

MISSIONS connection

December 9, 2020

Birthdays:

December	13 Gynnette Yoho	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

Pray for our family's health. Paige sees the doctor Wednesday. Pray for much wisdom with how to proceed and for continued healing. Jacob is in dorm quarantine due to an exposure while helping a BCM friend move. We are thankful so far he is symptom free. Pray for that to continue and his test to be negative so he can resume a normal college life again. Both kids have finals coming up so pray they do well and stay healthy over the course of finals and the holidays.

We love you all. We covet your prayers and continued support while Stateside.

Run for God:

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

We had a Decision for Christ this week! We are absolutely amazed at how God is moving through Run Club. They just keep coming (joining Run for God Run Club) and we just keep welcoming them. This is the most exciting December we have experienced.

Please pray for Mitchell and Dean as they prepare Podcasts, Facebook Live sessions and the upcoming Couch to Marathon Challenge. These videos are being filmed now and the 5k Challenge class will begin January 17th. Thank you for loving us church family and for lifting us up in prayer. We are praising the Lord for His mercies.

The Run for God Team

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers. Lille and I are doing well. Thank you for praying specifically for my job search. I have accepted a sales team position at Louisville Overstock Warehouse, a furniture store in the area. I will begin on December 28th. I am excited for this new opportunity. Please continue to pray for my schooling this winter that I will be able to balance the responsibilities of family, school, and work. We love you all and hope you are doing well.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- Progress is continuing to move forward on new teachers arriving. It is looking like they will really be able to come. :)

Prayer:

- You can keep praying for open doors and time to build relationships with my neighbors.
- Please keep praying for protection for Betty and Flynn. They were able to pray for the house with an older, believing couple but have still continued to have some of the same things going on.
- Please pray for energy and strength for me, as I finish out the semester- especially teaching 6th grade math in addition to my usual responsibilities.
- Anna- that she would desire to be free and walk in obedience

Love in Jesus,

Hannah

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 its 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.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” I have long learned in ministry to expect the unexpected. Therefore this verse means more to me than just being approved to God. It means being ready in an unexpected situation, which often arises in ministry. Sometimes we don’t think about unexpected situations as being an answer to prayer.

You have been faithful to pray for God to fill our calendar, sometimes He does that at the last minute. Therefore we need to be prepared ahead of time as much as possible by studying the scripture. One such unexpected opportunity came to me late last week. As I was preparing to preach at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Sunday morning I received a phone call from a pastor friend of mine. He informed me that his lovely wife had passed away suddenly from rapid growing cancer. He then asked me to preach her funeral. I first thought it was going to be on Saturday. But fortunate for me it wound up being Monday morning, which did give me a little extra time to prepare. Pastor Kenneth Jennings wife, Mrs Debbie Jennings was a wonderful saint of God, one who loved us, and they were faithful to pray for and support us in ministry. Both the funeral and the Sunday morning service went well. Thank you for your prayers, I am grateful.

I usually don’t get many preaching appointments during this time of year, but please continue to pray for God to fill our calendar. I am making plans to be in Atlanta December 19th for a college football playoff game to preach to the crowds and hand out gospel tracts. I hope to be able to have time to finish up the gospel tract that I was writing last month. Please help me pray about this.

