

MISSIONS connection

December 16, 2020

Birthdays:

December	20 David Crowe	26 Thomas Queen
	31 Samuel Crowe	

**Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth &
Jacob Queen**

South Africa; Suite H17, P/Bag X9118, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, 3200

It's been a busy month so far for the Queen family and our partners in South Africa.

The Cedara kids we tutor had a fun Christmas party at Hilton Baptist. They got lots of goodies, a food parcel and face painting was a hit! About 60 kids came to the party and had a ball. Pray for each child to come to know Lord fully. Also for a church plant this year in their community. We thank God for their Sunday school class leaders each week.

The Siza Community Project group increased by 5 families in their bible studies last month. The beet root and spinach are coming in so they are excited about the success of the gardens too. Please pray for much spiritual fruit in Sweetwaters as they reach that community for the Lord.

Thomas will be preaching twice on Sunday so please keep him in your prayers this week as he will have a lot to prepare. We are looking forward to the candlelight service Sunday evening for Christmas.

The college students had a fun study break party during their finals. We hope to have a DNOW type conference for them at the end of the month. Pray for the college ministry to grow at Grove Level in 2021.

We enjoyed Christmas caroling to the shut-ins last night. It was good to bring a smile to the face of folks stuck at home due to health issues. Please don't forget to encourage anyone you know during this holiday season.

Paige saw the doctors last week. She is making slow but steady progress. Please pray for her health still. She has more tests that need to be run so pray for those to reveal answers needed as decisions moving forward need to be made soon. We had some clarity on medication availability over seas so that does help us with some of the decisions moving forward.

Jacob survived his boring quarantine and was COVID free so we thank God for that.

Thanks for holding the pray ropes for us!

God bless everyone and have a very Merry Christmas!

Thomas and Paige Queen

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- Though the craziness of this year, God has allowed us to have school in person (the local schools have all had to be online). We have been able to love and teach kids in a way that wouldn't have been possible online.

- When I moved here, God gave me Jeremiah 32:38-41. This year I have seen so many answers to that prayer in ways I could not have orchestrated!

Prayer:

- Please pray that this break and Christmas season will be a time to build relationships with local neighbors and friends and that they will see Jesus in me.

- Please pray for wisdom as I make a school schedule for next semester. We will have several students with learning needs returning in January. I need wisdom in who to help and how much.

- Pray for persistence in prayer for me.

Brian & Ashley Jones

student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary;

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Thank you so much for your diligence to pray for us despite our times of silence.

Last week, Sadie Kate swallowed a large marble that is borderline if it will be able to come out naturally- we are day 6. If we don't see it today or tomorrow- we will be getting X-rays on Friday and then she will have to get a procedure done to remove it. Please pray that the marble will appear in the next couple days.

Sophie Jane has her cardiology appointment on Friday as well, it will be the final echocardiogram that they will present to the surgeon team- then we will be discussing where and when and the details for either surgery in April or May.

Please continue praying for her as she progresses in each therapy (speech, feeding, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and hippotherapy).

Please pray for Brian and I to fix our eyes on Christ and to prioritize our marriage and family. For the girls to know Jesus and that we would be ambassadors of Christ to them as parents and to each other as spouses

Please pray for Brian to find a day shift job as soon as possible, as night shift work has run it's course and for us to be able to go to church and small group and have family time- we see this switch as necessary

Lastly, for our family's health this winter leading up to Soph's surgery.

Troy & Lille Poe

student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Lille and I are thankful for GLBC and the ongoing prayer support from you all this past year. The Lord has blessed us tremendously despite this challenging year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

I'm sorry I'm preaching on short notice tonight at Sugar Valley Baptist. I won't be able to give a full report period but please pray for our service tonight. I'll be using a paint board and speaking on the Signs of Christmas.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Thank you so much for praying for us! I am sorry about not sending an update last week, but the day got away from me. Please be praying for a long time member who has been home bound. We just found she has COVID and pneumonia. She is in the hospital, and we are waiting to hear updates. Continue to pray for Chris, Tera, and Emily Hancock. Pray for 2021 as we will be introducing new programming as we continue to grow. Pray for Sara and me because our bank account was hacked over the weekend and are in the process of getting it fixed. Continue to pray for us as we grow and see God move in our midst. I always appreciate your words of encouragement. Lastly, be in prayer for us as we are going back to Xtreme in a few weeks. Pray for God to speak and for the students and adults be open to hearing from Him.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,
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Grace — our elders are planning a mini-retreat to begin to seek the Lord and begin long-range planning for our congregation. We really need the Lord's guidance in planning well.

We have our 2021 Budget laid out and the congregation is looking it over for the next two weeks. Pray that we will steward well.

Our elders are also evaluating our Grace Connections Ministry (Sunday School) to see where we need to strengthen and/or change to be more effective and intentional. Pray for our hearts to have a passion for mission within the "effective logistics" of it.

Crowe's — Taylor is still seeking new employment. Pray that God would place him in the job that is going to be the most conducive for Taylor to grow in Jesus.

Samuel has a very big and important video shoot opportunity this weekend in GA. I believe this is going to be a good opportunity for him. Pray for he and Kellie as they travel, shoot and produce this over the weekend.

Pray that we will be wise and joyful this Christmas season. We are having more and more neighbors with COVID, pray for us as we seek to try to minister to 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

Thanks for the prayers. It's been a hard few days around here. The girls are acting out a lot knowing so much change is coming on Friday. Pray for all of us, please. We will take the girls to their mom around 4 on Friday. It's going to be really weird, we've been in charge of 3 lives for a year and 2 months.... and starting Friday, it's just us again! It really is bittersweet. Please pray for our sweet girls as their hearts will be so happy, but split at the same time.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

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The world is always in need of the light of Jesus & that's just been even more revealed during these days!

