

# MISSIONS connection

September 27, 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 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 pointing us to the book of Daniel today. I think we both needed that. Pray for our staff here. A lot of change comes with a new lead pastor, and a lot of us are tired and weary from all the transitions we've been through in the last 3-5 years. Pray for our Pastor, Matt, specifically that he would continue to shepherd our staff and body well. Pray for our staff as we get to know him and his leadership. Specifically for Bryan and me, pray that our hearts will continue to heal and trust the Father.

**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.*

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*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

Thank you so much for your prayers! We are working very closely with Upward Sports continually. The more we learn, the more excited we get about the possibilities ahead for us. Reaching others with the Gospel of Jesus is so exciting as we look forward. We are witnessing so many answered prayers and praising God for His direction.

Continue to pray as we make decisions each day.

Thank you Grove Level for partnering with us on the amazing journey!!!

The Run for God Team

**Stephen and Emily Howard**

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

Hey, folks! 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. Thank you all!

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

Nehemiah 8:10. “Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” At this point in my life, I can’t imagine going through life without the joy of the Lord. Many a day I went through life as a sinner, and my joy was circumstantially connected. When the circumstances changed, my joy changed. Now that Christ is Lord and Savior of my life, circumstances change frequently, but my joy remains constant. It is my strength. Thank God for the joy of the Lord. This past weekend I preached morning and evening service in revival at Friendship Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia. That was one Church that lived up to their name. They were a very friendly and joyful people to be in fellowship with. Both services nearly packed the auditorium. It was an amazing time with the Lord and his people. Thank you for being a part of this with prayer. This past Friday I had Brother Steve Godwin join me to hand out gospel tracts at the Dalton football game. The game was well attended, and we handed out many gospel tracts. Praise the Lord. I’m anxiously awaiting to hear back from the printing company for my new gospel tracts. We should be able to have them for this Friday night’s football game. I think we might go down towards Rome to the Model High School. If things work out, I may join one of the brothers preaching at a college game this weekend. Gynnette and I have been working towards a nursing home for her daddy. We have been looking at Parkside in Ft Oglethorpe. We prayed for him to make this decision, and it looks like God has answered that prayer. Parkside said they may have an opening as soon as this weekend. Please help us pray about this. His care has become more than we can do. Gynnette has been working on some financial assistance through the VA. Please help us pray about this. Please continue to pray for our calendar. God has done amazing things by opening doors of opportunity for us, and your prayers are a big part of that. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We appreciate y’all. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

We were welcomed by Crossover Global today with an official letter as part of the team! Please pray for us to be used by God through this agency, and may God lead us to do what He wants for our family. Tomorrow we have a meeting where our functions and positions will be defined.  
- Next week we will have “ministry week”. Our orientation group from the seminary goes to a church to serve as they need for a week. During this time of service, we’ll go to a church in São Paulo. I’m going to preach on Sunday about “sola gratia”. Please pray for this time.  
Thank you!

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Thanks so much for praying for us and the Flint River Baptist Association. I stand amazed at what He is doing! Praying for you today.

Prayers and Praises:

1. Pray for the 200th Annual Meeting of the Flint River Baptist Association as messengers and guests gather this Sunday, October 1.
2. Pray for safe travel for our guest speaker, Jose Perez, as he travels from the Dominican Republic.
3. Pray for small, struggling churches that they will not just survive but thrive.
4. Praise the Lord that there are now 9 churches considering becoming members of Flint River. If these churches join, it will give us 55 churches.
5. Praise the Lord for the good response by our churches to meeting the needs of four churches/church plants in Pennsylvania. It is now time to schedule a trip for delivery, prayer walking, and evangelism.
6. Pray for me as I work with Ken Adams from Crossroads Church in Newnan to guide North Griffin Baptist Church and Connection Church in developing disciple making strategies.

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA  
642 State Street, Bristol, TN 37620*

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  
1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

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!

**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**  
*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!

**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*

Thank you so much for reaching out again. I'm sorry that we've been missing the last couple weeks, but it's been super busy for us with Sophie's speech intensive and Ashley's work. Please bear with me, because I'm driving to work, and I'm using voice to text. If nothing makes sense, that's why. Continue to pray that we have volunteers for Ashley's ministry. We're getting more kids and more families coming in which is a good thing, but we're also running out of people to partner up with these families and these kids. Remember us as we continue to pray through Sophie's therapies and getting her the right therapist. The place that we're going for her speech intensive is so good for her; the therapist sincerely cares for her. They listen to her, and we don't feel like we have to advocate for her as much there. Her speech therapist does wonderfully with her. We're hoping that one day we will be able to get in there full-time instead of having to do the speech intensive every few months. Sadie and Sophie are both going to a co-op once a week. They are doing very well with that. Pray that they continue to learn and grow in friendships. I'm waiting to hear back from a new position in the IMB. The process has been going on for over a month, and it's getting tiresome. Pray that I hear something soon and regardless of the decision that I would be content where I am. We love you all so much, and we are so grateful for your diligence in prayer and reaching out to us even in times when we can't text back or we forget.

**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

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