

# MISSIONS connection

June 21, 2023

*June Birthdays*  
28 Britany Crowe

*July Birthdays*  
6 Grace Crowe

**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 is crucial for Kostea and his family. They will find out if they have to leave the country in the next year or so ending up in Turkey, Belarus or Serbia. Crazy, crazy, crazy!

Also, this weekend we host Alumni at Emanuel and are expecting to have about 120 people. Please pray for Kostea and also for the graduates who will be traveling to and from Oradea.

My friend Vasile came back from Ukraine last night, and we had lunch. There are about 80 villages that are flooded, and we now have a lot of refugees coming east. On another hand, the Russians are attacking Lviv with drones and are trying to keep the Ukrainian army from moving forward to regain control. Our brothers and sisters are very weak and weary. Please pray for them too! Thank you for praying with us!

**Luce Terto**

*Serving God in Brazil.*

Praise God I arrived safely at home in Brazil with my luggage! Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. It's good to be back among my family, especially my young nieces and nephews who are excited to see me.

Please pray for my sister. Her surgery went well Monday, but she will be recovering for the next two weeks.

Ask God to show me ways I can minister to those around me and serve Him here in Brazil. In Jesus, Luce

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

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

Please pray for Buffalo Lick as their pastor search committee begins the search for a new pastor. Pray for us that we can get the house packed and ready for the movers tomorrow. We will be in PA this weekend, and I start the chaplaincy training on July 2.

**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.

**Hannah Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

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

## Praise:

- We are thankful for the ability to spend time with family and friends in GA.
- We are thankful that we can look back on what God has done in the past and know that he will provide again.

## Prayer:

- Please keep praying that my passport will be issued in God's perfect timing and for peace as we wait.
- Continued wisdom as Enos and I make decisions
- God's provision as we raise support
- That we will continue to trust God

See ya soon!

**Run for God**

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

Church family you are so many blessings! Thank you for your faithful prayers!

Sunday, Mitchell shared with the church the Big News about Run for God merging with Upward Sports. We are so excited about this "Street Light" ahead of us and hope you will pray with us as we move forward.

We are sure you have questions and we would love to answer them. You can contact Gaye at: [customerservice@RunforGod.com](mailto:customerservice@RunforGod.com) If she does not have the answer she will definitely get it for you.

We know God's directing this path. We are so excited about the broader outreach that is going to be available to the Run for God Ministry for reaching a lost and dying world with the message of the gospel through the sport of running.

Pray for us as we learn, grow, and are challenged for His glory in the days ahead.

This was on a Run Club member's Facebook post and we wanted to share...

When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble. Proverbs 4:12

We love you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Navigators Ministry Staff  
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](mailto: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!

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry*

840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746

This past week a well-known street preacher from Los Angeles passed away. His name was Ruben Israel. He had a very abrasive and straight forward approach. He was well known for the controversy that surrounded his ministry. He had a rather large following of folks who worked with him as he sought to train up people all over the globe. When the news got out that he had passed, I watched as a firestorm of social media negativity erupted. I saw as many addressed the negativity with pretty much one question, "Did you know Ruben? Have you ever met him?" I knew Reuben, I wouldn't say in a personal relationship, but well enough that we would chit chat whenever we saw each other on various outreaches. Although his approach to evangelism was a little hard, Ruben was a very kind man. I'm glad that God taught me many years ago the truth of Philippians 1:13-18. I've learned that if it's not pure heresy to just rejoice in the fact that Christ is being preached. That has enabled me to meet a lot more people in Ministry. It takes all of us to do ministry whether we are using different forms or working together in different capacities. It takes us all. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support, partnering with us in Ministry. We do appreciate your prayers and support. This past Friday they had a concert in downtown Calhoun in the park. Brother Tim Ferguson and myself went down there holding gospel signs and passing out gospel tracts. Attendance was fairly low, but we didn't know what to expect. We've been in the office finishing up my study on the book of Romans. I'm up to chapter 15 so far. Also been working on a gospel tract for our church. It's the Romans road format. I would be glad to share it with y'all if you might have interest in printing your own for GLBC. Please continue to pray for our calendar. We are looking forward to outreaches around the 4th of July. The following week we will fly to Seattle Washington for an Outreach. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. It's a great partnership that we have. I'm glad to hear things went well with the recent camps and Ministry opportunities for Grove Level. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

