

# MISSIONS connection

September 6, 2023

*Birthdays  
September 29 Emily Keeter*

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
514 Enzian Dr, Dalton, GA 30721*

Thank you for praying for our family. Next Tuesday we will be going for our anatomy scan of our baby girl. Please pray for a healthy report. Continue to be praying for me to stay on top of my studies.

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Chaplain with Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Company.  
P. O. Box 134 West Alexander PA, 15376*

Please pray for Sara and me. It has been tight being on one income for the last 2 months. God is gracious to us in that Sara will start receiving pay next week for all the work she has done. Pray that we continue to be happy with little. Please pray for the counseling that I've been doing with the young man with cancer. He and his mom are doing well with things; however, his dad (Bill) is having a hard time with anger and fear. Continue to pray for me as I'm still adjusting to the other side of the pulpit and to have wisdom in a situation that has arisen at the church where we are currently serving. Thank you for all that you do.

**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.

Love y'all,  
Josh

**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.

**Hannah and Enos Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

*teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.*

Praise:

- There is another national pilot who is interested in joining with YAJASI. We can see that God is working to shape the people and the culture there.
- After doing a lot of observations and assessments, I started working with small groups of kids at school this week. :)

Prayer:

- Please keep praying that I will be able to pour into the lives of kids at HIS.
- Pray that God will provide a national director for YAJASI who has the vision of the ministry and is willing/ able to raise support (instead of receiving a paycheck from the ministry's limited funds).
- Pray for God's provision and direction as we look for a house. We have to move in December.
- Please pray for the baby and me. You can pray for good health in general but also for protection from malaria.

Amen! We love y'all!

**Run for God**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis  
PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

Church family, you mean so much to us! We continue to be thankful for your prayers and your hand on our ministry.

We have found ourselves saying numerous times just lately, "There is more than running going on here." We wanted to share with you about an encounter our own Angie Hawkins had just recently.

"I often see this older man riding his bike while I'm out running and we always wave or say hey to each other.

When I pulled into the parking lot today I decided to park next to his yellow Jeep, I wasn't sure why but I later found out!!

We both returned from our workout at the same time so today was the first time we actually had a conversation!!

He told me that he likes to drive to the park to ride because otherwise he may not have any other interaction with people!!! He's retired and he noticed that he has been spending a lot of time alone!!!

So you can bet the farm, I listen as he talked!!!! His name is John, he's 70yo, widowed and didn't start riding until he was in his 40s!!!

Today it was not about my running!!! Although I am grateful for my 3+ miles, today was all about fellowship!!

If you ever run with me and my husband Patrick you know that we always pray that God not allow us to miss any opportunity to share His love while on our run!!

Thank You Lord for not letting me miss the opportunity to share Your love with John, and may he get to know You and your love personally!!

Thank You for giving me the sport of running (and the gift of gab) to serve You!!! In the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen

Thank you 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) I'll be leading the booth this weekend on Saturday. I plan on being there all day, so pray that we'd be a light and that I'd have the strength to do it.
- Thank you all!

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

Last Friday morning early, I boarded a plane from Knoxville to Las Vegas, "Sin City" as it is often referred to. Upon landing at Harry Reid International Airport, I turned my phone on, and my weather app on the home screen said "Paradise 78°." I took that as a sign that everything was going to be alright. Our time in Vegas was very fruitful. We took the opportunity to preach, hand out tracts, and witness three different times. One of those was at the Allegiant Stadium where the big game will be played. UNLV was playing on Saturday. They did not draw a huge fan base, so that gave us plenty of time to talk to locals and get to know the stadium. It appears to be a great opportunity for Ministry. I'm excited about being there in February. We spent Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon on Las Vegas Boulevard, otherwise known as "The Strip." It was really mind blowing to see the number of people walking The Strip. One could actually do worldwide evangelism any day of the week on The Strip. For a place that is notoriously known as Sin City, the people were amazingly receptive. We had people stop for a period of time to hear the preaching. Gospel tracts went out fairly well. We had a man stop who was weeping who professed to be a Christian but not living right, and we were able to pray with him. The convention center is on Las Vegas boulevard, and the stadium is just about two blocks away. This makes everything very compact for outreach. I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for the Las Vegas Super Bowl Outreach. Please pray with me as I work to build a team and prepare them for the Outreach. This Sunday I will be preaching homecoming at Temple Baptist Church with Pastor Bret Yeager. God has been gracious to add this opportunity to our calendar, no doubt as a result of prayer. I would ask you to continue to pray for our calendar. Several fairs in our area will begin very soon. I enjoy going to them and handing out gospel tracts. Please pray about this because you may remember I had a member of the fair board tell me that I couldn't do this on Gordon County Fairgrounds property last year. I'm trying to work some football games into our calendar, both high school and college. Thank God for the wisdom needed to serve Him. Also, thank you for your prayers and support. We are blessed and encouraged by your faithfulness and your friendship. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

Thank you for being so supportive and praying for me. My comfort is knowing God is with me. I feel Him in the process.

Prayer request:

- Please pray for our trip to Curitiba and the time we will have there. It is the largest city in the southern region of Brazil. It is 260 miles from here. There we will have a course on Islam and we will meet important leaders of the missionary agency that we want to be part of (Crossover Global). We leave tomorrow morning and return on Monday.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry  
6212 Woodlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209*

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!

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

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

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  
1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

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  
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.

Secondly, we need to raise the money to pay the new helper's stipend. Pray for the funds to be able to hire this needed worker to keep up with the spiritual growth in numbers of adults and kids.

We are praying around another short term mission trip after Thanksgiving during the US University Christmas break to offer another VBS for the kids, do a construction project or house repair for a vulnerable person in the Cedara community. If this is God's plan, ask Him to raise up a team to go and share the gospel.

Thanks for your faithful prayer support all these years!

**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

**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.

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. My prayers are with you and Grove Level. Here are some requests for this week.

1. Pray for Matt and Carrie Hinesley. Matt is the Pastor at Zebulon First Baptist. His wife, Carrie, is in the hospital with pneumonia.
2. Pray for the churches without Pastors: Brooks, Cornerstone, East Griffin, and Faith.
3. Pray for the Whitewater Baptist Church in south Fayette County. This church was founded in 1823 and has declined to only 5 people attending. This church is in the process of merging with Crossroads Church in Newnan to become Crossroads at Whitewater. Pray for a smooth transition and a strong launch of this new campus. Crossroads already has 75 people committed to start this new campus.
4. Pray for me as I continue to connect with our 46 churches in FRBA as well as the 7 churches that are interested in becoming a part of FRBA.

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