

MISSIONS connection

January 13, 2021

Birthdays:

January	28 Chad Keeter	
February	7 Mitchell Hollis	10 Mark Yoho
	15 Paige Queen	

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

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

We hope you enjoyed your holiday and are staying healthy in 2021 so far. We had a successful Cross Conference with the college students at Grove Level. The conference lasted Dec 29-30 and was watched virtually from the GLBC gym by our students. They enjoyed each talk plus the bean bags and snacks were great! Pray for the growth of each college student spiritually. Pray for them as they begin college classes this week.

Thomas led Going Deeper Sunday. He taught on Genesis chapters 6-10 both to the live audience in the gym and to those who watched remotely from Zoom online. Pray for Thomas as he preaches, teaches, and helps with administration issues each week at Grove Level to deliver the messages God wants for His people to hear.

South Africa is being hit hard by the Corona virus so President Ramaphosa spoke today to the people. They have closed ports of entry for non-residents to stop the spread of the new variant of the virus (501 V-2) until Feb 15th. 15,000 people are in the hospitals now with Covid and 1/3 are on oxygen of some form. This is overwhelming the health care system. Please pray for the tighter lockdown 3 measures to flatten the curve of spread. Pray for SA to be efficient in getting and distributing the 25 million doses of vaccine in 2021.

Please continue to pray for Paige's health. She had a good visit last week with the doctors but needs to see more physicians in the next few weeks, especially a GI doctor.

That's the update this week. Thanks for continuing to pray for our family. It means so much.

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your prayers. Lille and I are doing really well. We are enjoying our jobs, and I am doing my best to stay on top of my school work. I have about 2 to 3 weeks left of my Winter classes. Please pray that I will stay diligent in completing all my assignments in a timely manner. Also pray for wisdom in upcoming decisions Lille and I plan to make this year. We have been prayerfully planning on moving back to Georgia in June. I would finish my degree online. Lots of decisions to make, and your prayers would be greatly appreciated. Thank you once again.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praises:

- I'm thankful for a restful break and for three new teachers who arrived recently.
- God is still working in Betty's heart. She has been asking Flynn some good questions.
- Anna is getting regular counseling and has told a few more people here about her struggles.

Prayer:

- We still have several key teachers who are not able to get here. There are some pretty significant travel restrictions that keep getting extended. They are currently in place until the end of January. Pray that God would make a way for them to get here and that we would have wisdom and energy to stretch our people and resources until they do.
- Pray for unity and good communication with administration and other teachers.
- Pray for Anna - for healing for her mind and that God will keep her safe. Pray that the devil will not be able to twist the truth in her heart.

Thanks for praying!

Hannah

Brian & Ashley Jones

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Hey, so sorry that we are so inconsistent with this. I (Brian) have started new work hours (I'm on days now!). I don't mean to be vague in a response, but if you would just pray for us as we have a lot going on. We love you all and are so grateful for your faithfulness in prayer!

Run for God:

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Hello Church Family! The ministry has just exploded with excitement and enthusiasm over the 5 Decisions for Christ made this week AND the Run Club Couch to Marathon Challenge. We have grown to about 1500 Run Club members all over the country. That is 500 more since January 1st! Overwhelmed and humbled are just some of the feelings running through the Run for God camp.

These words come from one of our Run Club Members who has registered for the upcoming Couch to Marathon Challenge beginning this weekend. "Watching this week's Run for God Podcast has given me a lot of faith that I can do this marathon next year even though I will be 67 years young when the time comes. All things are possible with God!"

We ask that you pray these Run Club members are faithful in their steps in sharing Christ's love in their communities. Pray others will see God in every step taken. We ask that you join us in praying for the class that is about to begin virtually with Dean and Mitchell leading, taking these over 1000 (right now) students from the couch to running a 5k, then finally a marathon by the beginning of 2022. Of course, all of this will be while they are sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for open hearts and safety for each student involved.

Thank you Grove Level for your Faithfulness!
The Run for God Team

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

Well, it's been a very interesting week, but in a good way. My grandmother Yoho used to say, "If you can't say anything good about someone, don't say anything at all." The principle behind that really rings true in our day. The principle is "don't focus on the negative, but focus on the positive, and point it out." Boy howdy, it sure is easy to get caught up in the negative things these days. Bad and negative things are happening all around us everyday but so are good things.

I shared with you last week that I had some light symptoms of what could be COVID. I had a doctor's appointment scheduled for Friday morning, but my doctor called while I was on my way to the appointment and said they were only doing telephone appointments. Rather than worry with it, I decided to commit my ailments to prayer. Amazingly the next day the symptoms began to ease off. God is so good to us!

The gospel tract that I wrote for the Super Bowl Outreach has undergone the final edit and is ready for print. I told Bill Adams, who leads the Super Bowl Outreach, that I would upload it to a graphic design program ready for print. He volunteered me to do the same with the gospel tracts for six other men. So I've spent a good bit of time on the computer this week.

I'm currently working on getting our camper ready to go to Tampa January 25th. Gynnette and I are going down a week ahead of the Super Bowl Outreach to spend some time both relaxing and praying for our upcoming Ministry year. The Tampa Bay Baptist Association runs a campground where the Super Bowl Outreach team will be staying. They have a couple of campsites, and we will be staying in one of those. Back in May when I started planning for the Super Bowl Outreach it seemed so far away. But we're only about two weeks from our departure. We're excited.

Thank you for your excitement and enthusiasm to continue praying for us no matter where God leads us or what we go through. We are thrilled by the fact that we have wonderful people like y'all who go through these battles with us. Thank you for your support and prayer. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,
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Thank you for praying for us.

Grace — our elders are working through some by-laws updates as well as beginning some long range planning strategies. Pray for us to be men of the Word and vision.