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

*Queens for the King*

135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

Queens for the King:

Please pray for our upcoming mission trip planned June 28-July 12. We will do a bible club in the Cedara community. Pray for the team to have smooth travels, good team planning of gospel presentations and for the community to be calm and receptive to the gospel. Pray for the team's health as well. Team is Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth Queen and Lexi Holmes.

Ginny Lou (Queen's niece in Central Asia)

**Tony Fucillaro**

*Summer Missionary to Brazil,*

3203 Satcher Rd NW Dalton, GA 30721-7802

Tony will be in Brazil July 1-29. Please pray for:

1. A negative COVID test.
2. Carlos, his new interpreter as they work for the first time together.

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"*

[www.goandmakeministry.org](http://www.goandmakeministry.org)

We first want to say a huge praise that Dallas (a member of their home group for whom we have been praying) is back home from the rehabilitation center and came to church with us. We talked a little after the service and he was just talking about how he had gotten to a bad place, but was glad to be out of it. So praise for that and prayers that God continues to pour into him and that he will be guarded from temptation.

Also, as you mentioned about VBS, please also pray for Adelyn and Emery as they will be going to VBS for the first time in 2 weeks. I know it will be amazing for them. Unfortunately I will be traveling again to London for work that week so please also pray for Kelsey and kids while I'm away.

Love y'all,  
Josh

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

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

We are having our Summer Science Spectacular camp this week (VBS). Tonight is our last night. Please join us in praying for the children, students and adults attending. It has been a really good camp. Thank you for loving us so well.

**Bryan & Brittany Kelly**

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701*

We love being able to partner with you in prayer. Being at Grove Level this week was so good for us! We are continuing to pray for Student and Kids camps.

Thank you for the prayers as we continue our June leave. We start grief counseling on Monday. Please pray that this will help us with our healing. Your sermon in Habakkuk reminded us that we do not have to understand God's plans, but we do have to trust them. Thank you for being faithful to His word and sharing it with us. We both needed that!

**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!

**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.

**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 are leaving for camp this Saturday afternoon. Pray for safe travels and a fruitful time. We'll be helping local communities by doing various projects with their homes.
- Pray we'd be a good Christian witness and Christ be glorified.

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Please pray for the following:

1. Pray for Highland Baptist Church and North Griffin Baptist Church as they move toward sharing space. Highland is a small, older membership, white congregation in a predominantly black community. North Griffin is a predominantly black congregation that is growing and needs more space.
2. Pray for Brooks Baptist and Cornerstone Baptist as they decide their next steps as churches.
3. Pray for the mission team that is preparing for a medical mission trip to five villages in the Dominican Republic in August. Currently, there are 17 people committed to this trip

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

*works in security with the IMB*

Week before last we took SJ to the ophthalmologist to find out if she would need surgery to correct some strength issues in her eyes. The surgery itself isn't risky, but any type of sedation she would have undergone is risky for Sophie. Thankfully we got word that she does not need surgery at this time! We are so grateful for this good news but still pray that these issues do not worsen in time.

Please be praying for Ashley next week, because she will be traveling to Florida for a Prader Willi conference in Orlando. Pray that she will have safe travels and stay safe down there, and also please pray that the conference will be informative and helpful. We hope she gets to connect with friends in this community and that they could be an encouragement for each other.

Lastly, our new home progress is coming along great! We are hoping to move in sometime mid-July. It seems we haven't been truly settled since moving to VA and are very excited to be in a place to call our own! Pray the builders stay on track and there will be no hiccups or delays!

We love you all!

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

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