

MISSIONS connection

October 4, 2023

October Birthdays
27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for continuing to pray for our family. We had Palmer Kate's anatomy scan yesterday. The only concern was that the umbilical cord seems to have two blood vessels when it is supposed to be three. This can potentially cause growth issues. At this time, there is no need to be alarmed. The doctor assured us that while this is rare, she has seen it enough times and it rarely causes any issues with the growth of the baby. We will have to have more check ups to make sure Palmer Kate is growing on track. And as of now she is growing right on track. Please continue to pray for her growth.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.
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Thank you for your encouragement; it is always welcome and on time. Please pray for Sara and my mother in-law; they both have COVID. So far no one else in the house has it. Please continue to pray for us as we find our way in service to God in the local 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 the prayers. Pray as we approach what would have been Jonah's due date (this weekend).

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 for praying! Praises for the number of our incoming freshmen class. We have 102 new students. PTL! Also, big praise for finding a place for Elisha, finally. Prayer request: The family of the Ukrainian pastor living with us has one more interview for their citizenship. We hope and pray that be the last one. It is crucial that they can get it and stay together as a family. Also, pray for an opportunity I have to go and teach Homiletics in Ethiopia. One of our graduates started a Preaching School, and I am grateful for the invitation. Please let the church know how grateful we are for all! Love, the Soritau bunch

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. I'm about 14 weeks, so I'm starting to get a little energy back. How are y'all?

Praise:

- Both Bible dedications went smoothly and safely! Thank you for praying!
- This week, YAJASI will be flying people into town for a OneStory (oral Bible translation) workshop.
- So far, the baby is healthy!

Prayer:

- Please keep praying that I will be able to pour into the lives of kids at HIS.
- Pray that God will give Enos opportunities to be a witness among the national staff at YAJASI.
- Pray for God's provision and direction as we look for a house. Pray that God will put us in a neighborhood where we can reach out to the people living around us and that we will trust Him.
- Pray for our local church- that we will follow Jesus together.
- Please pray that I would be protected from malaria while I'm pregnant.

We love y'all!

Hannah and Enos

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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We are so thankful you our church family and your prayers. We had our weekly Upward Online Devotion this morning and Mitchell led it. He did a great job sharing scripture and inspirational words to the group gathered at Upward Headquarters and those of us joining online.

We will each be sharing a Devotion from the Run for Good team throughout the month of October, so please be praying for us as we prepare and share.

We are recording these here and sending them to show on the screen where they are gathered, and we are excited about this opportunity.

Also, be praying for a large group of Run for God folks traveling to Clearwater, Florida this weekend to run a Half Marathon. Their presence will definitely make a difference in this race atmosphere, and we can't wait to hear their stories.

Thank you for your prayers Grove Level! We Love You!!!

The Run for God Team

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. 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) We are in the middle of a conference with Answers in Genesis. It's been refreshing so far. Pray that through the teaching we would stand on the truth of God's Word. Thank you all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

*Fourth Watch Ministry
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“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28. Busy, it’s a good thing to be busy. I guess we can call it too busy when we don’t have time to come to Jesus. I hope you always find time to come to Jesus in the midst of the busyness of life. That’s one word that describes our life right now: busy. In caring for Gynnette’s Daddy, we sure rack up the time. Several weeks back we began making extra time for prayer. We haven’t quite seen the answer to prayer that we’re hoping for, but we can say that God is doing something. We’ve been praying and seeking for an open door for nursing home care. His care is far more than we can provide. We haven’t seen that door open yet. Friday afternoon I went to Rome and picked up a box of our new gospel tracts and then went to Model High School football game where I passed out somewhere around 700 of them. I could have passed out more, but I underestimated the crowd size. LOL. Saturday I went down to the Georgia Tech football game in Atlanta to meet up with a couple other brothers. It was a good outreach; I handed out a good number of tracts down there as well. As I stood on North Avenue preaching the gospel, a Pastor who is a distant acquaintance came up and encouraged us. Bible college is going well. I have completed teaching Romans 9 - 16. This Friday night I’m planning to go down to Cartersville for their football game. I’m anticipating a big crowd, and this will be my first time being at this stadium. This coming Wednesday night, October 11, I will be preaching at South Calhoun Baptist Church. I would appreciate prayers for these. Please continue to pray for God to fill our calendar. He’s faithful to do that. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We appreciate y’all.

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer request:

- During the last few days in our missionary week, we’re able to work for a project called ABBA. Their public focus is helping vulnerable children. Many kids who struggled with abuse and starvation and are in bad families in the slums are sent to a house that works as a shelter for the children. There they speak of the love of God. Please pray for this project and for the activities we are getting involved in this week.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

1. Praise the Lord for the great spirit and attendance at the FRBA Annual Meeting.
2. Pray for a meeting next week with a church that has an interest in a revitalization partnership with a small, dying church.
3. Pray for the merger of Whitewater Baptist and Crossroads Church as they move forward to launch Crossroads at Whitewater later this fall.
4. Praise for the good mission connections made between Jose Raphael from the Dominican Republic and FRBA churches this week.

