

# MISSIONS connection

July 5, 2023

*July Birthdays*  
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**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*

Prayer updates: This week, starting today we have the final exams for our graduates. They have to write a dissertation and then have oral exams over a period of three hours. Please pray for them to do well. Also, pray that most of them will be called to local churches here in Romania or even abroad. Personal prayer request, please pray for Karis as she takes her entrance exam into the university. It is next week, and there will be an oral exam and a written exam. She goes into studying interior design. Another prayer request: Raelene is finishing up (as I write) her last sentences on her Ph.D. Dissertation in Higher Education and Biblical Counseling. Please pray that she will be able to wrap up her thoughts and finish well. Our Russian/Ukrainian family will find out on July 14 what will be their status. The Romanian authorities on immigration postponed the final decision once again. Please pray for pastor Kostea and his family. Thank you all and we love you and pray for you often.

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
514 Enzian Dr, Dalton, GA 30721*

Thank you for the prayers for our family. We are glad to hear that God moved and worked in great ways in the children's camps last week. No new updates this week, but continue to be praying for Lille's pregnancy to go well.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

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

Thank you for your prayers & we're glad the camps went well! Sorry I'm a little late but this is our last full week - so really be praying that we'd be able to connect some of the people we met well with the missionaries that are here & good space/time to reflect on the trip & what God has done!

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY*

Thank you so very much for partnering with us. Please pray for me as today starts the journey into chaplaincy. God has been extremely gracious to us during this transition. Pray for Sara as she has a third round of interviews next week for a teaching position. God is blessing us, so pray that we will remain grateful and continue to follow His will for our lives.

**Hannah and Enos Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

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

We really enjoyed being there with you guys. Thanks for your sweet care and prayers for us! We were so encouraged by y'all.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord that my passport came in the mail yesterday! The government relations person at HIS has begun to work on my visa. :)
- We are thankful for a safe trip to GA and back to MI.

Prayer:

- Pray that my visa will be processed as expected.
- Pray that we will make wise decisions as we trust God.
- Pray that God will continue to go before the many logistics.
- Pray for God's provision as we continue to raise support.

Here is the link:

<https://www.wycliffe.org/projects/yajasi-national-training>

Love,

Hannah and Enos

**Run for God**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis  
PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

Thank you for all your prayers Grove Level! We are gearing up in this heat for the big steps it will take to Merge with Upward Sports. Pray for us as we learn each day.

It was a great 4th of July with our Run Club posting from all over the country the races they participated in. Their Run for God Shirts brought many questions and much to share about Jesus' Love as they were surrounded by so many others running with them.

We wanted to share this post from one of our Run Club members.

"Most of us are not toeing the line to win the race, but we can run well and win our race. That's what I was blessed to do today. Went out to shine God's light at the local 5K and was blessed beyond measure."

We love you, church family!!!

The Run for God Team

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"  
[www.goandmakeministry.org](http://www.goandmakeministry.org)*

Please pray for Asa as he has been sick for the past two days with pink eye and now has a fever and cough. It's really sad to see him like this, because it is such a difference between his happy, silly, always singing attitude to how he is now. They are going to the doctor today, so hopefully we can get him back to himself.

Adelyn and Emery are in Georgia. Emery also had a fever but seems to be on the mend. She seems to have the best immune system out of all of us. But pray for her to recover and not spread whatever it is to the rest of them. Same for Asa with Kelsey and Elijah.

Could y'all also pray for Dallas? I haven't heard from him in a while so we are hoping he isn't going back into where he just came out of.

**Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen**

*Queens for the King  
135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323*

We went from 45 to 86 kids today! Presenting the gospel tomorrow (Wednesday).

