

# MISSIONS connection

October 18, 2023

*October Birthdays*  
27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis

**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 agree with our need to pray for Israel. We are praying for God's comfort and healing. Please pray for us as we are finally feeling like we are settling into our newer roles of members of a church.

**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.

**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 my meetings in Bologna, Italy, for the next few days. I am meeting with different pastors and businessmen. We are looking into starting a partnership with them for the next few years. The partnership involves teaching and praying together.

**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) 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. 4) We're thinking and praying about moving further up north from where we are right now for ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom in that. 5) I'm teaching the adults tonight at church. Pray that God would work and that I'd bring Him glory. 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 so thankful that the baby and I have been healthy so far.
- We have been able to reconnect with people from our Indonesian church, and God is showing us the ways He wants us to be involved there.
- YAJASI has a new director who will raise support as a missionary.

Prayer:

- Please keep praying for God's provision in a car and a place to live after December.
- Pray for continued wisdom as we discern our family priorities and how God is leading us.
- Pray for our church - for unity, for truth to be spoken, and for our leaders.
- Pray for the members of our small group - many of them are facing difficult things (broken marriage, family issues, big decisions).
- 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.

Please let us know if y'all have prayer requests as well!

Hannah and Enos

**Run for God**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

We love you Grove Level! Thank you for your prayers!

We had a great meeting with Kevin Drake, the CEO of Upward Sports. He is such a wonderful man of God and is following His lead in each decision he makes for our ministries. Please be in prayer for Kevin's Wife as she was just diagnosed with Parkinsons. They have a strong faith in God and are facing the future with hope in Him.

Thank you for always lifting us up.

The Run for God Team

**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

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

*works in security with the IMB*

Please be praying for Ashley and her family. About a week ago her grandparents moved in with her parents. Her grandmother, Nancy Brooker, has experienced some severe back pain, so they took her to get it looked at. She has several fractures down her spine, but they want to run some tests before they try anything. Ashley can tell you much better than I can, but pray they are able to do something for her and for the results we are waiting on. I had my final interview for a new position with the IMB this morning, and I feel it went really well. I hope to hear a final decision by the end of the week or beginning of next week. Pray for the Lord's will.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

I still thank God for Wednesday evening prayer service. I find it to be quite refreshing, much like the Lord's Day worship services. Sometimes we don't realize how much we need to be recharged and revitalized. It's also very comforting knowing as I go into Wednesday night prayer service that my good friends and Grove Level Baptist Church are praying for us as well. That is very needful on nights such as last Wednesday. I was asked to preach at South Calhoun Baptist Church. The appointment itself was amazing; it has been many years since I preached there. No doubt it was an answer to prayer just to have the privilege to be there. After folks had broken up into their perspective groups, I found myself preaching to about 20 people. I preached on John's second sign, the healing of the nobleman's son, and the latter part of John 4. What an amazing sign about faith. The crowd might have been small, but the Spirit of God showed up in a big way with many comments about the message. Praise God for His Word.

This past Friday I chose to forgo the Friday night football game. Saturday morning early I loaded up two other evangelists, and we headed to Knoxville for the University of Tennessee game. The stadium itself holds about 103,000 people. The backside of the stadium backs up to the river. And we planted ourselves at the edge of the stadium on the main route. The great majority of the 103,000 people walked right past us. We preached and handed out gospel tracts for 4 hours. I guess we handed out about a thousand gospel tracts. It was an amazing Outreach, even though it was an all day event with 2 hours of driving on either side of the event. It was well worth it though. I was scheduled to preach at Mount Olive Baptist Church this past Sunday morning, but it was rescheduled due to sickness. I came down with a little crud, and I was aware of several members in the church who had some sensitive health issues. I alerted the pastor on my condition, and he chose to reschedule.