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Reach UTK
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Please continue to pray for the Lord to give us favor with the students that he’s brought us into contact with. Pray for my efforts on Wednesday afternoons that I’m calling “Witness Wednesday” where I engage individual students on campus with a spiritual survey and share the gospel with them. Pray for the seed of the gospel to land on fertile soil and for students to come to know Christ. Every week I’ve been reminded of the need of the gospel on campus as I engage with many students who say that they’re a Christian but have no clue what it means to be a Christian or why someone should become a Christian. Pray for God to use this effort and that I would begin to see fruit from it. Lastly, please pray for Caleb—he’s had a stomach bug that’s lingered for several days, so please pray that he would feel better. Thank you for praying. We love y’all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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We are very grateful for you and your praying for us. Grace — praise the Lord with us. Yesterday we received our portable baptistry. We have been waiting on it for months. It was such a blessing to unload it and take it inside. Pray now for God to cause it to be used a lot! We still need a Sunday school teacher for our older children’s group. We have one man who has prayerfully agreed to move ahead with the Deacon of Facility ministry. His name is Nick Hill. Please pray for him as the elders meet with him and as he continues to pray about serving as deacon. Pray for our Grace fellowship to be encouraged and supportive of Nick through this whole process and into the actual ministry itself. We still need two more men to be nominated for our other two deacon ministries: Care/Helps and Benevolence. Pray that God would raise up and lead two men from our fellowship to serve. We are also in a position to need a part-time (if there is such a thing) student minister and a part-time Family minister to help pull together our ministries as God continues to bring folks to our fellowship. We have a lot to consider all at the same time. Please pray for us as we prioritize and plan. We need God’s help very much! Crowes — Kellie leaves for Dallas, Tx on Friday. Hopefully this will be her last traveling for a while. Andrew could use the Lord’s help as he is now navigating 13 years old. We are talking a lot with him these days about finding and knowing his identity in Jesus alone. Pray for him! Thank you for loving us.

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

*Queens for the King
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The Cedara community outreach has been going strong since we went to visit over July. The church service has been well attended with 15-30 adults plus kids each week. They have expanded to 5 small group bible studies during the week. There are still kids clubs weekly. Because of this growth, our local partner Syvion desires another helper. He has asked us to pray for wisdom around hiring one of the ladies in the Cedara community to help him keep up with the bible study growth, add tutoring kids at the Cedara primary school plus teach a life skills class. This person would also help manage the lady knitting project and garden development. He thinks he has identified the lady but wanted us to help pray for confirmation so he and Bro. David (Hilton Baptist pastor) select God’s choice.

Prayer Requests

1. For the smooth running of programs that have started in the community.
2. For the Holy Spirit to minister in the lives of the children & adults as we share Christ with them.
3. Praise the Lord for breakthrough in Cedara as the Church is being planted.
4. Praise the Lord for the support we are getting from volunteers in the Cedara ministry.
5. Praise the Lord for the well attended evening prayer meeting on a Tuesday.
6. Safety for the Team as they move around the community.

-Please also pray for donations for the knitting project patterns and toiletries for the children to come through.

-Also breakthrough for land for church building if it’s God’s will.

-God to open blind eyes to the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ especially among the men and children of Cedara.

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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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!

Ross and Molly Kinsey
Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh
Critical Christianity Ministries
Galena, Alaska

Hello Grove Level!

Hello! Man, I hadn't realized how long ago our last update was-apologies. Time when you get acclimated to the bush life is very abstract, mostly because life is slow yet busy and it's easy to go a while without checking your phone or emails. Clearly! We've got some fun updates for you, and as always are deeply grateful for your faithful prayers.

As of our last update, we had just launched our house church! It is Galena Community Fellowship, and we also have a kids Sunday School. Already, we've had other families - some who go to the Catholic Church here but are not Catholic (fairly common in Galena), some unbelievers who think it's good for their kiddo, and some unchurched families come and bring their kiddos to learn and grow in their understanding of God and His love. That is a surprising thing, since we didn't really think a lot of doing Sunday School. We mainly set up the kids Sunday school for our own kiddos but were of course reminded that God is a mover and shaker! So now we have some wonderful kiddos who come every Sunday to hear from the Bible, do crafts, activities and games and pray together as they learn how much God loves them.

For the adult house church that follows, we've been enjoying our time immensely! What a praise that God keeps His promises. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. We've settled into a wonderful rhythm. We do 6-week studies, a seventh-week fellowship/worship Sunday so Ross can have a Sabbath and fellowship himself, and then we do a Serving Sunday where we go out into the community and DO something. Clean a house, chop wood, lend a hand, serve a need. We just had our first one this past week, and we met up at the main boat launch in the horizontal rain at 43°F and picked up loads of glass, trash, box cutters, rusted pipes, etc., that were littered there. It was a fun way to serve in a tangible way!

We were surprised when a main couple who attend did not show up though to our Serving Sunday. Turns out, simultaneously she was going into labor at 36 weeks at our local clinic. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN HERE. Women are to go to town (Fairbanks or Anchorage) for the final month of pregnancy as an insurance requirement and because of risks/number of appointments needed in town. Her flight in for her "waiting month" was the following morning. Instead, she delivered her first born baby boy IN GALENA in a very fast 45 minute breech birth. Both mama and baby almost died, but praise God for our clinic staff and for God's hand over them. They are doing well. They were life-flighted to Fairbanks and continue to wait for their sweet boy to graduate from the NICU where he is having trouble with breathing.

Please be praying for that young couple and their new baby: Ashley and Will Kramer and their baby boy Garrett.

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

Good afternoon! I hope you all are doing well! AWANA is in full swing, so please pray for the teachers, volunteers, and the kids. We are also going through a hard time with Ashley's caregiver position with Sophie. I couldn't begin to explain it well enough, but pray that things get straightened out for us. I have a final job interview next Wednesday. I will still be with the IMB, but I would be in a different position. I feel it would be a great move for me and the family. We are praying that a slot comes open at a therapy center for SJ. The therapists there are wonderful, and we always see vast improvements in speech and development when Sophie has her intensives. Sadie is going to a Co-Op once a week. She loves learning and being in the classroom. Pray she continues to do well and makes friends and builds relationships. Pray for me and Ashley that we would always exemplify Christ and lead our girls well. Also, please pray that we wouldn't let stress dictate how we treat them or act.

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

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

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