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry  
840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746*

Isaiah 48:18, "O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Have you ever experienced peace like a river? It's quite an amazing thing to be honest with you. It flows in the middle of chaos. It flows through the midst of trouble. It flows unconditionally only dependent upon its Source, the Lord Jesus Christ. Last night as I was at the county fairgrounds intending to hand out gospel tracts, I began to experience nervousness and fleshly resistance. Yes, it is true I always experience these feelings as I start an Outreach. I found a good shady place and began to pray as the crowds started to trickle in. The meanest looking guy on the fairgrounds was sitting next to me in the shade. After about 30 minutes of silent prayer, I stood up and handed him and his girlfriend a gospel tract. And then it began to flow: peace like a river. I stayed for another couple hours handing out nearly 2,000 gospel tracts. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! I love it when the dam breaks loose and peace begins to flow. Tomorrow I will drive to Nashville with another brother to spend the night. We are flying out of Nashville very early headed for Seattle, Washington. We will be preaching, witnessing, and handing out gospel tracts at the Major League Baseball All-Star games. Please remember us in prayer. I believe we are scheduled to fly back the following Wednesday. Please pray for our calendar. I have one night of revival late in July. Other than that we really don't have any preaching appointments on the calendar. There are plenty of places to do Outreach. We just want to make sure we're in the right place, so pray for us this week as we plan outreaches. We're still spending a lot of time in the office finishing up the Romans study. Gynnette has been experiencing some serious back pain over the holiday. We're at the chiropractor now; pray that she gets well. I'm having to tend to her, her father, and try to prepare for the trip. I was really close to canceling the trip. She began to see some improvement yesterday. We hope and pray that the chiropractor can help her out. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. We love and appreciate you. It is support from good folks like y'all that help to make the peace flow like a river. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**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 prayer! Please pray for us and for Britt's team, because it is going to be a long week with Winshape Camp at Severn's Valley. Pray for the Staffers that are here. They are at the halfway point of the summer, and they are working a lot of hours each day. Also, pray for the campers who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Today the Gospel was presented to them.

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

Prayer requests:

- Our Mission Team has almost gotten all the money needed for the trip! We are very glad and thankful. We sold burgers 2 times for raising the money for the trip, and many people are financially supporting the group.
- We are in the last week of classes, very tired but happy to finish. Pray for us to finish well.

**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!

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA  
642 State Street, Bristol, TN 37620*

Thank you so much for loving us in prayer.

Grace — the Vine church plant that was meeting on our campus has found a more permanent place. Pray for them as they transition.

We had a great Camp. We had two families attend on Sundays since, and we praise God for that. Pray that we will minister well to them in Jesus' name.

We have a couple of families that seem to be on the verge of joining Grace.

Pray for them as they make decisions. One of our families is in Honduras for two more weeks as they host teams through Equip. Pray for Matt and Ellen Zell as they serve there for the next two weeks.

I can't remember if I said this last time, but we had a special day of baptizing a young girl who has been waiting for a very long time to be baptized. It was a sweet time.

We have our first student ministry gathering tonight. We are excited. Pray for those students coming and for God to raise up some more student ministers within Grace.

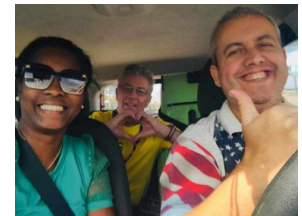
Crowes — we are in summer mode. Pray that we will stay focused on Jesus.

Thank you again for loving us.

**Tony Fuscillaro**

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,  
3203 Satcher Rd NW Dalton, GA 30721-7802*

I arrived without delay and little turbulence. all baggage accounted for and passed through Customs inspection. Thank you all for praying.



**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 will need another car at some point. Pray that we would have direction and trust God in this area as well.
- 4) We had a great week at camp. We served many people being the hands and feet of Christ. The Gospel was preached as well. Pray that God would continue to work with the seeds planted.
- 5) One of the students who went to camp from my church has accepted a call to missions. Pray that God would give us wisdom as we walk with her and that she would obey wherever God might send her in the future.
- 6) I have another job interview tomorrow. Pray if God wants me there He'd open that door.

**Luce Terto**

*Serving God in Brazil.*

Dear church family,

Thank you for your prayers!

My sister continues to improve following her surgery. Now my mother will be having hand surgery next month.

My parents are having some work done on their house. This takes careful budgeting and scheduling and can be stressful for them.

Finally, please pray for my friend Guilherme. I've been talking to him about Christ.

God bless you!