Prayer for these next couple weeks looks a little different because a lot of the students are gone & we aren't doing as much with them. But as I mentioned to you at the end of last week, just continued prayer for the student I've been able to read the Bible with. We've gotten to read the Bible twice now (which is a praise & it has been good conversation as well!), but we might not be able to meet again until next semester. So even that God would work on his heart over this Christmas season. We desire for him to be brought from darkness to light!! And just with the rest of the students we have met, that going in to next semester we would be able to pick back up where we left off in relationships & that it wouldn't be trying to regain favor with them

Thank you for y'all's faithful prayer for us!

Phil and Lou Walleck

Phil and Lou are partnering with the NAMB to launch a new church plant in South Walton Beach, FL, in 2021. They have three children.

Restoration Community

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Thanks so much for writing Charlie. It is quite the busy season of ministry, but I am grateful. This coming week I will be preaching at the church I was a member at while in High School. It will be the first time back to my home town in nearly two decades. It is an honor to preach the Gospel there all these years later. I am thrilled for the opportunity.

We are seeking ministry partners For 2021 and beyond. We have been quite encouraged by the faithful who have poured into our family along the way this far. Thank you for praying for us. Pray we continue to meet people of peace in the days ahead.

Thank you!

Phil

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 so much for your prayers. My mother has had a rough week. She is back home but has not been able to eat very much even though she has no pain. She has her foot in a cast for a minimum of 8 weeks. She is diabetic, and we are concerned about her foot healing. The doctor started her on i.v. vitamins and antibiotics to help her heal well.

We have had to close the church for the next couple of weeks as a mandatory nationwide quarantine is in place. We've had the highest numbers ever this last week, and today the local news said that 300 doctors in our region of 750,000 have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Raelene's best friend is our municipal hospital's infectious disease director, and her and her family have been down with Covid for 10 days.

Please pray for Dr. Anca Hnatiuc, husband Emanuel, and two children (ages 11 and 8) to recover. Also all the schools are closed and online only until Dec. 1st, and then they'll reevaluate.

Chad & Emily Keeter
Navigators Ministry Staff
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Thank you for praying for us as we've shifted gears during the student break. Last night we gathered with a handful of UT students over zoom to reconnect, look at the Word, and to hang out. Please pray for our students while they're back at home--that they would make the most of their time, they would be a blessing to their family, and they would take steps toward Christ. Zack, a non-believing freshman who I've mentioned before, is reading a book called *The Reason for God*. Dean, another non-believing freshman is reading scripture on his own over the break. Pray with us for God to grip their hearts with the truth of the Gospel! We recently sent out our annual year-end letter, which includes an invitation for people to consider making a year end gift to our ministry. Would you pray for God to provide richly for us so that we can go into 2021 in a healthy spot financially? We're so grateful for your partnership and your faithfulness to continually lift us up in prayer!

Luce Terto

Missionary in Brazil searching for God's place for her to serve.

Here are some prayer requests:

I am doing well, praise the Lord, and am in the process of moving into a small apartment very near my parents' house.

Please pray for my father who has been having respiratory problems. He went to the doctor, and we know it's not Covid. We discovered mold in an area of the house, and we're having to get part of the house renovated to eliminate the problem.

With the renovations, it seems an appropriate time for me to move, and I've found a small apartment very close by. It will take me less than five minutes by bicycle between my new apartment and my parents' house. I'll be moving this weekend.

Please pray for my mother who is experiencing anxiety about many things, from the work on the house, to the pandemic, to the political situation here in Brazil.

I appreciate your prayers with me as I ask God for a new ministry opportunity. The church I had been attending, Igreja das Chácaras Reunidas, has gone in a different direction, greatly influenced by one large family among its members, and is not focusing on evangelism.

Finally, I want to let you know that I miss winter. I grew up knowing only summer Christmases, but after so many years in the U.S., I miss the cold weather celebration of Christmas. What is really important is celebrating Jesus, no matter where we are. So merry Christmas to my Grove Level family!

In Christ,

Luce

Josh & Kelsey Ellison
"Go and Make Ministries"
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Thank you all so much for all of your prayers this year. It goes without saying it has been a crazy year, but in some ways I can't believe 2020 is almost over. Reflecting back, I do see God at work in our lives, and I know a lot of that is through your continued prayers. I think one of the biggest things Kelsey and I have learned (still learning really) is as the Psalm says to be still, and know that He is the Lord. It is almost as if the Lord has used these months to reveal the idols and anxiety in our lives. And really, a lot of it was over "good" things, like kids, house, career, even ministry. Bro. Charlie, you sent me back a thought when I had mentioned we were postponing The Table and asked what if God is allowing us to return to our first love. That has really stuck with me over these last months, and really re-kindled just a growing love for God himself. Yes, His blessings and work are awesome, but just being with Him is enough. I finished reading the book I mentioned last week called *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. I highly recommend it because it is very needed in today's fast-paced life. It really highlights the way, or lifestyle, of Jesus and how He was never in a hurry but always in the moment. So I am really looking forward to 2021 and trying to practice some of these things. I am so thankful for your continued prayers. Again, we feel them and know God is answering them. We love you all, and Merry Christmas!

Josh

Run for God:

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PRAISE THE LORD!! 8 Decisions for Christ this week! God is moving folks. Almost 600 Run Club members as well! Keep praying! Thank you church family!

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