

# MISSIONS connection

November 15, 2023

*November Birthdays  
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.  
P. O. Box 134 West Alexander PA, 15376*

I will be praying for this new direction for GLBC and know that you all will honor God. Please pray for me as I continue to minister through hospice. I have many opportunities to share Jesus in word and deed, so pray that I faithfully do that at God's direction and service. Pray for the families and facilities that I will be involved with during this great and difficult time of the year. Many will be alone with only visits from Amedisys. Pray that we can be lights in a dark world. Thank you for all that you and GLBC have done, do, and continue to do for myself and my family.

**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 requests:

- I have been thinking a lot about whether I should pursue my profession as a clinical psychologist next year. I believe in Christian psychology, but this proposal is strongly rejected by the body that regulates the profession in Brazil. It will be illegal to act, but what concerns me most is the financial issue, since this is what I would do for a living. Please pray for clarification and strategy.

- We are in the last few weeks of classes and activities. Please pray for renewed strength.

**Stephen and Emily Howard**

*living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them*

Hey, folks! 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. 2) 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. 3) We're thinking and praying about moving further up north from where we are right now for ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom in this. 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:

- Work has started on our new house and things are moving forward.
- So far, the new director of YAJASI (Pak Fenly) seems to be leading and being received in a positive way.

Prayer:

- Please keep praying for the people in our church who are grieving.
- Pray that God will use our small group as He sees fit, and that Enos and I can join in how God is leading.
- Spiritual Emphasis Week is next week for HIS Elementary students. Pray for kids to hear God speaking to them.
- Pray for God's protection from malaria for the baby and me.
- Pray for wisdom for Enos and me and for God's protection as we navigate the process of building a house here together.

**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*

Thank you church family for praying for us! We had so much fun and so many encounters with people who needed prayer at the Mayberry Half Marathon last weekend.

We are so thankful for the opportunities everyone of us had to share Jesus love throughout the Mt. Airy community and the nearly 1000 runners who crowded into that sweet little town.

This Ministry is making a difference in so many communities!

Pray for us as we begin to get the word out about the Couch 2 Marathon Challenge for 2024.

We love you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

**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.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry  
840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746*

Amen! We are excited about the good news of next steps. God is so good to us. The past two weeks I received a call on Saturday night to fill the pulpit for other pastors. Two weeks ago I filled the pulpit for my pastor at Sugar Valley who had taken his mother to the emergency room on Saturday night. Praise God it turned out to be a great service, a lot of comments on the message. This past Sunday I filled the pulpit for Mount Olive Baptist Church in Calhoun. The pastor had been exposed to covid and asked me to fill the pulpit for him. It's a great little country Church, and they enjoy preaching. Thank you for praying for God to fill our calendar. Whether he fills it 2 months out or on Saturday night, it's still an answer to prayer. I was able to minister at the final season game for the Rome High School. I handed out several hundred gospel tracts at the gate before a police officer asked me to leave. It was almost kickoff time, so my ministry time was almost up. I am excited about this weekend. I will be going to Neyland Stadium on Saturday to preach and witness at the Georgia/Tennessee game. It is exciting as well that I'll be taking a young man with me who is also excited about doing Street Ministry. I'll also swing by McMinnville, Tennessee and pick up a pastor friend to go with me. I have an open seat. Pray the Lord fills it with somebody who wants to do ministry. Pray for our Outreach at the game. It's bound to be a packed stadium. I'll be sharing the gospel tomorrow with balloons at Tolbert Elementary School for the Good News Clubs. Please help us pray for a clear presentation of the Gospel. I don't have anywhere to preach yet this Sunday. Please help me pray that God would fill our calendar. In fact, this time of year all the way up till February is a rather slow time for us. If you don't mind praying for our calendar through these months. Oh yeah, I almost forgot that the first Christmas parade of the season will be in East Ridge, Tennessee, Saturday night. I hope to swing by East Ridge on the way home from the football game and hand out some Christmas tracts. I usually hand out between 1500 and 2000 at this parade. Thanks so much for praying for us. It's an honor to return the favor and pray for y'all. We love y'all. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Luce Terto**

*Serving God in Brazil.*

*Hello church family,*

*Church Family,*

*Hello from the hot, hot summertime of Brazil! Yesterday it was 103F, but since the rain came last night, it's cooled off to 93F. My plants are happy with the rain.*

*Today is a holiday: Declaration of the Republic.*

*I've been busy with my parents, keeping their finances organized (which takes great patience), scheduling doctor appointments, and helping them shop for groceries and prescriptions.  
Thank you for your prayers!*

*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*

Hey GLBC Family!

We are drawing closer to our SA mission trip leave date of Dec 12th. Here are the ways you can pray for the team in the next couple of weeks:

-Praise for the generous donations from the Mission Cafe Sunday. Also we are thankful for all those who helped make the event possible.

-Pray the cafe will remind folks to renew their passports or get one for the next missions opportunity.

-Pray that the support letters each college student sent out will yield additional help to cover their trip as needed by each person.

-The team meets Sunday, Nov. 26th to prepare Kid's Club Bible Story skits, Gospel conversations as we go on house visits and finalize each team member's testimony. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide each person with what to share and do in each encounter.

-Pray for each team member's health to be great before and on the trip. Also for traveling mercies of smooth flights, no lost luggage, safety of team, team chemistry etc.

-Pray for the people of Cedara and Sweetwaters to have open hearts to the Gospel and calm/peace in each community so scheduled events can take place. Pray for our enemy to be bound in these communities while we are serving & evangelizing.

-Pray for Thomas to have effective preaching and wisdom as he leads the team.

Thanks for partnering with us by being prayer warriors and holding the ropes while we take the name of Jesus Christ to the Nations!

In Christ Alone,

Thomas and Paige Queen

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"  
www.goandmakeministry.org*

A couple prayer requests this week. I'm actually in Scotland for work this week so pray for Kelsey and kids while I'm away.

Also, please pray for Kelsey's brother Drake and his family. I won't go into exact details, but they need the Lord's hand right now.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**  
*Navigators Collegiate Ministry*  
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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*

Please pray for the following:

1. Pray for East Griffin Baptist Church as this congregation seeks its next steps for a Pastor and the future of its ministry.
2. Pray for the development of the Flint River Baptist Training Center and Learning Lab.
3. Pray for Lisbon Baptist Church as this congregation awaits the first Sunday with their new Pastor.
4. Pray for our mission team that is preparing to go to Harrisburg, PA in January to serve churches, missionaries, and church plants. The 40-foot truck container has been filled with supplies by Flint River churches. We will deliver and unload the container in January at four different ministries. While there, our team will be engaged in events and opportunities for Gospel conversations.
5. Pray for Brooks, Cornerstone, East Griffin, and Faith Baptist Churches as they seek a new Pastor.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Reach UTK*  
1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912

Thank you for your text and your encouragement. We'll continue to pray for the Lord to guide Grove Level through these important decisions. I've mentioned a freshman guy named Tyler who is a newer Christian who has a burden to see his family grow in Christ. It has been a joy to talk and pray with him about this. This past weekend he bought his parents and his sister new Bibles, and they're all starting to read the New Testament together. Continue to pray with me for God to use Tyler in the lives of his family! There are three guys on the UT track team involved in our ministry. Two of the guys are having particular relational strife with the third guy. Would you pray with us for the three of them to step toward one another in love and forgiveness and that they would be reconciled to one another? Pray that this would serve to deepen their friendship and their understanding of God's forgiveness in Christ. Thank you for praying with us!

**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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