoms and an ear infection.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Thanks so much for praying for us. I'm so glad that all I have to bring God is my faith in Him.

We love y'all!

Praise:

- There has been a little more progress on the house.
- Plans for individual students are starting to come together. I'm thankful for a good team at school who love each kid!
- We had a check-up on Saturday, and Azarya looks healthy. We were also able to chat with a couple who recently had a baby at the same hospital and with the same doctor as we are planning. It was very helpful.

Prayer:

- Pray for unity in our church, and wisdom for us about how to engage in a way that glorifies God.
- Pray that Enos and I will be diligent in prayer together to seek how God wants us to invest time and energy in making disciples here.
- Pray for a special education teacher for HIS next year.
- Pray that God will protect Azarya and me from malaria and dengue. Pray that Azarya won't come earlier than she should.
- Pray for final details for the house to come together before Azarya comes.
- The Kimki translation team is in the village this week preparing to start oral Bible translation soon. Pray for God's provision of "mother tongue" translators and His leading in the whole process.

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Thank you church family for your prayers. We are seeing growth and hearing some great stories of faith and commitment from RunClub members all over the country. We continue to be excited about the hard work going on with Upward and our Team to get us moving forward even more with the Ministry. We will be printing Shirts with "Upward Running" as well as our Run for God Tees and pray others see Jesus in everything we do. We love this new Branding.

So much activity is going on behind the scenes to bring Jesus to the people! Pray with us as we follow God's lead in each step forward.

We love you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

Hey! 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. Continue to pray for my coworker who has been coming to church. He told me yesterday that he's been feeling empty and needs something. I explained repentance to him, and he knows what he needs to do. 2) Continue to pray for Emily and her new job. Pray that God would give her comfort as she moves on to the next step of training. 3) I want to start leading some local evangelism teams soon. Pray for wisdom on where to go with that. I'm going to start looking at some local areas to do evangelism. The place I was going to visit is a dead mall, and we had snow that evening. So I'll keep looking. 4) My pastor wants me to start preaching soon. We are looking at April. Pray for wisdom and that I'd be faithful in studying. Thank you all!

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks so much for your prayers and encouragement. I continue to pray for you and Grove Level. Here are some prayer needs from Flint River Baptist Association.

1. Please pray for the start-up of the first POD Team (Pastor Occupational Development Team) in FRBA. There are three Pastors under age 42 in this first group that is designed for peer learning, encouragement, support, and prayer.
2. Please pray for the team that is preparing to serve in the Dominican Republic during the week of March 11-15.
3. Please pray for the FRBA Church Replanting/Revitalization Team as it seeks God's direction about the replanting of a church in Griffin.
4. Please pray for the churches without Pastors: Brooks, Cornerstone, and East Griffin.
5. A PRAISE! Joy and I worshipped with East Griffin Baptist Church this past Sunday. The church has called an Interim Pastor, Jesse Burden. He is African-American, which reflects much of the church community. This past Sunday the church had thirty-five people present for worship, which is up from about 12-15. The congregation was 50% White and 50% African-American. The praise is that the church is now beginning to recognize the need to reach the community. Could this be the start of a revitalized work in East Griffin?
6. A PRAISE! The merger of Whitewater Baptist in Brooks and Crossroads Church has gone well. Crossroads Church at Whitewater is now averaging about 250 in attendance and has already baptized 5 new believers.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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Thank you so much for the encouraging words. I too am a product of others at GLBC bearing fruit and investing. Praise be to God! Thank you for loving us in prayer. Grace — God is working in folks at Grace. We have had, just in the last couple of weeks, some folks come forward to say they are ready to serve the Lord more fully. Another brother has stepped up to serve as deacon of Care and Helps ministry. He had been using excuses to the Lord as to why he couldn't. But God had him in John 21 reading and studying, and the Lord crushed his excuses. We will commission him to this ministry on the 18th. We have also begun reading together as a fellowship Praying the Bible by Donald Whitney. Pray with us that our Father would continue to "teach us to pray"! And that we would be "doers," too! Crowes — we are like most of you who have our proverbial plates full right now. Please pray for me and Kellie as we counsel and try to help three couples (2 couples are not a part of Grace. Just some neighbors and friends who are walking in severely broken marriages). We need strength and endurance to walk with them. Their "piles" are big, and their sorting through them is difficult. We are not confident that any of them are "in Christ." Pray that the Gospel will go forth first and foremost! Thank you for praying. We will continue to pray for your days of prayer and fasting! We love our GLBC family!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

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

It was a really good week in Costa Rica. Body exhausted but spirit refreshed. We were able to finish everything with an afternoon to spare, which allowed me to kick the soccer ball around with Jackson, one of the boys there. Pray for Pastor Julian as he preaches and shepherds from there now. Luciano is the missionary that came from the Guaymi in Panama many years ago to Costa Rica to start all of this. And then the kids that always come see us when we are there are Allison, Evelyn, Jackson, Alex, and Nierra. Love y'all,
Josh

