

MISSIONS connection

November 8, 2023

*November Birthdays
22 Michael Richardson*

Troy & Lille Poe

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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 keep us in your prayers as we seek God and serve in the local church. Pray for my young patient; he is nearing the end. And pray for comfort for his family. They have asked me to speak at his funeral, so pray for strength for me.

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

Hey! 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 local a 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. We still seeking guidance if we should move. 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:

- Enos' wrist with the cut is doing much better and healing nicely.
- We found a place to rent while the house is being built. It is furnished and at an affordable price :). We are thankful!
- Enos was granted a short-term visa to the US! We don't have immediate plans to come back, but we wanted him to have a visa in case of a sudden emergency.
- The baby is healthy so far and starting to move around.

Prayer:

- Please pray for our church community - a teenager in our church suddenly died of drowning today.
- Pray that God will use our small group how He sees fit and that we can encourage one another towards following Christ.
- 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.
- Pray for wisdom for Enos and me and for God's protection as we navigate the process of building a house here.

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

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We are so excited about this upcoming weekend! 23 of our Run for God Run Club members are running races in Mayberry. Mount Airy, North Carolina, Yes! This is Andy Griffith's hometown. Most of us (The Run for God Team) will be joining these amazing folks along with 800 other runners.

Some will be running their very first Half Marathon. Some are running the 5K while others are running the 10K race.

Please be praying as folks travel to this fun destination and for safety as everyone runs and walks their distances. Pray as well that we are able to show Jesus to everyone we encounter.

Thank you church family for your prayers!

We love you!

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

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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 Terto

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
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We will be praying for our GLBC family this coming Sunday! Trusting God to lead, guide and direct the entire congregation.

Praise the Lord with us. We have a lady who just trusted in Jesus a few weeks ago, and she and our 18 year old nephew Alex (Kellie's sister's son) are scheduled to be baptized in our new portable baptistry on the 19th. We are excited how God has worked in each of them, and we are excited for this to be the first time our baptistry will be used. We pray for it to be used many more times. We are in need of some ministry help with our students, college and family ministry. Pray for God to raise up some joyful and willing folks to help in these three ministry areas. We are also seeking ways to better our ministry leadership teams to incorporate more Grace folks into serving in our ministries. We have a meeting this coming Sunday to discuss this. We are like too many other fellowships who have 20% of folks doing 100% of ministry, and we need to fix that so that more folks can be asked and given the blessing of serving. Thank you for loving us so very well!

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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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*

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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Our student friends: The start of November means that our student friends are entering the last stretch of the semester. Pray that our friends would lean into community in the midst of the stress and that they would experience the Lord wash over their hearts with His peace.

This month Nathan and I are hosting a Nations Night: Pray for our ministry as we celebrate and grow in seeing the Lord's heart for all nations, tribes, peoples, tongues (Revelation 7:9-10) and for favor for our student friends as they invite their international friends to join us this night!

Laura and I: This semester has been very full of both good and hard things. Here are two big things we want to share with you: After a year of testing, Laura's doctors have come to a conclusion that her stomach disease has worsen. She has been placed on treatment again (this time for the next year) and will have a few big tests coming up over the next months to see what steps we should take from here. Join us in praying for clarity, and peace over this season!

We bought a home! Over the last year, and especially this summer, we took time to seek the Lord in prayer over our future. As we processed through what He has been doing, we felt excited to continue to minister here and make Columbia, South Carolina our home. We ask that you would join us in praying that this home becomes a gathering place for the nations and for friends to experience the richness of community in Christ.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Please pray for:

1. Bryan Parrish as he prepares to begin his ministry as Pastor at Lisbon Baptist Church.
2. Pray for churches that continue to search for a Pastor: Faith, Cornerstone, East Griffin, and Brooks.
3. Continue praying for The Pinecrest Church and Brooks Baptist as they consider a merger.
4. Pray for the FRBA Leadership as we discuss the potential of a Ministry Training Center and Learning Lab and additional staff for this ministry.

A praise: Crossroads Church from Newnan and Whitewater Baptist Church in Fayette County have merged to become the Crossroads Church at Whitewater. Their first service will be on December 10.

Chad & Emily Keeter

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We continue to be encouraged by the work that God is doing in the lives of students we're connected to. Caroline, a recent grad who is volunteering with our ministry, shared with us on Sunday night that a freshman girl named Brooklyn recently shared with her that she doesn't think she was truly a Christian before she arrived at UT several months ago, but that she now understands and believes the gospel. Praise God for the work that He's doing in Brooklyn's life! A freshman guy named Tyler has shared with me about the burden that he feels for his parents who seem to be nominal Christians. This past weekend when he was back at home he felt a heaviness, and he said he couldn't drive back to Knoxville before sharing with his parents about his desire to see them grow in Christ. They agreed to all read in the same place in the Bible together and to talk about it together as a family. It was so great to tell Tyler how proud I am of him and to rejoice with him in this news! Pray for the Lord to use Tyler in his parents' lives and that they would see the immeasurable riches of God's grace 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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