Tomorrow night I will be preaching at Heritage Baptist Church here in Calhoun for a men's supper. Also my pastor, Pastor Mitch, called me today with a strange request. Someone in the church requested that I preach on Leviticus 16, the Day of Atonement, and how there might be connections or differences between Yom Kippur. My schedule was open, so I consented to the challenge. Hopefully we're seeing a little progress with Gynnette's Daddy. We got some good news from the VA for some assistance. Also we were able to hire a little bit of help to sit with him. This is huge, because she and I have been the only ones to care for him since we brought him here in January. The first sitter started today. We've also got another one coming Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We hope it works out because this will give us a little bit of much needed time off. The nursing home idea is not out of the question; it has just been a dead end every which way we turn. He still needs more care than we and a couple sitters can provide. But we're managing right now. Hey, thanks so much for your prayers and support. I look forward to hearing from Pastor Charlie each week and hearing how our Grove Level family is praying for us. We appreciate y'all. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

Prayer requests:

- We have about 6 weeks left until our graduation. We've been living here for almost 4 years, and we have seen so much of God's grace and so many lovely people who became our friends. Please pray for our hearts, this will be an important change for our family.
- We have a big financial challenge. We have to pay our debts to the seminary to finish well, in addition to having provisions for moving out of state. Please pray for God to give us strategies. Many things were different from our plans, but we are firm knowing that the right answer comes from the Lord.

Thanks for the prayers!

**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*

We just had a quick update and a few prayer requests for you. A new worker was hired named Fundiswa. She will help Syvion with the children's clubs and with teaching the Life Orientation class at the Cedara elementary school weekly. This will help with organization a lot as numbers have increased.

There was a Sunday service held off site at the Smeeton's dairy farm which had good attendance by the Cedara community. The people in the community really enjoyed the atmosphere there and fresh air. Attendance is up and more people are volunteering in the church which is so encouraging.

The GLBC Young Adult mission team to South Africa in December is up to 10 people now. Tickets are bought. The trip is planned Dec 12-23. They will run a kid's club and a teen field day outing to the Smeeton Farm. There will be a food distribution after Sunday service and potentially a work project on a home in the community.

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!

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**  
*Navigators Collegiate Ministry*  
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In 2 weekends we are doing a retreat (September 29-October 1). The hope for it is to help students grow personally with God and with each other as a community. If y'all would pray for that time that it would help produce those things! Also pray as we keep inviting students and pray that they would be willing to give up a weekend to invest in those areas. Also, if y'all would pray for a student named Julio. He's been coming around the ministry, and last week I was able to share the Gospel with him. He received it really well and was interested, but he was not fully ready to commit at that time. This Friday we are meeting and talking again, so pray for God to be working on him. Pray that he chooses to place his faith in Jesus for relationship with God soon! We love y'all and are thankful for y'all!

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

1. Pray for the leadership of Brooks Baptist and The Pinecrest Church as these churches move toward a potential merger.
2. Pray for the new Pastor and family at Lisbon Baptist Church In as they transition to this new place of ministry.
3. Pray for East Griffin Baptist as it seeks the Lord's direction for the future.
4. Pray for Fellowship Baptist Church. This church is an independent Baptist Church that reached out to me for guidance in finding a Pastor. This church just called a Southern Baptist Pastor. This church is now strongly considering becoming a part of FRBA.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**  
*Reach UTK*  
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During "Witness Wednesday" today I talked to a guy named Kieran and then a guy named Michael. Kieran had a background in church and considered himself a Christian, but didn't understand how Christianity was different from other religions or what the message of the gospel was. I was able to share the gospel with him, and he was very receptive and said that our conversation made his day. He seemed eager to talk again and to come to our Tuesday night Bible study. Pray for God to stir in Kieran's heart to truly and fully turn to Him and that Kieran would be open to connecting again. Pray for Michael, who grew up Catholic. Pray that God would open his heart and that he would wrestle with the truth and the impact of the gospel message. Thank you for continuing to pray for the students who are coming around. At our Tuesday night Bible study Tyler brought his friend Ethan, and Ky brought a friend named Suzanna. We have a great core group of students that God has given us favor with—pray for this to continue to grow and that they would continue to long to see those around them come to know Christ and/or to walk deeply with Him!

**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

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