

# MISSIONS connection

November 1, 2023

*November Birthdays*  
*6 Bryan Kelly 22 Michael Richardson*

**Troy & Lille Poe**

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

Thank you for your prayers. Our family is doing well, and Palmer Kate is growing right on track. Please pray for me as I continue in my counseling class and develop as a counselor.

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.  
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Please pray for me as I minister to that young man on hospice I have mentioned before. He is taking a turn for the worse, and his dad is having a very difficult time with it. I have been working with him, however he is still struggling. Pray that Sara continues to have a great year at her new school.

**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 Raelene. She is defending her PhD dissertation on Friday. Her degree is in Higher Education with a minor in Biblical Counseling. Also, thanks for praying for the baptism. 1 person accepted Christ as Savior from our service on Sunday. Had a great crowd and the Gospel was preached!

**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) I want to start leading some local evangelism teams soon. Pray for wisdom on where to go with that. I'll probably start looking at next year to start a local evangelism team. 4) We're thinking and praying about moving further up north from where we are right now for ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom in this. We toured an apartment on Monday, and we like it but want to make sure that God wants us there. Pray for insight. Thank you all!

**Hannah and Enos Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

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

Praise:

- We are working on house plans and waiting on final approval for a loan to build a little townhouse in a new neighborhood.

Prayer:

- Please keep praying for a car and a place to live after December. We will probably have to live in a temporary place while our house is being finished.  
- Enos has an injury on both of his wrists. One is some kind of a muscle strain, and he cut his other wrist really deep yesterday. Please pray for healing for both.  
- Enos is headed to Jakarta tomorrow to have a visa interview. Pray that he can communicate clearly and honestly and that God will guide our steps.  
- Pray for our church - for unity, for truth to be spoken, and for our pastor.  
- Pray for the leaders of our small group - they are an older couple facing some really hard things in their marriage.  
- Pray for unity at YAJASI as they transition to the leadership of a new director.  
- Pray for God's protection from malaria while I am pregnant.

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

Today and yesterday were difficult days. God's grace makes us strong!

Prayer requests:

- Since yesterday Cristiane (Davi's wife) has been having very intense headaches, and no medication is working. Please pray for a solution and God's mercy.

**Run for God**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

We have a fun story this week! Praising the Lord for what he is doing! Many of you knew Grady and Runette Gilbert who were a vital part of our Grove Level family for years. Grady and Runette had 3 children: Sharon, Rhonda and Harold. Harold is a Aerospace Engineer in Huntsville, Alabama.

We got to catch up with Harold a couple of weeks ago as he was here for the 1980's Grove Level College and Career Group Reunion. Harold told us his oldest daughter, Taylor, has been involved in Run for God Classes for 3 years. The Picture below is Taylor Gilbert completing her first Half Marathon!

We got so excited putting the puzzle all together realizing Taylor has been in one of our most involved Run for God Instructor's Classes! Rhonda Williams has been involved with our ministry since 2014 and has such a tremendous impact in her community of Huntsville!

Rhonda, our Run for God Leader told us that Taylor has brought her younger sister Emerald, to Run for God classes this last year. Taylor is also involved in Rhonda's Friday early morning (5:30 AM) Bible Study. That is so encouraging as well.

It is a small world and God is over it ALL! Praise the Lord!!!

We love you Grove Level and are so thankful for your prayers!!!

The Run for God Team



**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry  
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Genesis 8:22, “While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” It’s amazing how quickly we can experience change in the weather. Change is really the only thing predictable in life. Although when we turn to the scriptures we find that in the midst of changing times we serve an unchanging God. Praise God, it may be cold outside, but the love of God is still hot towards his children. As November 1 rolled around, I began to think about Thanksgiving.

I’m thankful beyond measure that I serve the unchanging God and for the faithfulness of God’s people. This past week I helped Pastor Randy Smith set up a booth at the Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville on Friday. We worked the booth Saturday and Sunday all day. We had various means of sharing the gospel such as the Bible knowledge game, gospel tracts, etc. Brother Randy invited other people to come work the booth with us. Some had been involved in evangelism before, others had not. So for me it was not only a Time of sharing the gospel but teaching others to do the same. A young pastor and his wife came with their baby that was nearly two. After getting him involved in handing out gospel tracts I got baby Eva involved. She did an awesome job of handing out tracts. We gave out about three cases of Bibles and probably close to 1500 gospel tracts. I handed a young man a gospel tract and had a short discussion with him as he passed by. 10 minutes later I looked over and saw him standing at the booth and one of the workers was sharing the gospel with him. He called me over to help lead him to Christ. It was a glorious experience when young Judah got saved.

