

MISSIONS connection

June 7, 2023

*June Birthdays
28 Britany 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

Please pray for the believers in the eastern part of Ukraine. There are over 80 villagers affected by water from the bombing of the dam Russians bombed about 2 days ago.

Also, pray for Karis in particular. She has the baccalaureate exam, both oral and written, over 4 subjects.

Lastly, please pray for Pastor Dennis Bell, a good friend of mine. He fell from the tree and is paralyzed. Very rough and tough situation.

We are going to pray for you and for the ministries you are involved with this Summer, both youth and children. May the Lord protect them and save the ones who need to be saved. Love and blessings!

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

- We are in the last weeks of the semester. Pray for strength and good health for our family.

- This week we are updating our contacts list for sending updates. Pray for us to reach the right people in Brazil, who will be really a good support in prayer, encouragement and maybe financial support. We are in the last year, and we keep praying over where to serve on the mission field.

- Yesterday we had an official conversation with the Crossover Global Missions Agency. We have plans of getting deeper in the relationship with them, so we will understand if we will be sent through their strategy. They aim to plant churches amongst unreached peoples, and many of these are in Europe too. Pray for this process.

Luce Terto

Serving God in Brazil.

Here in Dalton for a few months.

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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

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 time to visit family and supporters before we have to head back.

YAJASI has decided not to continue Enos' flight training. They are going to have him work as a maintenance apprentice at YAJASI and see what God does from there. Enos has a lot of peace about this and feels called to continue to support what God is doing through YAJASI however he can.

Prayer:

Please keep praying for my passport to be processed very soon. It has been longer than the processing time of 11 weeks, and the passport office has not been very helpful.

Pray for wisdom in all the logistics.

Pray that I finish up this school year well.

Pray for peace and trust in God with so many things up in the air and out of our control.

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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Thank you for your prayers church family! We are so blessed to be partnering with you in ministry.

Please continue to pray for us as we move forward with decisions and new ways to reach out to the world through running and walking.

We love the new shirts we are offering that say, "Ask Me Why I Walk?"

The Bible verse printed on the back is, "I Walk By Faith Not By Sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7

Many have asked through the years about a "Walking" tee shirt and we have had great response to it.

Thank you Grove Level for your faithfulness!

The Run for God Team

Troy & Lille Poe

student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Our short anniversary family trip went well last weekend. We made some great memories.

We are excited to announce that we are expecting another baby January 20, 2024. Please be praying for a healthy baby and mother.

We are also excited to hear about all the ministry opportunities happening now and in the upcoming weeks. We are praying with you for those who attend VBS this week. We will also lift up those who will be going to children's and youth camps.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

This evening at 7 we will share with our church family at Buffalo Lick Baptist that God has called me to serve as a chaplain in a different state. Please pray for our family as we make this transition, and please pray for this church family, too. Sara has a job interview tomorrow, so please pray for that. June 18 will be our last Sunday at Buffalo, and I will start my new ministry on July 5.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Proverbs 6:6-8, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." Some say it's not good to be too busy in ministry. But sometimes, like the ant, life is feast or famine. The ebb and flow of ministry continues to challenge us. Sometimes we're busy as an ant. Other times it just seems dormant. Thank you for your prayers, because they sure do help in booking our calendar. But also thank you for your prayers that help sustain us in busy times. This past week I taught Romans 12 at Swamp Creek Baptist for their Wednesday night service. Friday and Saturday I joined with a small band of Brothers to do Outreach at the Riverbend music festival. This was a good Outreach, a little slow on Friday night but Saturday was really good. Sunday morning I preached at Heritage Baptist Church in Calhoun. Praise the Lord, this was a good service. I preached on the sign of Jesus turning Water into Wine in John 2. By the way, this miracle is all about Jesus and nothing else. It was amazing to see a number of people respond to the invitation. Three people were led to Christ in the altars by counselors. Praise the Lord! Monday night I started teaching Vacation Bible School at Mount Olive Baptist Church here in Calhoun. I have been doing the Bible School lesson each night and will do the final lesson tonight. Please help us pray about our teaching tonight. So far we haven't had anyone saved. We've had a few raise their hands that they want to talk to somebody. Today has been a chaotic day. Please pray for me that I can get the message out. This coming Wednesday I am scheduled to teach at Sugar Valley Baptist Church. I made a commitment to be a team leader for the Super Bowl Outreach in Las Vegas this February. The wheels are beginning to turn on this major Outreach. We still have Gynnette's Daddy in our care. Things are day by day for us. We are concerned that there may be another hospital stay in the near future. Your prayers are appreciated for this as well. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We in turn will be praying for Grove Level Baptist as you launch into Summer mission projects. God bless you. Grateful to be a part of the Grove Level family. Gynnette and Mark

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

Queens for the King

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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)

-A team member of Ginny Lou is having a terrible time being granted a visa to stay for their family. Pray for their paperwork to go through. Also for the medical treatment plan paperwork to be provided so they can keep sharing the gospel there.

