

MISSIONS connection

June 28, 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

I am in Bratislava for a meeting. We have some refugees in Slovakia even though the Christians here cannot host many, because the number of believers is very very low. Please pray for Kostea. He will find out what is going on with his refugee status next week. Continue to pray for him. He is worried. I will get back with you next week. 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

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

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.

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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We are so very thankful for your prayers Grove Level! What an exciting time in the Run for God Ministry! We are looking forward to what God has ahead for us as the Merger with Upward Sports has been set into motion. Each of us, The Run for God Team (Mitchell, Holly, Gaye, Dean, and Angie) ask that you join us in prayer as we learn the steps ahead to better reach further with the Gospel of Christ.

July will be a busy month for us as we travel to Spartanburg, South Carolina to the headquarters of Upward Sports. We will be meeting the Upward team from all over the United States on their "Team Day" and learning more about their ministry as it ties into ours.

We also have a huge Close-out sale going on now. This is keeping us hopping as we ship out the Tees and Hats we have here in the building in stock.

Pray for those in the heat, who are training. We are encouraging everyone to train in the early morning or late evening whenever possible.

July also includes our 3rd Annual Hawkins 10K Race (6.2 miles) in Cartersville, GA. Please be in prayer for this race as well. It will be Saturday, July 22nd. It is a fun, fun race that is not timed and is very laid back. Everyone can participate free in person or virtually. (wherever they are all over the world) This is a fundraiser for Run for God where runners are asked to Donate to Run for God whatever they feel they can instead of paying a race fee and they can ask others to donate for their race. Angie and Patrick Hawkins, our race hosts, will be grilling Hamburgers for the runner's lunch so it is a great time of fellowship with other Run Club members as well.

We will continue to host our races with the Upward Merger and are very excited about that! So, we plan to continue to have our 5K Weekend in April that includes you Grove Level and your faithfulness to us! We absolutely love our church family and are so thankful for you!

The Run for God Team

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!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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Luke 21:28, “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” I realize this text is written to Israel for the tribulation period. However, I have always cherished the thought that when times get tough we just need to look up. Jesus is coming soon, and boy, howdy, I can’t wait. Next Thursday I and a few others will fly out for an Outreach in Seattle. And, man, it’s crunch time. I’ve got several projects I’m trying to wrap up before I go. I’m trying to finish my Romans Bible college lesson. So far I’m halfway through chapter 16. I’ve got to go back and do a quick proof on it before I turn it in for acceptance. Our church is doing an Outreach for the 4th of July. We’re shooting fireworks this Saturday with a day of activities as well. They’ve asked me to set up and lead an evangelism booth. It’s quite a bit of work. Of course things are kind of crazy with Gynnette’s Daddy right now. We’re praying that things will go well with him while I’m on this trip. Gynnette is taking care of his healthcare needs, and I’m just a servant, but I’m the authority figure. Gynnette usually has me talk to him, because he tends to argue with her. Crunch time, it means things get crazy and busy right before a trip. Please help us pray about our evangelism this weekend and at other 4th of July events. Please help us pray about our trip to Seattle. Most importantly, pray for things to go well with Gynnette and her daddy. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. We love you. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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

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)

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.

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.

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 Fuscillaro

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

Toy 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.

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!

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!

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

Thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and support! Please know of my prayers for you and Grove Level.

Praises:

1. Highland Baptist Church (an older all-white congregation with an attendance of 15 in a transitional community) and North Griffin Community Baptist Church (a predominately African-American church with 40 in attendance) both voted unanimously to enter into an agreement for sharing building space. This means that both churches will meet in the Highland facility with the potential of the North Griffin congregation becoming the church there one day. Only God could bring this about! I was thrilled to be a part of this process.

2. Praise the Lord that there are now 17 people committed to participate in the Evangelistic Medical Mission Trip to the Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic area in August.

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for Brooks Baptist Church and Cornerstone Baptist Church as they seek Pastors and determine future direction.
2. Pray for these churches that have expressed an interest in becoming a part of the Flint River Baptist Associational Network:

Heavenly Way Baptist Church in Griffin

Stillwaters Church in Locust Grove

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Jackson

County Line Baptist Church in Jenkinsburg

Fellowship Baptist Church in Hampton

3. Pray for Whitewater Baptist Church in Brooks and Crossroads Church in Newnan as they finalize a church merger to become Crossroads Whitewater. Whitewater is in my association and has decided to close its doors after 200 years of ministry. Crossroads Church is a large church in another association. When the merger takes place, Crossroads Whitewater will remain in FRBA. Crossroads already has a campus Pastor in place and 75 + people committed to launch this new location.

Chad & Emily Keeter
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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!

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