

MISSIONS connection

September 13, 2023

*Birthdays
September 29 Emily Keeter*

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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Please pray for the patients and families that I come into contact with, that I can be a beacon of Christ's love, forgiveness, and mercy. Pray for Sara as she is settling into her new position, that it continues to go well. Pray for the girls as they have started making friends, that God will place the right ones around them.

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 for our pastor as he is on a mission trip to Kenya this week. Pray for hearts. We are both tired and weary, and that makes it difficult to minister to families.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry
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It's been a busy, tiring season with students coming back while packing/moving/unpacking. Pray for some space for rest for us! Also, pray with us for a strong group of freshmen and especially a few key students who can be leaders for other students in our ministry. There's one specific student named Noah, who I think God could really use in our ministry and help others to gain a vision for discipleship and evangelism. So I'm praying that he sticks around and is a key guy for us! We're thankful for y'all and love y'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 had a check up recently, and the baby is healthy and growing. We are thankful for a local doctor we trust here and expat nurses who help us out.

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 another Bible dedication happening on the 27th of September. Enos will go as the photographer. Pray that God will be glorified.
- Pray for God's provision and direction as we look for a house and make decisions about where to have the baby. Pray that God will put us in a neighborhood where we can reach out to the people living around us.
- Please pray that I would be protected from malaria while I'm pregnant.

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Whoo Hoo! The temperatures have cooled a few degrees and our faithful Runners/Walkers are so happy. We have many training for a Half Marathon which means more training miles. You know our heart. This means more time out in their community with their Run for God Shirts on and opportunities to share Jesus.

We wanted to give you an update from Angie's story from last Wednesday's Mission Update. She showed up to run again this week and was not doing well at all. She was overheated and just not feeling well. John, the man she shared with last week, came along and checked on her. He even helped her back to her car. She was so thankful for him and his willingness to make sure she made it to her car as she headed to urgent care.

Angie is good and so thankful for this meeting with John.

God has so many ways of caring for His children.

Thank you for your prayers!

We love you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

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

A couple prayer requests this week. First, Kelsey's dad is having some health issues and some post procedure complications. He is going back to the dr this week.

Then, I will be traveling to Scotland this Sunday for work for the following week. Kelsey's mom is supposed to fly out, but we are playing that by ear given her dad's situation. So pray for strength and patience for Kelsey. We have all the things starting back up this week with school. Plus Elijah is now Speedy Gonzalez, crawling everywhere and getting into things.

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. The booth went well. We handed out many tracts and Bibles. Pray that God would work in the hearts of the people. Thank you all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Luke 10:20, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." It's easy to get caught up in the things that God does through us. However, Jesus turns our attention to the things that God does for us. I promise you I'm excited about the fact that my name is written in Heaven. But still, a little bit of pride tries to sneak in at times rejoicing in the things that God is doing through me. Praise Him? Yes we should praise Him, but our rejoicing is in the fact that our names are written in Heaven. Praise the Lord for the homecoming services this past Sunday at Temple Baptist Church. They have two morning services so Pastor Brett Yeager asked me to preach both. I preached on the prodigal son out of Luke 15 with a message titled "Welcome Home." Praise the Lord that we had people respond to the invitation in both services. We almost have a completed proof of the Gospel tract for Sugar Valley Baptist Church. It's been a long but good process. I had the Romans class I am teaching at Bible college write an essay which was the Romans road gospel tract. Together as a class we are compiling them to form one gospel tract for the school and students. We began that process Monday night. While in the process of writing these tracts, I looked online for some help on how to write a gospel tract, but I found very little information. So I began to write my own study on how to write a Gospel tract. I think it'll be a great tool to help people produce their own Gospel literature. Praise the Lord, Pastor Justin Silver at Friendship Baptist Church in Rome called me the other day asking me to preach revival September 24th in both services. Thank you for your prayers for our calendar. Please continue to pray for this. Also please continue to pray for our care for Gynnette's Daddy. We have been trying to get help in multiple directions, but we just can't seem to find an open door. It's a little frustrating when you think you have got something worked out and then at the last minute it all falls apart. We are doing fine though. His health seems to be declining which means our workload is increasing. But we're trusting God to work something out. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. I'm making plans to go to Athens to preach and share gospel tracts at the Georgia game this Saturday. I'll be meeting several other brothers Y'all mean so much to us. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- First, I want to thank God for the time we were in the city of Curitiba for the course on Islam. There we were able to meet Crossover Global's global leaders and build relationships with them. They are all people of God with great testimonies of conversion, some of them coming from the Muslim world. What we heard there and the friendships we made were very encouraging.