We are still planning on and preparing for an Outreach at the Super Bowl in Tampa. It seems so far off but it’s only about seven weeks away. The commercialized version of Christmas will be very different this year but the true story of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ remains the same . Celebrate Him in a great way this year . Thank you for your prayers and support. Blessings Gynnette and Mark.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Thank you so much for your encouraging words. Our Thanksgiving season was great, and we capped it off on Sunday night with a “hanging of the greens” service that got the whole church involved. Please be praying for God’s direction and help in the planning of some new things we are wanting to start in January. Continue to pray for Emily and the Hancocks. She is doing better but still struggling. We have had a few deaths of family members in our church, and some home-bound members have suffered injuries due to age, please lift them up. Pray for me as I try to navigate these pastoral waters from time to time battling uncertainty everywhere. I know my family and I are exactly where we need to be, but often times I feel inadequate. Pray for God to show me areas that I can improve on for His service. Also pray for our Christmas season; this is the greatest time of the year for the Christian. Lastly, how can we be praying for you and GLBC? We have been trying to be intentional about our prayer life as a church.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,
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Grace — our elders are reading Breathing Life Into Sunday School by Ken Braddy. We are taking a pray-fully, long deep look at how we can use our Grace Connections ministry to its fullest potential. Along with that, we are entering a time of long range planning — focusing on the three shepherding areas of worship, teaching and prayer. Pray for our elders to be wise visionaries with a dependency upon the power of God to accomplish His work in/through our Grace family. Also pray that we will take that vision and look outward into our community. The Lord has begun a fresh call on us to reach out. We have been somewhat apprehensive about it in the past few months, but He seems to have open some doors for us to take some small steps through in serving and blessing some folks in our community. Pray for us to be faithful and willing to follow.

Crowe’s — we are blessed to still be working like we have been. Our area here is much like Whitfield Co. The state is not very happy with the drastic rise in COVID cases here. Our children just do not really understand the seriousness right now. Pray as we try to keep them close in, yet not so close they are “nuts”.

Pray for Taylor as he is seeking new employment. He is actually talking to some folks in GA rightness now. We are praying he works where the Lord can work the most sanctifying good in him.

Thank you so much, GLBC family. We cherish, and I do mean cherish, your faithful, fervent and loving praying for us.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Your support in our marriage and ministry means SO much to us!! We had court today at 11.30 am and the judge granted trial custody to our girls mom. They will return home to her next Friday, December 18th. We are rejoicing and Heartbroken!! We are SO happy for them... but the thought of not tucking them in bed at night or kissing their boo boos is crushing me right now. Reunification is why we said YES to this journey! We are praising our precious Savior that their family will be reunited, but at the same time...we are mourning that in 1 week ours will be so empty!

Pray for our hearts! Pray for their transition. Pray for their sweet mother that she can continue to make progress and not get overwhelmed with life when the kids come home.

Please remember Bryan as he finishes out one class and starts another! Please continue to pray for our church here in Kentucky...we will re-gather this Sunday after bring online only for the last 3 weeks due to the governors recommendation.

We plan to travel to Georgia for Christmas. We miss home and our family SO VERY much. Pray that we would be safe in our travels and while visiting family.

We love you all so very much! Thank you GL for walking this foster care journey with us.

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

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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Good afternoon Brother Charlie! Thank you for your faithfulness to continue to text us, remind us of truth, and to pray for us (even when we don't send in an update). We're so grateful for you and for everyone at Grove Level!

We have shifted gears as students have left campus to finish taking finals online. From now until the end of this month we will spend time studying and reading, connecting and praying with our staff team, connecting with students online, and enjoying some time off around Christmas. Please pray that the Lord would continue to give us favor with students from a distance, that He would speak to us through our study and reading, and that we would feel refreshed and connected in our time off. Last week I (Chad) had the privilege of helping lead a few days of training and connection for the first and second year Navigators staff in our region (serving at Clemson, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and Auburn). We spent a few days together in Greenville, SC reflecting on the fall and dreaming together about the spring. Would you pray for God to spark spiritual revival and renewal on these college campuses? It's a privilege to be able to minister to college students at UT! We're grateful for your faithful partnership with us!

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.

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
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All is well. We are excited and getting ready to come to Georgia for Christmas. So just prayers as we travel (18th). Thank you for your prayers for us and our neighbors. I am so excited to start that when we get back. I know we've talked a lot about the craziness of this year, and so I wanted to recommend a book to everyone that I have just started reading. It is called The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry. It is so fitting for our culture. Some of the stats are just incredible like how the people on average touch their phone 2600 times a day. And just all these other things that we pack in and end up dropping things that really matter and are actually helpful for us like abiding in Christ.

I'm only a handful of chapters in but here are two quotes that really convicted me.

So pray for us that 2021 will be a year where we are not in a hurry.

Love y'all,
Josh

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