

# MISSIONS connection

January 6, 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*

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.

Thanks for holding the prayer ropes for us!

God bless everyone!  
Thomas and Paige Queen

**Run for God:**

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

WOW! What an amazing Christmas season it has been for the Run for God Ministry! We have had 10 decisions for Christ made since Christmas Day. What an amazing praise! In our last update we requested prayer for more folks to join Run for God Run Club. Those who join will hear the gospel, some for the first time, through the Couch 2 Marathon Challenge that Mitchell and Dean will lead virtually, beginning January 17th.

Buckle up church family! We now have well over 1000 Run Club Members with more registering each day. Answered prayers right? Yes!!! We are humbled today at what God is doing through Run for God and ask you to continue to pray as we prepare for all these folks who are looking forward to this journey. Thank you so much for praying for us. We are in awe of His presence.

The Run for God Team

**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;*

*1138 Thornrose Wake Forest, NC 27587*

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.

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

*422 English Station Way, Louisville, KY 40245*

Lille and I are thankful for all the prayers you have lifted up to our God during the Christmas season and now this new year. We had a great Christmas and New Year, and we hope you all did as well.

I have started my new job as a salesperson at Louisville Overstock Warehouse furniture. I enjoy my new job, and I enjoy working with all my coworkers. Please pray my job continues to go well.

Continue to pray for Lille's safety as she works at the hospital.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

I, like many others, have longed to see 2020 in the rearview mirror. For us it slipped out unnoticed; no celebration, no hoopla. I think we even went to bed a little earlier. We really didn't notice any change on January 1; everything seemed the same as the day before. We realize that if there's going to be change we need to be actively involved in bringing it about.

That's really one of our goals this year: to be involved in bringing about a change. Personal change, ministry changes (I don't want to go through another year like last year), changes in the lives of others. Sounds like a lot of work, but we have another year to make it happen, so we better get busy.

I have been studying for the Super Bowl Outreach. As a team leader I will be teaching on the Glory of Christ Sunday, February 7th. I have completed the Gospel tract titled "The Glory of Christ." I plan to have a second printing completed shortly, and I will share some with y'all. Thanks for praying for this endeavor; writing tracts is a huge undertaking. Gynnette and I have been laying low for a week. I have some very mild symptoms of what could be COVID. My sinuses are a little funky, and I have lost my sense of taste and smell. But other than that I feel great. I have an annual appointment with my VA doctor Friday, and I'll get it checked out. Gynnette is fine, no symptoms.

I did get to go do outreach at the Peach Bowl on New Year's Day. It was a good day for a boat with lots of rain. The fan base was really low because of the COVID restrictions, but decent. Not many tracts because of the weather, but we preached a few times and floated on home. Thanks for your continued prayers and support. We love y'all! Gynnette and Mark

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

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

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.

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

*Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY*

Pray for us as we face this new year. God has laid on my heart a direction for BLBC: Community, Discipleship, and Commitment. I laid out this past Sunday what this means for our church. Continue to pray for me as I lead and sense God's direction for us. Pray for Sara and I since we are dealing with some things. I do have a praise: the students went to Xtreme and had a great time of meaning and growth. Thank you for partnering with us.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry  
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We definitely appreciate your prayers throughout the holiday season! The last two weeks we had time off, so it was a good time of rest and slowing down, with this week being our first week back. Students start back next Monday, so this week is almost like a week of preparation for us - as we prepare for time with students. With all of that, I would say we need prayer for our hearts to love and serve the students well. And also prayer for the students coming back to school, that it would be a good transition back for them. It's always a change of pace returning from home back to campus. Also, that we would be able to reconnect well with our friends we had met and pick up where we left off. We should have more of an update on that next Wednesday as we see how it goes!  
Thank y'all for your prayer! We are grateful for y'all and love y'all!

**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.  
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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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Good afternoon! We're excited to hear about the journey in the OT during 2021. We pray that the Lord would bless that!

Happy new year! The Keeter family is coming off of some good and restful time off. In the past few weeks we have enjoyed a few days back in Dalton with family, a white Christmas here in Knoxville, and the celebration of Caleb's 2nd birthday! This week we've jumped back in to plan for the spring semester and to continue to read, study, and work on our funding as we eagerly wait for students to return to campus. Please be praying for the Lord to guide our staff team as we iron out our plans for a spring launch--an effort in the first few weeks of the spring semester to connect with new students. We'd also like to ask you to pray for our winter retreat (Jan 18-19). As we set our eyes on the Gospel during this retreat, pray for the Lord to stir up in our students a desire to reach out to other students back on campus with the hope of Christ. We're so excited to see what God has in store for us in the months ahead, and we're grateful for your partnership with us!

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"  
www.goandmakeministry.org*

Christmas was interesting this year. It didn't go as planned, but all is well. I ended up getting COVID when we were at Aunt Linda's so we had to quarantine in her basement. Nanna and Aunt Linda ended up not getting it, but Kelsey and my mom did. So we didn't get to go to Kelsey's family so that was tough. It's a new day and a new year though. We sent out cards inviting neighbors to The Table on Jan 13th. We had one lady reply that she is coming. Praying others will come too.

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! We are doing ok. I am recovering still, and, unfortunately, Sunday I had a funeral, and I am now getting sick. I believe it is cold. On Monday I am scheduled for a Covid test. Normally I should not have Covid since I had it, but we have to wait and see. I have not been able to get back to "normality" ...slowly.

The school will start back online on Monday.

My mom is doing better. She is now waking with a walker after over 2 months of being in bed. Her surgery went well and her recovery is going slow due to her diabetes. Her calcaneus was broken.

We have been praying for you and for America. It looks like everywhere you turn there are problems. We do continue to lift you up and these elections. Please let the church know that we pray for you, too, and that we love you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are in tears...last night we helped financially a homeless college student to whom Elisha (Eli) has been witnessing (she is Buddhist), and less than 24 hours later you blessed us. God never owes anything to anyone! Thank you, and please let the church know how grateful we are!

**Luce Tertio**

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

Happy New Year!

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

**Bryan & Brittany Kelly**

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

Hey friend! We know we can always count on y'all's love and prayers. Thank you for that!!

Thank you for the prayers. We are walking through a series this month called SV and Me. We are talking about the importance of church membership. Pray for our people. We are struggling with getting people back inside our walls. We want them to remember we are made for community, and while COVID is serious, we are taking the proper precautions to welcome them in to join us for worship.

Pray for B and his school!! He has a full load at work, so pray he keeps focused on school and prioritizes his time well.

Pray for me as I am learning to reconnect with my families again. With having the kids (and Covid) I lost a lot of the deep conversations with families. Pray for the Lord to give us a clear picture how to minister to our families the best way in this season.

Please continue to pray for our hearts. The girls have been with their mom for 3 weeks now. While we rejoice with her daily and talk to them often, the tears come with the silence of our home. Don't get me wrong, we are also enjoying some of that silence!! Haha. We are using it to reconnect with each other and our Father. But, some days it is still hard.

We love y'all. Praying for y'all as you dive in the Old Testament together.

**Michael & Holley Richardson**

**Ellis and Luke**

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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.

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