Thankfully we have had some folks visiting on Sundays. Pray that we will minister to them in effective and meaningful ways.

Crowe's — God is still meeting our needs at the Escape Game. We are praying to make it through about April, and we believe that we will be ok if we can. God has given us great employees and that helps so much.

We, like most other folks, have much going on and much to do in trying to keep all things afloat (family, church, work, school). Pray that we will steward well the time God has given to us.

We have many in our community dealing with COVID, and we need grace to minister to them.
Thank you for praying 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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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.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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We're so grateful for you!

We're excited to welcome students back in just a matter of days! Please continue to pray for us as we gear up for our spring semester launch. Specifically, would you pray for God to protect us from sickness. We're currently awaiting COVID results for one guy on our team. We're hopeful that it will come back negative so that we can move forward with our winter retreat (Jan 18-19th) and with meeting new students on campus during the first few days of classes, which start on the 20th. We're so excited to reconnect with our students and to engage with new students in the coming weeks and months. We feel that we have such an incredible opportunity to be a light on campus during a very dark and seemingly hopeless time. Pray for us to be unashamed of the Gospel and for God to stir up a culture of evangelism in our ministry. Thank you for your prayers!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

Everyone is doing well. Kelsey is finally feeling less fatigued, so that is great. Asa and girls are doing fine. So praise for that. We have decided to try and do the Table on the following Wednesday (20th). In some ways, I thought ok maybe we just put this on the shelf for another season. But it just kept coming back to me. I went outside to fix a fence picket, and a neighbor drove by to say he got our invitation and was planning on coming. I told him we were having to postpone, but it just solidified the need. So we will try again next week Lord willing.

Love y'all,
Josh

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 the prayer support! Unfortunately we find the same apathy and ignorance in the life of Romanians and also in the churches. Generations from the church under communism are now so worldly and so immature.

My mom is walking with a walker and it is a miracle, PTL! Thank you for your prayers and thank everyone in our behalf.

We have antibodies and that is good for now. We are debating about vaccination.

Say hello to all and thank you. Blessings, my friends!

Luce Tertio

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

I appreciate your prayers so much! I continue trusting that God is in control, no matter what is going on.

Praise the Lord that I have moved into an apartment that is small but meets my needs and is very close to my parents' house, so I can continue to help them whenever they need it. It was truly a gift from God to find a place in the neighborhood that I needed, and His timing was perfect.

My family has had some health concerns, and I would like you to pray about these:

My father was having some respiratory issues and had to go to the emergency room. After several tests, it was determined that it was not Covid, and, after taking his prescription, he is doing much better. However, he and I both spent several hours in a crowded waiting room, so please pray that we weren't exposed to anything dangerous.

Pray for my sister, Geise, who has all the symptoms of Covid and is waiting on test results. Two of her three children recently had Covid, but they had mild cases, as is common in small children, and they are doing fine now.

I have been sad the last few days because of the death of Pastor Zacharias Ferreira Lima, who was a mentor and a second father-figure to me. I served as a missions minister in his church right after I finished seminary. He had been sick and on dialysis for a long time, and he died from pneumonia on New Year's Day. I am glad he is in heaven with our Father, but I will miss him. Please pray for his family.

I enjoy watching the services online every week. God bless you all!

Luce

Michael & Holley Richardson

Ellis and Luke

Taking Seminary, 2704 Pine Manor Ln, Albany, GA 31707

We are grateful for your continued faithfulness to lift us up. As we reflect on 2020, we are grateful for ways that the Lord has blessed us. Michael completed his seminary degree in May 2020, our adoption of Ellis was finalized, we became members of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, GA, and at the end of September we welcomed our second son Luke. Unfortunately, the challenges of COVID-19 have largely put a halt on our ministry to college students and most of our church involvement. As we move into 2021, pray with us for clarity in what our involvement at Albany State University needs to look like moving forward. Pray that COVID-19 will allow us to begin doing more ministry out of our home again soon. Pray for continued opportunities to care for our neighbors. Pray that our church will be able to resume Sunday School soon and relationships will be able to deepen for both us and our children. Ask also for wisdom as we consider next steps for where God would be leading our family in ministry.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

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

This week is huge for me.... this Sunday our SVKids small groups are regathering for the first time since October. We are SO ready to have kids in our classrooms. Pray for our team as we still have MANY little jobs to get done this week.

Please keep pray for Bry. He has a busy work load and school load. Pray he keeps His eyes on the Father.

We love y'all.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

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As I mentioned last week, this is the first week back for students, and it has been sweet to be able to reconnect with our student friends that we met last semester. So continue praying for those relationships and opportunities to share Jesus with them. One change we are going to try and we hope will be successful is we are planning on having dinner and talking about the Bible every Thursday. It will be less Bible studyish out of the hope for it to be comfortable for nonbelievers with the hope it will be a place they can interact with God's Word. We are going to start that next week (it will probably be a constant prayer request from now on), but we want y'all to start praying for that time for us this coming semester. We hope to be able to invite our current friends and also anyone we meet throughout the semester. I think the hope is next week we will try to resume reading the Bible with the 2 students we met last semester, so also pray that would continue and lead to fruit in their lives.

Thank y'all for your prayers! We feel loved by y'all and love y'all, too!

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Please pray for us as we are not having in-person currently, because we are waiting on Ashlyn's Covid-19 test to come back. We are not sure about Sunday yet. I believe it is negative, but we are trying to be sensitive to the people. Pray for Sara and Ashlyn's relationship: they have been having a rough patch lately (a lot of it having to do with Ashlyn's relationship with her birth mother), and we need prayers to work through it. Prayer for me as I lead BLBC; I am having a hard time between taking everything on my shoulders and knowing how to best handle situations that arise. I take too much on when it comes to letting go, if any of that makes sense.

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