

MISSIONS connection

October 15, 2025

October Birthdays 27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis

November Birthdays 6 Bryan Kelly

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

Brittany is the Children's Director at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN

We are doing great and finally getting into a routine! Please keep praying for Bryan. He hurt his knee at work and is currently on desk duty. Pray that physical therapy will help it.

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

Thank you. Yes, Galatians it is an amazing book with great doctrine that many believers should learn, especially the Romanians who are living in the Orthodox context of salvation by works.

Please continue to pray for Brad and also for 2 families I have in the church that want to divorce. Both of them have children. Raelene and I are meeting with them to help them reconcile. The problem is that one couple is not saved, we believe. Divorce is becoming more prevalent in our churches, unfortunately.

Brian & Ashley Jones

If you will, pray for me (Brian) and Sophie as we travel to Florida tomorrow through Saturday. This is for her annual trip to see her endocrinologist in Gainesville. We bumped it up from January since our little dude should be getting here around that time!

All in all we are doing well. We have a busy and hectic schedule, but everyone is well!

Justin & Sara Silvers

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Please be in prayer for me. I'm a little under the weather. Pray that we as a church will grow in our understanding of Scripture to better serve those around us.

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for your prayers. We had a great weekend away with family and celebrating Lille. We are glad to be back home and look forward to seeing some of you tonight at church.

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Thanks for praying for us. Enjoy the cooler weather for us!

Praise:

- One YAJASI family has been waiting for their work visa to be granted. After having to leave the country for about a week, the visa was finally granted.

Prayer:

- In the last month, there have been two attacks on "charity" teachers in two different interior locations. One teacher survived, and the other did not. Pray for healing for these teams and for those who are mourning. Pray that Satan's plans will not stop what God is doing. Pray for safety for local people and outsiders.

- Please continue to pray for salvation for Maria and Mr. H.

- Please keep praying for favor for YAJASI and that they are able to import parts. Please also pray for patience for Enos, as it is a very frustrating process.

- You can be praying for visas, wisdom, and good government relations for HIS and YAJASI. Several more HIS teachers lost their visas this week and had to go to Singapore. Of course this also leaves gaps in the teaching staff at HIS.

- Please keep praying that we can be a light in our neighborhood and love on the neighborhood kids. You can pray specifically for us as we have felt led to attend the church in our neighborhood. Pray for open doors for relationships, good attitudes (for me), and understanding.

- Pray that God will lead more local Indonesian churches to partner with the ministries here.

- Pray that we will have wisdom about how best to invest our time for God's kingdom.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for praying for us. Joy and I are having a relaxing time on vacation. We are attending the Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge this week. Praying for you as well.

1. Please pray for me as I meet with the Leadership Team at East Griffin Baptist next week to discuss revitalization or replanting.

2. Please pray for me as I meet with Silvertown Baptist in Thomaston to discuss revitalization and replanting.

3. Please pray for our church replanting team as we begin to make plans for helping other churches in replanting or revitalization.

Davi Masi

He is the Staff Support Representative for Crossover Global in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- Our time at CBM (Brazilian Missions Congress) was amazing! We thank God for all the connections and mobilization that happened there.

- We were moved to start praying for some specific unreached and unengaged people groups. We feel we need to demonstrate more love and we know through prayer God might give us directions for our future in missions.

MHELJ

Our family was grateful to worship with you all and to have you pray over us as we prepare to head out to the field. Thank you for lifting specific needs up on our behalf. Please pray for: 1) Our visa paperwork to be completed for us to be able to travel. 2) Our house sale to be completed on the closing date of 10/17. 3) Pray for final conversations over the next few weeks with family and friends. Ask for wisdom and open doors for us to proclaim the gospel.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Reach UTK

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We're over half way through the semester here at UT. Continue to pray for God to give us favor with new students that we're connected to. Pray for a freshman guy named Cam, who considers himself a Christian but is wrestling to fully embrace Christ. In our meeting today we talked about the trustworthiness of Scripture and the importance of reading God's word. He has had some doubts about God's word influenced partially by a youth pastor from back home. Pray for the Lord to lead Cam to Himself and into truth. It's a joy to be able to present the truth to students like Cam as we trust the Lord to work in their lives. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

Thomas, Paige Queen

Queens for the King

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Just a quick update. Thomas spoke with Syvion recently. We were granted the land. It is officially ours from the municipality. So that is a big praise.

