

MISSIONS connection

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*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

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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

I can't begin to explain how thankful we are for your ministry and for Grove Level. Our hearts continue to heal. Some days are better than others, but we are trying to be still before the Father and trust Him...even IF... It's always easy to trust Him when things are going well and life is good. This has been a true test of our faith. Pray for my kids' team as we continue to look for a children's minister. I'm so ready to go back to just Preschool ministry. Pray that the Lord would send us who He has planned, and our leadership would have the discernment to know His plan.

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

Hannah and Enos Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

We are praying for continued effectiveness in discipleship and sharing the gospel for y'all. That's an encouragement to us!

Praise:

- Enos is enjoying his work at YAJASI.
- Praise God for opportunities to connect local students with the NT that has just been finished in their language!

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. 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.
- Please pray that I would be protected from malaria while I'm pregnant.

Thank you for always praying faithfully!

Hannah and Enos

Run for God

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

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We wanted to share this encouraging word from Amber Ward from New Jersey. She always joins us for all our races and she is such an inspiration to everyone she meets. She posted this on our Run for God Run Club Facebook Page this morning.

"Praise God for cooler temps!! Enjoyed my morning run, being able to breathe, breathing is always good. Been pushing through the humid temps this summer, determined not to complain but embrace whatever God gives. Grateful for some relief. Chicago Half on the 24th! Anyone else going to be there? Excited for the next big city run, representing Run for God! "

We are all so thankful for cooler temperatures. Those involved in the 5k-Marathon Challenge this year are half way through their Half Marathon Training. Seeing the encouragement and strength shared from each Run Club member is so amazing.

We are so thankful for this Ministry. We are working closely with Upward Sports moving forward with plans. We are excited about what God has ahead for us and are so thankful you are joining us in prayer as we move forward.

We have had several from the Upward Leadership Team come to the our office as we make plans. Kevin Drake, Upwards CEO will be coming in a few weeks and will join Dean and Mitchell for a Podcast.

Again, thank you church family for your support prayer.

The Run for God Team

Stephen and Emily Howard

living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them

Hey, prayer warriors! 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. It's a little bit of a slow season right now. Thank you all!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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1 John 5:14, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." All things considered, it really is amazing that God hears us. The will of God is a high priority in the whole practice of prayer. Therefore, it is important for us to find the will of God and seek him in prayer. Last year while at the Gordon county Fair handing out Gospel tracts, I was approached by a member of the fair board who told me I couldn't do that on fair property. Throughout the year I wanted to have a meeting with the fair board and share my concerns for My first amendment right to free expression. It just didn't happen, so I began praying about handing out tracts again this year. I went to the fair on Thursday and Friday and handed out somewhere close to 5,000 with no trouble at all. I even had a member of the fair board park their car right in front of me and walk in the fair without saying a word. Praise the Lord, and thanks be to God for hearing and answering prayer. On Saturday morning I drove over to Athens to meet up with a few Brothers to preach and hand out tracts at the Georgia/South Carolina game. We shared Jesus for three solid hours. The crowd was phenomenal in size. The last hour we were basically just closed in by a sea of humanity, all hearing the Gospel. This was a good outreach with great brothers. I finished the design work for our new Romans Road Gospel tract and have submitted it to the printer. I hope to receive them next week so I can start passing them out. I will be preaching both services this Sunday in revival at Friendship Baptist Church in Rome. Please help me pray about this. Things have been really challenging with caring for Gynnette's Daddy. We have been looking at options for the nursing home, because his care is more that we can provide. We have looked at multiple options, but nothing ever pans out. Please help us pray that if it be the Lord's will this will work out. Other than being worn out from being a caregiver, we are doing well. We are kind of experiencing a run of mechanical breakdowns as well to test us. But thank God He still answers prayer. And through your prayers we will make it through just fine. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We couldn't do this without you. We appreciate y'all. 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. Grace — one great need we have right now is an older children's teacher for our Grace Connection ministry. We have someone in there right now, but she needs and wants to be with her husband in the adult group he teaches. We are also in need of one to two deacons for facility ministry and for a care ministry. Pray that two qualified men would faithfully respond. Crowes — Kellie is traveling a lot for work this week and next. Fall is here in SW VA, and we are finding ourselves in a "slump" after a busy summer. Pray that we will rest (for we need some) yet not to the extent of being unfruitful. Pray that we flee the temptation to "slack." Though we are not physically gathering tonight, we would still love to pray for you, too. I will send any request on to our prayer warrior. Thank you so much for loving us well before the Throne!

Chad & Emily Keeter

Reach UTK

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God has given me (Chad) particular favor with two guys named Tyler and Kyler. They are both young believers and they are excited to grow in their faith—pray with me for God to bring that about. Kyler texted me two weeks ago with excitement after sharing the gospel with one of his roommates/track teammates named Matt. He's since brought him to Bible study and to church. He's also brought another track teammate named Rod to Bible study two weeks in a row along with a girl named Brooklyn that he met. Praise God for his influence and heart for those around him! Pray for God to continue to give me and Emily favor with these students and for them to grow in their desire to see others come to know Christ!

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

Queens for the King

135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

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.

Frank Nuckolls
Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for praying! Here are some things to share.

1. Continue to pray for our Annual Meeting on October 1.
2. Praise: The 40-foot truck container for Pennsylvania is almost full and ready for our team to deliver and bless churches and church planters.
3. Praise: Please pray for the eight churches that are considering membership in FRBA.
4. Pray for churches without Pastors: Brooks, Cornerstone, Faith, Lisbon
5. Pray that our declining and dying churches will seek ways for revitalization.

Also, today Joy and I celebrate our 43rd anniversary.

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.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison
"Go and Make Ministries"
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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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