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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Psalms 37:7, "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass." Many years ago I learned the value of this passage of scripture after an outreach. After an Outreach the drain is more than just physical drain. It is also spiritual drain. There's no sense rushing back into something until you've been spiritually recharged. That's what my week's been, resting and spiritual recharging. Not a whole lot is going on this week. My pastor, Mitch Phillips, asked me to preach this past Sunday night and share about my trip to the Super Bowl. It was a good service. Pastor's been preaching on evangelism and asked me to follow suit. I preached out of Matthew 22:1-14, The Invitation to the Marriage Supper. The message went well with a number of people responding to the invitation. I'm still praying for God to fill my calendar. Pastor Mitch has a couple of Sunday school teachers out this week, so he's asked me to fill in teaching a class this Sunday morning. As the weather begins to break, there's plenty to do around here, so I'm taking advantage of the pretty days. We are still trying to get things squared away from Gynnette's Daddy's estate. Lots of cleanup and clean out to do. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. Whether we labor or rest, your prayers are always appreciated. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Chad & Emily Keeter

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Thank you for your encouragement! We find ourselves encouraged by the work that God is doing in the lives of the students that we are connected to. Pray with us that the Lord would continue to give us favor with students. It's around this part of the year that the novelty of college and new relationships can begin to wear off for some students. Would you pray for two students named Matt and Roddy? Roddy shared his testimony at Bible study last week, and it sounds like he came to true saving faith last semester, which is so encouraging to hear. However, he and Matt both shared with me last week that they're considering finding another church. They are both young in their faith (we're unsure if Matt truly understands the gospel), and we are concerned that this desire could be connected to wanting a more shallow/ impersonal Christian community. I'm grateful for the favor that God has given me with them, and I have a follow up conversation with them next week. Pray for the Lord to lead them as I invite them to continue with us or as I help steer them toward another gospel-centered church where they can be encouraged and disciplined to walk deeply with Christ. We're grateful for opportunities like this, and we're thankful for the connections that God has given us with other students who are so eager to grow in their faith. Thank you for praying with us!

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Please continue to pray for Sophie's surgery. Ashley has spent hours a day talking with insurance companies, dr offices, and everything in between trying to figure out what is going on with our insurance and this surgery. They aren't approving it because the dr is out of network and are telling us it would be out of pocket. We would do anything for SJ and go to the ends of the earth for her, but having to pay for this ourselves would be a tremendous financial burden for us. Please pray this issue is resolved in a timely manner. This type of stuff weighs so heavily on us, especially Ashley as she directly deals with it.

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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Hey GLBC Family!

Just wanted to give a quick update on Queens for the King in Cedara, South Africa plus prayer request updates.

We had one believer's baptism in the Cedara Church last month! This is a very exciting first with many more to come, we hope. Continue to pray for growth and maturation of the congregation there. Pray for Fundi and Syvion to be faithful and wise with those who respond to gospel seeds sown there.

The Nicaragua mission team met Sunday and planned the kids club lessons for VBS to the elementary students (145 total) at Katie Beth Carter School where we will be ministering.

Here's how to pray as that trip approaches the March 9th leave date:

-Mission Cafe scheduled March 3rd-pray for folks of GLBC to continue to faithfully give and pray for this trip

-VBS for kids-pray for those who teach to be led by the Holy Spirit in what to say and how to present the gospel & truths of Scriptures.

-Pray for our work project to go smoothly & pre-planning execution to begin soon. Pray for favorable weather too.

-Pray for God to prepare the soil of those we will share the gospel with on house visits to be good heart soil.

-Pray for team health, safety, and chemistry to be great. Pray for traveling mercies especially with flights and luggage that will contain VBS supplies.

The team by name needs your prayers too.

Thomas and Paige Queen

Jerry Ellis

Chris Sirmans

Christian Gordon

Lane Hollis

Hayden Adams

Will Douglas

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for your prayers. We are all doing better this week health wise. Truett and I are still on the tail end of our colds, but we are doing much better, and Lille and Palmer Kate are remaining healthy. I completed the GACE English test this past Friday. I believe I did well, but I am not certain if I passed. I will receive my scores on March 1st. Please pray that I passed. Next weekend I have a couple of job fairs I plan to attend. Please pray I make good connections at these events that will open up doors to teaching opportunities in the local schools. Continue to pray for wisdom and direction in these days.

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- Please pray in thanksgiving to God for the new home and for all the provision in this new beginning.

- Yesterday I took my driver's license exam, and I passed! Let's thank the Lord for this blessing.

- I had my first meeting at Crossover Global base. It was very nice, and I could choose my new office!

Thank you for praying!

Luce Terto

Serving God in Brazil.

Hello church family,

Thank you for your prayers. No big changes here. My mother is doing physical therapy for her sore knee. My father is about the same.

Two big praises:

Vânia, my sister, had been out of work since December/22 and just got a good job.

Tiago, my nephew, just got a full college scholarship to study engineering.

Two requests:

My mother's knee problem and the related insurance problems.

My health as I approach my birthday later this week.

God bless you!

Luce

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