Tuesday I went downtown Calhoun for the annual downtown trick or treat. I had three other brothers come help me. We probably handed out close to 4000 gospel tracts. It was amazing. I left there and went to my home Church for the Church trunk or treat. There were numerous ways in which folks were sharing the gospel. I stood with a very large evangi-cube and shared an abbreviated gospel message with those that passed by. I called it my big block of gospel message. It’s almost time to start getting ready for our Christmas parade outreaches. The first one will start the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Not far off. I think there are a couple local teams that will be playing in high school football playoffs. I’ll try to find some of them for Friday night outreach. Traditionally this is a time of year when we do a lot of Outreach. Although please continue to pray that God will give us opportunities to preach in churches. I praise the Lord for the many things he has done this past week. I also thank the Lord for your prayers and support. Thank you as well. We appreciate y’all. Love Gynnette and Mark

**Luce Tertio**

*Serving God in Brazil.*

*Hello church family,*

It’s springtime here in Brazil. Plants are starting to bloom, and my sister Geise is getting ready to start a job in a garden shop. I’ll be taking my niece and nephew to school a day or two each week.

My other sister’s husband Carlos has been in the hospital with pneumonia, but praise God he was just released. Pray he continues to recover well.

Thank you for praying for me as I help my family. Ask God to give me opportunities to share the gospel and show His love.

Your sister in Christ,  
Luce

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

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

I will not be with those praying this evening, I will be with our student ministry tonight.

Grace — it is ministry planning and budget planning time. Pray as we seek the Lord concerning the ministries He would lead us into next year and how to give and steward them. We have a family that has been visiting for the last two months, and they have requested a membership meeting with our elders. Pray as we meet with them and encourage them and help them in their decision to join our Grace family.

Crowes — Kellie flies in from Atlanta tonight around midnight. Andrew is wading through thirteen years old — pray for Kellie and me as we seek to help him navigate this new and struggling time in his life. Though we have been here three times before...it is always different. We always need God’s help. Pray that God would work in his tender heart and life and to use him for His glory. Thank you for praying for us and loving us so well.

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

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

Here’s how to pray and partner with us:

- 1) Pray for God to use Fundiswa to help bring many children to Christ. Pray for Syvion and her to have a good working relationship that furthers the kingdom in Cedara.
- 2) Pray for the Lord to continue to stir the people’s hearts (especially the men) to awaken for their need for Christ in their lives and for many to come to salvation. Pray for Syvion and Fundiswa to excel at discipleship.
- 3) Pray for Hilton Baptist to continue to reach out to this community. Pray for Bro. David (the pastor of Hilton) to keep casting a vision for a sister church in Cedara for Hilton to pour into spiritually.
- 4) Pray for the Grove Level mission team. Pray for fund raising to go well with each student going. Pray for the preparation to go according to God’s plans. Pray for flights and all transport issues to be safe and smooth. Pray for team unity and safety. Pray each team member grows in Christ while serving.

Thanks for being such great prayer partners!

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

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

I’m back home. Trip went pretty smooth apart from the return flight getting delayed a day. But Kelsey and the kids had a good week. Nothing specific this week for prayer requests. Thank y’all as always for lifting us up.

Love y’all,  
Josh

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**  
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I'm sorry it's been a bit, but thank you for the prayers. We really do appreciate them and appreciate y'all! If y'all could just be praying as the semester is nearing an end (wild!) since this is the last full month. Pray that students would really be willing to commit to growing their relationship with God, leaning into community and not skip out on those aspects as classes and other things put more pressure on them as the school year goes on. Last night we held a chili cook off to celebrate Halloween, and it was a big praise - it was fun for all of us as we made chili with the students on our team. The night itself was encouraging as we all were just able to enjoy fellowship with one another! A few specific students you can pray for: Pray for Julio as he's really trying to figure out where he's at with God. He doesn't know much but is interested, but the "not knowing" seems to really be holding him back from fully trusting his life to God. Pray that he would be able to trust God despite all that he does not know yet and that God will reveal Himself over time. Pray for Collin as he was one of our most faithful students last year, but, with classes and homework, his growth with God this semester has taken more of a backseat. Pray that God would really reignite that desire for Himself and that Collin would be able to find ways and make space for his relationship with God. We love y'all and are thankful for y'all!

