

MISSIONS connection

July 12, 2023

*August Birthdays
7 Holley Richardson*

Troy & Lille Poe

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

Thank you for your prayers for our family. Please pray the Lord will prepare me for my upcoming class at Seminary. I am expecting it to be the toughest one yet, so I will need lots of self-discipline to stay on top of my studies and complete the course. It will begin next month.

Continue also to be praying for Lille and the baby to remain healthy during her pregnancy.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry
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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

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your encouragement. Please be in prayer for me as I'm still learning the ropes for my new position as a chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice. Pray that I can be used as a chaplain to bring glory to God and peace to mankind during the difficult time of their lives. Pray for Sara as she has a third round interview tomorrow for a teaching position. Please pray for my mom, Teresa Silvers, tomorrow. She is having a procedure in KY to replace two valves in her heart due to leakage. Thank you. We love you all.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

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

We will be sending the girls back with Kelsey's mom, and they will be in Georgia spending time with them and with Mimi and Nanna for over 2 weeks. So pray that the girls will have fun and make memories and not get homesick. And pray for energy and patience for the grandparents! Thank you all for your prayers!

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
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Thank you church family for your continued prayers for the Run for God Ministry. We ask that you pray for the RFG Team as we travel next Tuesday the 18th to Spartanburg, South Carolina where the Upward Sports Headquarters are located. We will have the opportunity to meet many of the Upward Leaders from all over the country. We are very excited about this opportunity and anxious about the next steps as we advance, as the merger with Upward swiftly moves along.

Pray for our Run Club members as so many train for their 10K (6.2 miles) race in a couple of weeks. Many of us will be going to the 3rd Annual Hawkins 10K FUNdraiser Race in Cartersville, GA. This race is a FundRaiser for the RFG Ministry and has proven to be highly successful the last 2 years.

Of course, the summer heat is continually a concern as runners train, and we pray everyone stays safe and well-hydrated.

We love you Grove Level and are so thankful for your prayers and support. You continue to encourage and bless us.

The Run for God Team

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Reach UTK
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Thank you for continuing to pray for us as we shift into this new ministry position. We're growing in excitement and passion as we have had more opportunities to share with others about our next steps, and God has been providing for our needs. We're about a month away from launching this new ministry on campus. Please continue to pray with us for the Lord to completely provide for our funding needs in the next month. Be praying for us as we plan out how to make the most of the first few weeks of the upcoming fall semester. One other way you can be praying is that my request to become a registered student organization is approved. In family news, we find out on Friday the gender of our new baby! We're so excited—please be praying for a healthy pregnancy as we eagerly await this baby's arrival in early December.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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Our four and a half day Outreach in Seattle was really a great one. Seattle is an interesting City. The City itself is very liberal and therefore extremely friendly towards many things that are ungodly. We were expecting some opposition. We really didn't see anything different than most cities as far as verbal opposition. I guess you could say their opposition was more silent. Although please don't misunderstand, this was a great Outreach. There were 10 of us who made a great team. I worked hard 8 hours a day when I wasn't preaching trying to hand out gospel tracts. I think I was able to hand out about a hundred a day. I did have a great conversation with a young lady who is excited about the gospel preaching. She was a young Christian working on her sanctification. I had several other good conversations as well. The City being such as it was, we were really not expecting the local law enforcement to be so gracious and kind to us. They were really good to work with. We had several incidents where they stepped up and offered assistance very graciously. Our air conditioner at the house quit working while I was gone. Gynnette and I prayed about it, and God saw fit to have it fixed this morning for a very low cost. Certainly your prayers played a very important role this answered prayer request. My apologies; because of traveling today I'm not able to write a full update. I do know that I will be in revival July 24th at Mount Olive Baptist Church. Also I will be leading an evangelism team in SPLASH Gordon July 28-29. If you would be so kind as to pray for these and for our calendar, we would be grateful. Blessings, GLBC. We love you. 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

Our sabbatical finishes up this week. We are spending the week with family. We are in Jackson, Tennessee, with Mikey and Kayla celebrating their oldest daughter, turning 2 today, and their newest addition, Henry, who is just 2 months old. Mark, Taylor, and the kids are here, too. We haven't had sibling time like this in a long time, so it's so good!

