

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

Tori and I are heading to Budapest tomorrow on our way to the States. Also pray for safe travels for 200 students coming back to school this weekend. Thank you, my friends! Also, for Joshua, the son of one of my colleagues, who is going for all kind of medical tests, and the parents and docs are a little worried. PTL for the students who did well during their finals and are already in their 2nd semester. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you both.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

Navigators Collegiate Ministry

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I'm so sorry it's been so long since I've messaged back Brother Charlie! Wednesdays had been a busy day for me & it always just slipped past, but we are so thankful for your continued prayers! One big thing y'all can be praying for us is our spring break trip. We are leaving this Saturday (2nd-9th) & are headed to the Miami area. Pray that it would be a helpful time for building up the spiritual lives of our students & also building community amongst each of them. We will also be serving in a few different ways/with a few different places (a food bank, homeless center, helping out some local churches with some work around their property) - pray that time would be encouraging & growing for everyone as well as a blessing to the places we are serving. Off that just continue keeping Laura's health in your prayers. It has been up & down the last few months, recently sleep has been hard again for her & we're hoping that over spring break & sleeping on an air mattress won't take away more sleep from her! We are thankful for y'all & love y'all!

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley
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Thank you for reminding us of God's faithfulness. The last few months have been tough on our hearts and minds, so we take all the reminders we can to keep our eyes on Jesus and remember He is in the boat with us. Pray for us as we hope to hear an update from a job Bryan is applying for this week. It is hard not to be anxious and impatient, but we are trying to be reminded it's in the Lord's timing.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Tell everyone there hello from us! Thanks for the reminder to keep praying in faith <3. Thank you for praying for us faithfully! We love y'all.

Hannah, Enos, and Azarya

Praise:

- There have been some hard, but seemingly good, changes at church recently.
- There are several new teachers praying about coming to serve at HIS next year!

Prayer:

- Pray for unity in our church and for 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. She is due on April 10! Pray that we will be able to move into the new house before Azarya comes.
- Next week is Missions Emphasis Week for the elementary schoolers and OE (Outdoor Education) for the high schoolers. OE is a two-week trip our high schoolers take each year to an interior village where Bible translation is happening. Pray for the high schoolers to be good witnesses of Jesus' love and for the elementary schoolers' hearts to be open to what God wants to do.

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 one coworker who has been coming to church. We had him and his fiancée over for dinner last night. Continue to pray for them. 2) Continue to pray for Emily and her new job. Pray they 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. Pray for opportunities to work with another Baptist Association for the purpose of evangelism and church planting. 4) My pastor wants me to start preaching soon. I'll be preaching in early May. Pray that I would do it faithfully. Thank you all!

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. I continue to pray for you and Grove Level. Here are some prayer needs and praises to share.

1. Please pray for FRBA as we move forward with a full-time Associational Administrative Ministry Assistant (Stephanie Summers) and a part-time Director of Training (Kevin Murdock).
2. Please continue to pray for the Teachers and students in our two Training Center classes this semester. These classes are Biblical Theology and Conversational Spanish with a total of 30 students in the two classes combined.
3. Praise! The first FRBA POD (Pastor Occupational Development) Team met this past Tuesday with three young Pastors participating. The Lord used this meeting to encourage these young Pastors. What was set aside to be a one hour meeting turned into a 2+ hour meeting. I am most grateful for the opportunity to be a part of what God is doing in this group.
4. Please pray for the Church Revitalization/Replanting Team as it moves forward with plans to assist in church revitalization and replanting.
5. Please pray for our team that is going to the Dominican Republic on March 11-15 to train Pastors and church leaders in evangelism and disciple-making.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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We are blessed by the Lord to have our GLBC family of 62 years still loving us in prayer. Wow! Grace — we were blessed and encouraged to commission and install our second deacon, Lance Seal. He will be our deacon of Care and Helps Ministry. He is so excited. I am the assigned elder-mentor with him, and he and I are planning on meeting tomorrow at lunch to begin laying the foundation for this needed ministry in our fellowship. Please pray as we seek the Lord to help us lay this out before/ to our fellowship. Pray for many to join the Care and Helps team to serve. We also have a mission trip to Honduras planned for the first of July. (We have a couple at Grace, who are missionaries there with EQUIP, who are home helping with aging parents) leading the team. We have not had a strong response (this is Grace's first international mission opportunity). Pray for God to provide the needed team to go. At least 5 folks. Crowes — we are well. Andrew is finishing Basketball next week with a homeschool tournament in Gatlinburg — been a good, but long season. We are ready for Spring and all that God brings with it. Gracie is still trying to decide if Liberty is the best option for her. She sure could use God's help with this decision. We are much like everyone there at GLBC: we want to honor Jesus with our "everyday" lives...and we so desperately need His grace to live so. Thank you for loving us in prayer to our Father!

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 130:5 - I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope. In an impatient world waiting on the Lord is never and will never be outdated. Granted, sometimes it's not easy although it's always best. Waiting comes easier with experience. Thank God for the experiences that we have with Him. These experiences help us to produce much spiritual fruit. We have been busy working around here. Spring cleaning and cleaning out at Paul's place as we wait upon the Lord. Just before I began to type this I received a phone call to preach at West Union Baptist Church this Sunday. I will be filling both services. We're looking ahead to some future outreaches. Please continue to pray for our calendar. As we wait upon the Lord. 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.

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, Maevae. I may have asked for prayer for Maevae 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.

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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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! As you know, I am looking into a career change to become a middle or high school English teacher. I went to the Whitfield County and Dalton City Schools' job fairs this past Saturday. My experience at both places was encouraging. I expect to receive my test scores for the GACE this Friday. Please pray along with me that I passed. If I pass, then I will proceed to apply for teaching positions in the local area. If I did not pass, then I will look into possibly taking the test again. Please pray for wisdom and direction in the upcoming days. Lille, Truett, and Palmer Kate are all doing well. Continue to pray we get plenty of sleep and continue to adjust to being a family of four. Thank you all once again for your prayers and encouragement.

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

We are having a great time getting adapted to the new home and city. It's been difficult to start over, but we are very thankful.

I'm getting to know the people at the base and step by step implementing the membership at Crossover Global (for the Portuguese language).

As I told you last time, I succeeded in getting my driver's license! I'm so happy to be able to drive now. We are praying for the provision for our first car!

Yesterday we celebrated 14 years of marriage. We are thankful for those years, and we pray that we spend our whole lives together.

Thank you!

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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