Luce

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

We are in the deep swing of summer! Here that means we have about 1 hour of darkness - really it's still just more dusk than anything - and so many bugs you can barely inhale without eating some. Praise the Lord for bug spray, bug nets, and joyful kiddos whose attitudes remind you that you CAN have fun even in swarms of mosquitoes. We had quite a flood scare during break up (when the Yukon River unfreezes) and our house became an island temporarily. We were protected and safe, and now the result is some really beautiful grass lakes for the summer with even more bugs! Amidst this chaos, Ross graduated from seminary with his masters - we praise God for the opportunity he had to complete this.

We made our way to Fairbanks via bush plane with the whole family to do our shopping for the year. As our ministry changes from formal church employment to more personal ministry instead, we were left to pray over what that meant for food. Food here is a deeply connecting thing. We have no restaurants. In the depths of winter, part of life here is to share in each other's tables and the warmth of each other's houses. It's a big opportunity for us to do Ministry. Typically in the past for us, it has looked like a bunch of food for teenagers (youth group)! Ross and I have been hugely blessed with a house to accommodate many, but buying groceries this year looked different since our ministry looks different and we are still figuring it out. After loads of prayers and seeking counsel and discernment, we are beginning to host "house church." We feel very strongly that God is telling us to do this with the possibility of growing into an actual church should He call us to it. We decided to act in faith and buy enough groceries to allow us to host weekly gatherings (loads of baking goods and coffee!!). Now our groceries for the year are all on a barge in Nenana that should get here sometime in July. Praise God His provision and guidance.

So far, since we are inviting people personally to do church with us, we've been able to talk to many about the gospel. People who have been avoiding church have expressed that they are willing and interested to come check it out. There are some parents who are interested in bringing their kids to do "Sunday school" with our kids (Sunday mornings Ross does Sunday school lessons for our kids, then they play downstairs while we discuss this week's passage and Ross teaches). We've had people come to us to ask what we are doing and if they can join in. We are honored by all of this and need tremendous prayer from YOU! We never anticipated leading in this way, but we know that God has called us to it here in Galena where so many are hungry for God and Christian fellowship but are unchurched. Please pray for Ross as he leads, ministers and teaches. Pray for our family and for our community.

This summer has been one of hard work, big prayers and butterflies in our stomachs as we realize what God has in front of us. But more than anything, we are having such a joyful summer. God is so good, and we feel tremendously blessed.

**Prayer Requests:**

-Pray for us as we begin house church and as we share God's love here in Galena

-Specifically pray for a man named Jeremy. His wife is a believer, and his daughter is our twin's best friend. He is not a believer but has had a lot of questions we've been able to talk to him about. He is very hardened to "the church" but has expressed he wants to come to our house church. Pray that the Holy Spirit moves and shows him the truth of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ.

-Praise and prayer for God's provision as we step out in faith with our resources.

-Pray for a safe rest of the summer as we prepare for winter (catching driftwood on the river, hauling logs, chopping wood, sending heating oil and gasoline barrels and pumping them by hand, fixing our snow machine, etc. all have a serious degree of physicality and some risks involved).

**Frank Nuckolls**  
*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Please pray for the following:

1. Pray for our mission team that is preparing to go on the medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
2. Pray for the mission team going to Augusta on July 28-29.
3. Pray for the churches in FRBA to catch a vision for church revitalization and replanting.

Praise:

Highland Baptist Church and North Griffin Baptist Church have officially entered into an agreement for sharing space. This Sunday is the first Sunday for these two churches to worship in the same building.

Thanks for your prayers.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**  
*1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

We are continuing to pray for the camps going on at Grove Level! We sent out an email update earlier today explaining that we are stepping away from The Navigators and launching a new campus ministry connected to our church. The ministry is called Reach UTK. If you don't receive those updates but would like to, please let me know by texting or emailing me—706-581-9412; chadkeeter5@gmail.com. We're looking forward to coming to Grove Level later this summer to share more about our next steps. I also look forward to connecting with many of you in the days and weeks ahead. Please pray for me as I share tonight at our church's members meeting. We're grateful for your partnership with us in ministry!

## **MISSIONS & MINISTRY PARTNERS**

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