-A lost lady named Ayfer has been attending their house church and is a seeker. She is contemplating becoming a Christian so pray for her to dream dreams which convince her of her need for salvation and put her to put her faith in Christ.

-Praise that Ginny Lou's new housing is working out nicely.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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We enjoyed a few days off last week as we recovered from our final assignment with The Navigators at the Beach Summer Training Program. This week I have begun training with the new organization (called Reliant) that we'll be using in order to shift our ministry support team over to launch a campus ministry through our church in Knoxville. Please pray for us as we work on this in the weeks and months ahead. Pray for God to provide for our funding needs and for us to rely on Him and be satisfied in Him. We're so excited to continue to work with students on campus and to get them plugged into the life of our church! Thank you for praying with us!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

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

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Yes, we have much we need God to work and to do.

Grace — our Summer Science Spectacular (VBS) begins on Sunday, June 11. Tonight, at 6:30, we will be prayer walking our Grace neighborhood and inviting folks. Pray for the Lord to go before us.

We still have some spots available for children and their parents (the parents/grandparents) will be doing John Trent's study on The Blessing. We have to limit the number because of space. Please pray for our Grace folks as they are working hard to prepare.

Crowes — we have a wonderful new Daughter-in-law (Emily). Gracie just graduated from High School and VA Highlands Community College. Thank you for praying us through those two wonderful events in the Crowe's life! Thank you for praying for us and loving us. We will not have our regular time of prayer tonight, but if you send any needs we will put them on our list.

Lord bless. Thank you so, so very much.

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 prayers for us. It's been a hard few weeks, so being able to step away from ministry and focus on healing is refreshing. Pray that we continue to heal and find rest in the Father.

Our plan is to worship with you all this Sunday. We can't wait to see you!

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 have our youth camp coming up next month from June 24th-30th. It's a mission based camp where the goal is to reach out to the community and help those in need. Pray we'd be a light.
- 5) We are going back to MD (my home state) to visit family this weekend. Pray for safe travels and some relaxing time.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement! I am praying for Grove Level as you have VBS this summer. Here are some things to pray for from Flint River.

1. Please pray for the churches in FRBA that are conducting VBS this summer. There are 12 churches reporting VBS this summer. This number is up after the pandemic. Pray that these churches will be able to connect to families for gospel conversations and that people will come to Christ through VBS.
2. Please pray for the preparations for our Evangelistic Medical Mission Trip on August 9-14. There are 17 people committed to this trip. Please pray that the final plans come together and that this trip will bring honor to the Lord and see many salvation.
3. Pray for FRBA churches as they work on two other mission projects: Backpacks for Augusta, Georgia and Filling the Container for Pennsylvania. These projects will result in mission trips to both Augusta, Georgia where our team will distribute backpacks and share the Gospel through block parties, and filling a truck container with items and supplies to meet the needs of 2,500 migrant workers and two other churches in South Central Pennsylvania.

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Great reminder this week that these hard times will pass. Ashley and I were just talking last night. I've been reading through Mark, and in both cases where the disciples found themselves in a storm, they didn't last forever. The first time they woke Jesus up scared the boat was going to sink, but, when Christ is with us, we know 2 things: 1- the boat will not sink, and 2- the storm will not last forever. The second time when Jesus sent them on without Him and another storm came up, we see that Jesus was up on the hillside watching over and praying over them, and, when these storms come up, Jesus will come to our side.

These are good reminders for us because we are going into a potential surgery for Sophie. While the surgery itself is minor, we are worried for her conscious sedation. These types are particularly hard and dangerous for Sophie's airway because of her low muscle tone. The chances for asphyxiation and aspiration increase drastically. We want what's best for SJ but are so scared of losing her. Please pray over this situation for us.

Also pray about decisions for Ashley in her next steps of her doctorate. She is praying about taking a break or pushing through and getting done. With all of the moves, therapies for SJ, illnesses, and life in general, she has fallen behind some. I know she can do it, but it will be a long road and take discipline to push through.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

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We would like to invite you to pray for us in the following ways:

Our team: that these seven weeks would be spent in deep abiding with the Lord (John 15:5)
For our leadership: we would be faithful to lead our team well and to ultimately lead them to the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:2-4)
Favor on campus as we seek to love, serve and share the Gospel with Iteso students & their families
Our local receivers: that our time here would encourage and bless their ministry

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