**Frank Nuckolls**  
*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Thanks so much for your prayers and encouragement. I continue to pray for you and Grove Level.

Prayer Needs:

1. Please continue to pray for The Pinecrest Church and Brooks Baptist as they consider a possible merger.
2. Please pray for the leadership of FRBA as we consider the possibility of creating the Flint River Baptist Training Center and Learning Lab for the purpose of training leaders to strengthen churches and bring about revitalization and growth.
3. Pray for Cornerstone Baptist and Faith Baptist as they seek a new Pastor.
4. Pray that our FRBA churches will see the need for outreach, evangelism, and disciple making.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**  
*Reach UTK*  
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We're grateful to God for the bonding that is taking place amongst the students who are coming around! This past Sunday afternoon we took a crew of students on a hike in North Carolina. We had a great time and went and grabbed Waffle House afterward. The whole trip was planned by a girl named Caroline, who is a member at our church and a recent UT grad. She's been volunteering with us and has been such a tremendous help and source of encouragement as we seek to bring new students into the life of our church. Pray with us for continued growth in the sense of community in the group of students that we're ministering to. We're grateful for your prayers with us!

**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 this reminder. Pray that we would keep our eyes on Him and His Kingdom. We are on vacation this week. Pray for rest and healing as we approach Jonah's due date on Sunday.

**Brian & Ashley Jones**  
*works in security with the IMB*

We've got a bunch of missionaries on campus for the next eight weeks, and work has been super busy. I'm sorry that more often than not we forget to reply back, but our days are just always slammed packed with appointments. I appreciate you always reaching out to us, and always following up with prayer even though we don't respond. I know it can be frustrating or disappointing when you don't hear back, but it means a lot that you continue to reach out in faithfulness. If you would be praying for Ashley's grandparents, specifically her grandmother. They have moved in with Ashley's parents, and her grandmother has been diagnosed with some severe dementia. She also has really bad osteoporosis. She has fractured her back I think four times now in the last month or so. They took her to the ER really late the other night. They did some x-rays and MRIs, and it showed that she had another fracture. They were going to do a procedure either today or yesterday to try and correct it. They are admitting her for a while. They will be sending her to a rehab facility afterwards so she won't be going home for the foreseeable future. This is tough, because I know their going home is what they need especially with her memory issues. But it's also a little bit of a relief for Ashley's parents that they are going to be able to rest, knowing that there are other people caring for her and taking on that burden. We had an appointment this morning for Sophie's eyes to check her vision and stuff. I think I mentioned to you a while back that there was surgery on the table and that the surgery was something that we were trying to avoid because of the severity of her risk for the anesthesia that they would use. After the appointment today, that is back on the table and highly suggested for correcting her eyesight. The goal is to get them back to the strength that they need to be so that she won't lose any vision or any sort of depth perception. With her syndrome and her diagnosis, the anesthesia that they would use puts her at a very high risk. It's very hard to hear, but we want to make the right decision and we want to do what's best for her. It's just hard for us to think through this. Ashley is going to be meeting with the surgeon tomorrow and will be asking plenty of questions for us to make an educated decision on this. Pray for Ashley; she's taking this pretty hard. Pray for Sophie, that if this is the route that we take that she would recover well and that the surgery would go well. Tomorrow I have a phlebotomy again. I think I mentioned a while back that I was diagnosed with hemochromatosis (that's just a blood disorder where there's too much iron in the blood) and that can affect the liver and other organs. It's not too bad, but I've been put on medications to help monitor and regulate iron and other stuff. I had lab work the other day, and those numbers have gone back up, so they want to do a phlebotomy to help combat that. The last time I had it done I did not do well at all. My blood pressure dropped pretty low (in the mid 60s, I think) and I went out for a while, so I'm having a lot of anxiety about that. Just pray that it doesn't happen again. I have to go to work right after, so pray that I can recover well and that the whole thing goes over smoothly. I hope all of this made sense. One last thing: I still have not heard from my job interview for this new position in the IMB. It's been three months now. There's a lot going on, so pray that I hear back soon. It would definitely help us out financially with all of the stuff going on with doctors appointments and stuff. We're in a tight spot, so this will help. Please remember Ashley's second job as Sophie's caregiver. There's a lot of pushback and run-around with that. Pray that everything goes well, that things come together, that paperwork will get filed as it's needed, and that the right people will see it and push it through. Thank you so much. We love you all and hope to hear from you soon. We love you all, and we're so grateful for all that you continue to do and how you check in on us on a weekly basis.

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