We return to work on Sunday, and for me Winshape Camp starts on Monday. It's kind of a crazy week to jump into, but I'm excited about it. Pray for camp! Pray for our leaders and volunteers as they pour into our children, but most of all, pray for the gospel to be known.

Pray for us as we are thrown back into it. Ministering to others when your cup is empty is hard. We have had time with the Lord and started therapy in this time away, but grief comes and goes, and it's not predictable. We are so thankful for the people the Lord has placed in our lives, Pray they continue to show us grace as we try to find a new normal.

We love y'all.

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
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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 Fucillaro

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,
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God has heard your prayers and is opening doors for me here. He is providing all my needs especially interpreters. thank you all, hugs with my love

Stephen and Emily Howard

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

We are in the middle of camp. We have about only one day left of work. Thanks for praying for us as we minister to people.

Pray we'd be a good Christian witness and Christ would be glorified.

We leave Friday morning to return home.

Other requests:

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.

Thank you all!

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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The team is arrived home safely! Thank you for praying. Update coming soon!

Ginny Lou (Queen's niece in Central Asia)

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

We will definitely be praying for the VBS, for protection of the kids and for many to come to know the Lord.

We have some praises as well as some prayer requests.

PTL for passing my tenure exam today. Finished about 2 hours ago and everything looks good. Also PTL, Raelene is done with her PhD dissertation, and it is now revised.

Another praise is that on Saturday we graduated 89 students.

Prayer requests: Karis has her entrance exam next week. Also pray for students to come to Emanuel University. We have entrance exams next week, also. Please continue praying for Pastor Kosteia and his family. God bless you, and thank you!

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

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

This month has the potential to make many things clear for our future.

- I'm sending a first photo of our Mission Team. I gave them a workshop on cross-cultural issues, how to understand a culture and its types, and how to keep a field journal. Additionally, I explained some key aspects of the people we'll meet. It was a blessing! It was an important reminder that we should always listen before speaking in order to do good missionary work. We have learned a lot as we have met with each other.

- We are traveling by plane today (we want to be there early to receive the group), but our mission team will travel by car tomorrow morning. It's approximately a 682-mile trip, and they will be traveling for 2 days. The weather there is completely different, cold and there's even a forecast of snow in some cities. It's raining much more than usual this year, and just for this week, there's a forecast of 300mm of rain and a cyclone passing by the coast. Please pray for the trip, due to roadblocks caused by landslides, and for the team's health.

- Our number one goal with the group is to mobilize them for church planting in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, which is the least reached state with the Gospel in Brazil. Please pray for the hearts of the team members, that God would move them to be missionaries.

- Later this month, we will receive a response from the mission agency Crossover Global. If we are approved, we will become part of the team and support church planting among unreached peoples through the support of the base and care for the missionaries. The work would be mostly online, part-time and voluntary. This would provide an opportunity for us to support the local church where we will be interning in the coming days. The pastor there would like us to take on the restart of a very small church in a small town of Italian origin. There, we could simultaneously engage in both global and national missions. Please pray for clarity and guidance.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. Joy and I will be heading on vacation with David, Anna, Henley, and Adalynn this Saturday, July 15 and returning on July 22. We are looking forward to this time of vacation. It is much needed!

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray that our FRBA churches rekindle a passion for evangelism. There has been a steady decline in the number of baptisms over the past several years with only 9 out of 46 churches reporting baptisms last church year.
2. Please pray for our mission teams as they make final preparations for the trip to Augusta on July 28 and to the Dominican Republic on August 9.
3. Please pray for me as I work to develop an Associational Church Revitalization Team. There are so many declining churches here that need this team to come alongside them with encouragement and strategy.
4. Pray for Highland Baptist Church and North Griffin Baptist Church as they begin sharing space for worship and small groups this Sunday.

Praying for you and Grove Level.

Frank

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