The next thing we need prayer around is how the leadership of the Cedara project will move forward. Syvion wants to come out from under the Hilton Baptist umbrella but still do community work in Cedara. He would no longer receive any funding from them. They have been a helpful partner in the management of the financial side so that would end. Pray for discernment with how to move forward and for the leadership structure in Cedara. Thanks for praying with us about the "next steps" in South Africa.

Gratefully,
Thomas and Paige Queen

Upward Running Ministry

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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Thank you for your faithful prayers church family!

We continue to hear inspiring stories from across the country and are so blessed to follow these journeys. One of the Upward Running Run Club members decided at the beginning of October to throw out a 1 mile a day challenge. So many have hopped on board along with our own Shannon Coker.

He is getting in at least 1 mile of walking/running every day this month. He came in for supper the other night after working outside and said, "Oh no, I didn't get my mile in" Gaye encouraged him to go on before dark set in and he did it! He even talked about his concern of getting it done between work and church Wednesday but again Gaye encouraged him to get it done in between sessions with the kids he supervises during their playtime sessions. Since we have several walking in the gym before all the sessions begin he will do that! Gotta do it when you can, and he is determined! Go Shannon! #WALKONEOCTOBER (Walk one mile each day in October)

We love you Grove Level!
The Upward Running Team

Stephen and Emily Howard

Stephen is the youth pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Verona, KY

Hello!

- 1) I think we'll have to make it work where I am currently employed. Pray we would be faithful.
- 2) We have sent off the paperwork to the US government. We have a phone call this Friday about traveling.
- 3) When we get the US government paperwork back, she'll find out about us. Pray she would be ready for us and the lifestyle change.
- 4) Pray that we would find the best school system for her.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Sometimes life is like a whirlwind. We just bounce from here to yonder. As hectic as things may get, it's always exciting when the Lord is making things happen. This past Friday Gynnette and I headed out early for Tifton, Georgia for the funeral of her uncle. It was a great privilege to honor him with our attendance. He spent his whole working career as a Church of God pastor. He supported our ministry through prayer and financial donations. He also used our Gospel tracts in his ministry. The funeral was well attended which speaks highly of the impact of his ministry. It was a long day. Saturday morning I picked up two other evangelists, and we headed out to Knoxville to preach at the Tennessee-Arkansas game. It was a good crowd and we handed out probably 1,200 gospel tracts. I was excited to have the opportunity to run into a pastor from Arkansas who I preached revival for many years ago. This too was a long day but a good one. Sunday morning I headed south to preach at West Union Baptist Church. I don't believe they have a pastor yet. However the church has seen some new visitors which is a good sign. After church, Gynnette and I loaded up and headed to Helen, Georgia to spend a few days with the grandkids on their fall break. We returned home yesterday evening. I don't have any preaching appointments on the calendar this weekend. We are planning to do a Friday night football Outreach somewhere. Please continue to help us pray for God to fill our calendar. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark to attend. I'm not part of the funeral. It will be a long day with a lot of travel. We'd appreciate a little prayer for our travel. On Saturday I will be headed up to Knoxville with a couple other evangelists to preach at the Tennessee Arkansas game. Sunday morning I will be preaching at West Union Baptist Church. It's now 4:30 and I just got a call from my pastor to fill in for him tonight. He's got a situation that he "called his ox is in the ditch." Got to go. LOL. We sure appreciate you Grove Level. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Chrissie and Bill Forsman

Tent Ministries

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Bill and I are on the flight to TLV! We should land tomorrow morning at 9:35am! We are so excited and overjoyed with the new season the Lord has provided in Israel! Hostages home and Hamas being dismantled! Both Israelis and Palestinians have a renewed sense of hope!!!

