

# MISSIONS connection

July 2, 2025

July Birthdays - 6 Grace Crowe  
August Birthdays 7 Holley Richardson

**Bryan & Brittany Kelly**

*Brittany is the Children's Director at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN*

Thank you for this reminder! We are doing well - finally both over the sickness we had and feeling better! Our house is coming together and boxes are getting unpacked. We are so thankful to have a place that is ours to love and care for and make our own. We would appreciate prayers as we are in our final month of pregnancy. We are anxiously awaiting sweet Nate's arrival - and soaking up the moments of life before our family grows. It is such a sweet season that we see God's faithfulness all over it.

Pray for both of us in our jobs as we prepare for maternity/paternity leaves. Pray we will have adequate plans to leave our teams where they feel well prepared in our absences.

**Davi Masi**

*He is the Staff Support Representative for Crossover Global in Brazil*

Prayer requests:

- This week has been very cold. Please also pray for a heating system for the car. I tried to drive in the morning, but the windscreen was freezing outside and inside the car (though the ice crystals were stunning to see)

- Pray for Crossover Global, now we have new goals to achieve for the kingdom:

VISION FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS (2025-2027)

- Engage 30 ethnic groups
- Mobilize 100 new pioneer church planters;
- Multiply the 6,000 churches to the 12,000 mark.

Thank you!

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.  
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Thank you for that beautiful reminder from the book of Hebrews. God is giving us an amazingly refreshing vacation with family right now, which is both a huge praise and much needed. Please pray for continued rest and for safe travels when we head back home and prepare for our week.

**Hannah and Enos Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

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

Thanks for the update, Mr. Charlie! Love to everyone there,

Praise:

- I'm still waiting to hear back about how I did on my NILD demonstration, but God has been working out logistics. There are still things to figure out, but it's encouraging to see Him going before the details.

Prayer:

- Please pray for continued opportunities for me to get to know a neighbor girl (Maria) and her family.
- Y'all can continue to pray with us that God will use us in our neighborhood. We are very slowly beginning to see more neighbors move in.
- Please pray for wisdom for Enos in his role as the parts room supervisor. As he orders airplane parts, he wants to make sure YAJASI deals with the Indonesian customs system with integrity. In a country where that is not the norm, it can be surprisingly difficult.
- Pray for "Mr. H". His family runs the fruit stand at the end of our road, and he has been disabled from a stroke for about 10 years. He is currently in the hospital again. Pray that he will come to know Jesus and have an opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray that God will lead more local Indonesian churches to partner with the ministries here.
- We are still praying that God will lead us step by step as we follow him in our family and ministry.

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

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

Grace — Please pray for the membership of Grace as we prayerful consider the two men for elders whom we believe God is setting forth to help shepherd our Grace family.

We are still seeking to get our men's ministry discipleship implemented. Pray for Bill Haynes (an elder) who is leading in this. Pray for him as he seeks to lead our men into intentional discipleship — as disciplers and those being disciplined.

Crowes — Pray for me as I prepare for shoulder surgery and for Dr. Kara as he prepares "for me". We will be able to stay with Taylor and Emily for the week following surgery. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at Emory.

The Lord has graciously provided a new employee at the Escape Game. Thank you for praying last week! Her name is Shelly and we think she is going to be able to "whip our four male employees into shape" lol.

Thank you for praying for us. We love you so much and are blessed to call you family!!!

How might we pray for you?

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*514 Enzian Dr, Dalton, GA 30721*

Thank you for your prayers. We are glad children's camp was such a powerful time of the Lord moving in hearts and lives, and we are praying for those on the mission trips. We do not have any new updates this week. I have not heard anything new from my coworker concerning the appeal of their claim.

Our family wishes you a safe and happy 4th of July!

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Thank you for praying for us and the Flint River Baptist Associational Network. We continue to pray for you and Grove Level.