- The good news is that we will officially be part of the Crossover Global mission agency team! We praise God for the opportunity. We still need to receive the official letter, which the director assured us he would send. We will still have meetings to discuss the details of our role. But the idea is to work in the Oikos ministry, which deals with the protection and care of missionaries who are planting churches around the world. In other words, through this we can support missionaries so that they can be spiritually and emotionally well to plant churches directly amongst "unreached peoples". I decided to communicate this reason for gratitude even though there were still some details to define. This is because you have been praying for us constantly and are directly participating in this very important stage of our lives. Thank you very much! Your prayer support for us is indispensable and encourages us to continue!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA

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Thank you for praying for us. Part of the Crowe's are in South Dakota today, and the rest are flying out here Saturday to join us at Yellowstone. Pray for us as we travel and sightsee.

Grace — pray for one of our beloved elders, Steve Wilford, as he preaches this coming Sunday Pray for our men's ministry as we continue to grow and equip for ministry.

We are planning our annual "Welcome to Worship" banquet for upcoming 3rd graders (who will now stay in corporate worship the entire time instead of half the time). We are planning this as we travel, so pray for us to have wisdom.

We have to get back on the road for Wyoming....thank you for loving us so well.

We love you much in Jesus!

Chad & Emily Keeter

Reach UTK

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Thank you for your encouragement! Please continue to pray that the Lord would give us favor with students that we are interacting with. Last Friday I reached out to all the guys that I have met, offering to grab coffee or a meal with them. I was encouraged that a little over a dozen responded with interest. I'm meeting with most of them one-on-one this week. There are a few girls from our church helping us follow up with girls that we've met. Pray for the Lord to use our efforts to have a gospel impact in these students' lives. Thank you for praying with 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.

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

Here is the prayer request. Raelene is leading one of the ChildLife camps this week. Please pray for the salvation of the kids and the families. Also, we did not find a reasonable place for Elisha to live. He lives in a hotel with his roommate. Please pray that they find something. Thank you, Elijah

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.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for praying for FRBA and our family.
Praying for you and Grove Level Baptist Church.
Frank

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for the East Griffin Baptist Church and its leadership as they begin the process of revitalization.
2. Pray for our upcoming Annual Meeting on October 1.
3. Pray for churches that are considering membership in FRBA. Currently, there are 6 churches considering applying for membership in FRBA.
4. Pray for our churches to capture a new spirit for evangelism and disciple-making.

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

I am so, so, so sorry we have been MIA the last however long. We have battled strep with Sadie and Ashley, and we moved into the house!! Somehow during that process I got one of the worst cases of poison ivy I've had. Also, SJ had lab work and back to back Dr visits (not sick), so days somehow blur together and seem so long at the same time. With all that being said, prayer for rest is always accepted! But we are so thankful to finally be in our home and getting to a point where we feel settled and not just floating. Sadie turns 7 in 9 days! She is very excited but nervous about starting her co-op for school and moving up in Sunday school. Sophie had a check up with her endocrinologist, and we are still a little concerned with her growth. Ashley has also been battling pharmacy companies trying to get her growth hormone squared away after this shortage. Continue to pray for Ashley and her ministry, specifically that we would get volunteers to help with our kiddos at church. We have a 4th grader that needs a lot of help and attention. It's definitely a challenge for us. We don't want to give up on him, but some days it feels like we are overwhelmed. Pray that God guides us to things he needs and uses us to minister to his family and give them a chance to go to worship in the service. We are so grateful that you are diligent and faithful in praying for us, even when we lose track of the days and are absent. I can say that I know you pray even when we don't send a text. We are in a busy season, but we know we can find rest in the Father.

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