- Please pray for our travel in air and in country
- For divine protection, direction and appointments
- For every person coming to the conference to have fresh revelation in Jesus and speakers are anointed to share their message
- Logistics for the conference still needs to be sorted out! I am still having trouble getting the hotel to finalize much needed plans. Bill and I will go there immediately when we land! Pray we can get things sorted out easily.
- unity in the team and with Jews and Arabs in the land. This is a NEW SEASON with abundant fruit from seeds planted long ago. Something God-mazing is happening!

We love you all! Please make sure to check out our whatsapp group! We will be updating life while on site! My contact info is +1 706 483 9091!

Luce Terto

Serving God in Brazil.

Hello from Brazil!

I had a good flight back home and found my family members doing well. My next week will be full of preparations to move. I'll be living in a tiny apartment right behind my mother's house. Thank you for your prayers!

James and Jessie Choi
Jemma
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Praise God that we have the freedom to be with Christ apart from our good works but by grace alone. It's a reminder that we never have to strive tirelessly to prove our worth to Christ. He makes us worthy. I'm living by that as I'm trying to get back into the rhythm of things coming back from Korea.

Here are some ways you can be praying for us:

1. Continued financial provision. Pray for me as I cast vision to churches, networks, and individuals in raising support. Now we have consistent expenses and I will still need to continue to ask others for support in this first year as we have launched. We are also trying to teach our people to tithe so pray that they would catch a vision for sacrificial giving to the Lord so that we can do all that God is calling us to do as a church.
2. BCM - Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Pray for revival! God is stirring in the next generation, and they are so hungry for the Word of God and His presence! Update: One student surrendered his life to Christ, and we are walking with another to navigate salvation. He is so close!
3. Sunday Services - Pray that as we jump back into our Ephesians series, our church would know who they are in Christ so that they would be made effective doing Kingdom work from their identity, but not for their identity.
4. Community Groups - This is our small group strategy. Many groups have done their community outreaches already, and we're praying for fruit from those relationships formed over the past couple of weeks.
5. School Partnership - Please pray that we can find ways to minister to the school. Pray that I can get in touch with the principal because usually we end up being last on the list to follow-up with because of his busy schedule.
6. Future mother church - We are in discussion with our next possible mother church. Pray that we would seek God's wisdom in finding the right fit that would further Kingdom expansion together.
7. Health - We came back from Korea 2 Sundays ago, and Jemma became sick with RSV and passed it to our whole family. On top of that, I led our BCM Fall Retreat last weekend. Our entire family is struggling with jet lag and sickness, trying to get back into the swing of things. Pray for a speedy recovery and for us to get our bearings back after being gone for so long.

Thank you for your prayers, and thank you for your faithfulness to the gospel for your people, too!

Phil Walleck, PhD & Lou Walleck, LPC, LMHC
The Restoration House
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Grateful. Lou and I are headed to a church to do a marriage and parenting seminar today. Which will be challenging because she has been under the weather still.

We have had some success parenting and seen growth in our kids.

We gained a few new clients last week!!!

I saw our house is back on the market and the owner has not lowered the price at all in the last year.

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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Thank you so much for the prayers for the retreat! It was a great weekend overall, and I really do think it helped students connect with each other and connect with God deeply! The camp doesn't have any service, so it was a great chance to disconnect for the weekend and focus on God and community.

We had planned times to spend alone with God in prayer and in the Bible, as well as some planned workshop times to discuss different topics (Abiding, Spiritual Generations, and the Nations). The students really enjoyed all of those times. Multiple folks mentioned wanting to make more time for God back in their normal rhythms, and they also left feeling more connected with one another.

Otherwise, keep praying as we have multiple professing non-believers that have been around our ministry and coming to our Bible studies as we look at Ephesians. We are praying that they see the Gospel through Ephesians and that causes curiosity towards God. Also, pray that just being in our community and seeing how Jesus has impacted our lives and how we love one another - these all would lead these students to trust in Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers. We love y'all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family
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I apologize. I am doing this on the fly. Please continue praying for the needs of Grace that we had last week. And also for Andrew. He is having to make some hard decisions about Basketball and what is going to be able to do and not do.

Thank you Brother.

I love you all!!!

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