1. Please continue to pray for the churches without Pastors: Cornerstone, East Griffin, and Midway.
2. Please pray for our 16-member mission team as they prepare for the medical missions/VBS trip to La Romana, Dominican Republic on August 6-12.
3. Pray for the McIntosh Baptist replant. Daniel Sanderson, the new Pastor, is on the field. Pray for him and his family and for the meetings that he is leading this summer to engage the plant team in praying for and serving the community. Pray especially for the outreach this church will have for the community on the afternoon of July 4.
4. Please pray for me as I lead two Impact Disciple Making groups of men. One of these groups include three Pastors in the Dominican Republic.
5. Please pray as I continue to coach Ed Roman, the Pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church in Carlisle, PA. Pray for Ed as he leads his church to engage the community with the gospel and as he begins disciple making groups in his church.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Reach UTK*

*1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

Thank you for the update on the Children's camp and the missions trips! Praying now for the Lord's ongoing work and presence in those.

This Sunday, I (Chad) will fly down to Orlando for a week-long seminary intensive. I'm very thankful for this opportunity! Please be praying for Emily and the kids while I'm away and for my safety and stamina during the week (I'll be in class from 9am-10pm!). On Wednesday of next week I will have the opportunity to preach from Isaiah 42:1-17 to a small group of guys as a part of a preaching lab. Pray for God to be honored as I finish up my sermon this week and deliver it next week. Thank you for praying for us!

**Chrissie Shaheen Foresman and Bill Foresman**

*Tent Ministries*

*PO Box 678, Signal Mountain, TN 37373*

It is always such a blessing to know y'all are praying!!! We thank the Lord He has protected all our loved ones in Israel and the West Bank! As you can imagine, prayer is critical right now.

Israel:

1. Protection
2. Wisdom
3. Accuracy with striking nuclear targets
4. Placement of 2000 homeless due to damage from missiles.
5. Hope for the hopeless

Iran:

1. The church to be strong
2. Protect the innocent
3. Remove all nuclear capabilities
4. Jesus to be revealed

This war would end with the regime being removed. So we are praying for a new regime of peace and stability in the region and Jesus to be glorified.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry*

*840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746*

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "For those who have long such enjoyed the privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." Forgetting the cost of freedom is the cause of many losing their freedom. I have to keep myself reminded of the great cost that made us a free Nation. The same holds true for the freedom I have in Christ. I need to continually read and study the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. I need to continually thank God for the power of Jesus' blood and the brutal sufferings which he endured on my behalf. I never want to forget the freedom I have in Christ. Happy Fourth of July, y'all. I love the 4th of July festivities, although they do open up an opportunity for open air ministry. This past Friday night I went to LaFayette Georgia for outreach at their freedom fest. They had a lot of activities which started at 5:00 p.m. I stayed for several hours and handed out probably 500 to 600 Gospel tracts. While there I ran into a young man that I witnessed to at the rodeo a couple weeks ago. God does some amazing things! The fella doesn't live too far from Sugar Valley, so I'm trying to get him connected to the church. I went to Chickamauga Saturday evening for another freedom fest outreach. We got there about 5:00 p.m. and were met with a nasty thunderstorm. We hung around till about 7:00, and it was still raining. So we just called it quits and came on home. I have for years done Outreach at the Gordon County fairgrounds for their fireworks shoot. This year it looks like there are a number of other folks who are going to be there for outreach. I think I may wind up in Dalton on the 4th. May see some of y'all there? This Saturday July 5th Sugar Valley Baptist will have their annual fireworks and festivities. I will be working with the evangelism team reaching out to the folks who come. I will be using the paint board to share the gospel. Please pray for upcoming outreaches. Also continue to pray for God to fill our calendar. Thanks for your commitment to pray and support us. Let's not forget the price of freedom. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." Ronald Reagan. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Upward Running Ministry**

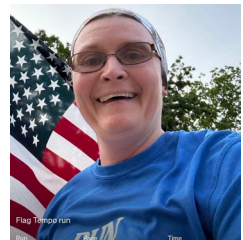
*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

Thank you church family for your prayers!

We thought it appropriate on this 4th of July week to share with you about one of our faithful Upward Running Members, Rebecca Wang. Rebecca lives in Toledo, Ohio where she is a Chick-Fil-A director and an avid runner. The extra special thing about Rebecca is she often carry's a regular size American flag on a flag pole when she runs! We love following Rebecca to see what race she is running with her flag in tow. Pray for Rebecca and all our Run Cub folks as they race this weekend celebrating our country's freedom. We love you Grove Level!

The Upward Running Team



**Stephen and Emily Howard**

*Stephen is the youth pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Verona, KY*

- 1) Continue praying that I would be able to find a job that better suits our family's needs when the time comes.
- 2) Our dossier has been sent to Colombian and now we are waiting for it to be translated. Pray God would get it there and that the translation would go smoothly.
- 3) We have been pre approved to adopt someone! We will adopt her if our dossier gets approved as well. Pray God would be working in her heart and ours.
- 4) We did arrive safely and finally in Germany. It's been a crazy trip with very little sleep. Pray that we would be a light to the people here.

**Phil Walleck, PhD & Lou Walleck, LPC, LMHC**

*The Restoration House  
South Walton | 30A | Florida*

We just signed a lease to stay put another year.

The anxiety of moving was palpable.

It isn't a long-term solution. But It buys us time contractually. Please pray for the right door to open.

Lou is sick and resting with prescription meds. Please pray for the Lord to multiply her rest.

We are receiving a few more clients (praise God), and the ones we have seem to be finding healing little by little. Please pray for more to come our way.

A special prayer request- our sons are in Texas with my sister's family for a week. They will be flying (by themselves) home this coming Saturday. Please pray for their safety.

I would like our family to be covered specifically for holiness, righteousness, humility, and for us to be lovers of mercy. I am walking into lunch with a man from our neighborhood that cheated on his wife five years ago. He told her about it, and she left him with the children (ages 3 and 6 months). He is devastated and asking for help on how to heal. I didn't know his story nor did he know we were in ministry or doing counseling when he initiated us getting together.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

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

Thank you so much for your prayer for us!

The trip to Colombia went well overall. Laura's body is still recovering from the treatments she received (as she received over 200 shots in various parts of the body). Specifically she had some injections into her bones that have been the most taxing on her body. So pray for her body to help recover from that and that in the long run it will help bring healing to her body.

Now that we are back from that trip, we are just trying to work on our fundraising to try and get it in a good place before students come back in August. So just pray for favor with people and provision in that!

I do not think we will be able to make it up to Dalton this summer, but I will keep you updated. Maybe it will be in the fall like last year, but we'd love to come by again to Grove Level!  
We love y'all and are thankful for y'all!

**Michael & Holley Richardson**

*Ellis, Luke and Jude  
2704 Pine Manor Ln, Albany, GA 31707*

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to pray for our family each week. We have had several late nights over the last couple weeks interviewing for several positions and places in Asia. We have what we anticipate to be our final interview this Thursday night as we sense the Lord narrowing our direction. Pray for discernment and clarity as we seek the Lord's clear direction about where to serve.

**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*

Thank you. Good to hear that report from the Camp. Please pray for our meetings for the next 10 days as well as to be able to sell Elisha's car soon and safety in traveling back home. Thank you.

**James and Jessie Choi**

**Jemma**

**Church plant in N. Augusta, SC**  
*338 Mossy Oak Circle, Augusta, GA 29841*

I will continue to be praying for those requests. Love you guys, too!

Here are some ways you can be praying for us:

1. Continued financial provision. Pray for me as I cast vision to churches, networks, and individuals in raising support. Now we have consistent expenses and I will still need to continue to ask others for support in these earlier months as we have launched. We are also trying to teach our people to learn to tithe so pray that they would catch a vision for sacrificial giving to the Lord so that we can do all that God is calling us to do as a church.
2. Dream Team - The summer is a great season to look ahead to the next year as Fall semester starts. Please pray that we would have a grand vision of God's plan for the future and that we would use this time to our advantage to be fruitful today but also the future.
3. Connections in our community, churches, and college ministry to make a kingdom difference. Our ads continue to go out in the community asking people to try out a new church in the area. Please pray that they would make the effort to attend and that they would feel welcome with us.
4. Increased burden for our neighbors and opportunities to minister to them. It is a challenge to balance all that is going on at the moment with new contacts God has placed in our path. So pray that we can continue to be available to our neighbors in the midst of it.
5. Wisdom, peace, diligence in next steps for our church. Pray against the enemy's attacks as we seek His direction in all ways.
6. BCM - Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Please pray our leadership team would see the summer as an opportunity to rest and recharge and be prepared to do all that God has in store for the Fall semester. We are now beginning to make efforts preparing for the Fall semester so please pray that we, as a team, would be diligent in preparing ahead of time to avoid the stress of last-minute planning and to benefit from the healthy pace of walking in step with His Spirit.
7. Sunday Services - Pray that we continue to follow up well with guests and welcome them with open arms into our faith family. We are continuing to go through our Ephesians series and praying that our church would know our identity as the church universal to live in faith for His Kingdom.
8. Community Groups - This is our small group strategy. Because we are a community-driven church, we hope that these groups would make our church feel much smaller so that they can truly live life with one another. They will meet monthly over the summer as a soft launch and then we will launch into meetings bi-weekly during the Fall. We just had our first couple ones start this month! We have a total of 5 groups all throughout the area meeting. Pray that our church guests and regulars would value this as a top priority in their lives to be known and know others.
9. School Partnership - We just got our contract renewed with the new book-keeper and principal in mind! Please pray for our school partnership to grow in the midst of transition. Please pray for the Lord's favor in our partnership so that we would be made more effective in our witness to the community and school.

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

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

Adelyn is at her first church camp with the 3rd-5th graders this week. We've seen some photos already, and she looks like she is having a great time. We are praying she has some great memories of spiritual growth she will look back on.

We are also thinking about Kelsey going on a women's mission trip to Guatemala in the fall with our church here. Pray as we work that out.

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

*works in security with the IMB*

I apologize for missing you the last few weeks; it has been quite the whirlwind. I believe I told you that Ashley lost her grandfather on the 23rd, so we were with family and going through all that comes with the loss of a loved one. Everyone seems to be doing better now, but grief comes in waves. Last week we took a vacation to Williamsburg and enjoyed some much needed downtime.

This week Ashley and SK are in Camp Jam at church, and at the end of the week they will be having a performance. Then VBS will be the following week.

In addition to that we have all of our summer fun! I have summers off so I am able to help out with our appointments and church activities. Thank you all for praying for us.

**Luce Tertio**

*Serving God in Brazil.*

Hello church family, I am glad to hear that God is moving among the children and leaders in summer ministries. I've also been praying for the mission teams and the people they will minister to. I am glad Grove Level is a mission-minded church.

I have good news! I will be going to the US at the end of this month for a visit and to help a friend. I look forward to worshiping in person with you.

My prayer requests:

Praise! My father has been at the care home for one year, and it is working out well. He does have a problem with anemia, but with the Lord's help it will improve.

My mother has been having a problem with one of her eyes and has been having treatments. This is stressful for her.

I have been looking at an apartment next to my mother's house, but it needs to be renovated. It would be better if I could live closer to her, but the work will take a significant amount of money. Pray that if this is the Lord's direction that He will provide.

Finally, please pray for my family during the time I will be in the States, that there will be no health crisis or emergency.

Thank you for your prayers! I will see you soon. In Christ, Luce

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Julia Kelly Ralston**

*Property Intern at Crossings at Jonathan Creek in Hardin, KY!*

**Ross and Molly Kinsey**

**Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh**

*Critical Christianity Ministries  
Galena, Alaska*

**Tony Fuscillaro**

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,  
3203 Satcher Rd NW Dalton, GA 30721-7802  
Will be in Brazil June 29-July 24, 2025.*

**Thomas, Paige Queen**

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

**Chad Kelly and Seth Teegarden**

will go to Central Asia in August to train Middle Eastern pastors.