

MISSIONS connection

July 20, 2022

September 1 - Sadie Jones 29 - Emily Keeter

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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Hey Church Family!

We will be headed to South Africa on the evening flight July 20th from Atlanta to Joburg, SA this Wednesday night. We wanted to give you a little update before we leave. We have several very important meetings scheduled with the 3 men heading up the Cedara Project that Queens for the King partners with through Hilton Baptist Church.

Please pray for the following things around these meetings:

Resolution of the conflict between David, Syvion, and Nqobile. They have not been working together well. Pray that their conflicts can be resolved. Pray for reconciliation of their relationship and restoration. If God does not grant that then we need wisdom with how to proceed forward in leadership.

The portable building that was blocked from being delivered to Cedara to begin the church out of is still in limbo. Pray for either us to be able to get our money back in a full refund or for God to show us where to put this container to be used for His glorious purposes.

*These will be very hard meetings for Thomas so he needs lots of wisdom and favor.

Thomas will also preach both Sundays so pray for him and his preparation for those sermons.

Also pray for our smoothness in traveling which can be very unpredictable these days. Safety while traveling is always a good prayer point too.

Pray for Paige's health to be good. We hope all of us remain healthy too. We are so glad a lot of the COVID restrictions have been relaxed so that is a blessing.

Thanks for always holding the ropes for our family as we seek to do the Great Commission as Christ commanded. We hope to see you all back Aug 2nd. We will miss you in the interim.

God Bless you all!

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

I'm so sorry we've been MIA lately, but we have had quite the busy month. Our move to VA went...ok? Our movers gave us some trouble, and we had to make a separate trip back to NC to get the rest of our things. We're all piled in to Ashley's parents house, so we are beginning filming of the reboot of Full House soon! We have joined a church, Mt. Vernon, and Ashley is on staff part-time starting a special needs ministry! She is doing so awesome already and has gotten so much support already from the church. Work is going well with me, too.

Continue to pray as Ashley works diligently in establishing care for SJ, and we are continuing meeting her new providers. Ashley has filled out a waiver that would give her the opportunity to be a paid caregiver for SJ. That extra income would be a true blessing as we are still in the market for a home that would fit our/SJ's needs.

We've had the opportunity to go on vacation this week as a family, and I think this is our first one ever that hasn't had other family with us or a medical purpose too, so we have so grateful for that.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- A smooth trip from Indonesia to Atlanta!
- Healing for Anna
- Enos has tickets to fly here on July 27!
- God's provision in details for moving and getting married!
- God is already providing friends and connections in Ionia
- We are getting married July 30th!

Prayer:

- Please pray for wisdom and a spirit of unity as Enos and I have conversations with Yajasi in the coming week
- Pray that God would make plans for the future clear
- Pray for a smooth trip for Enos and that he will have no difficulties entering the country

Troy & Lille Poe

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Thank you for your prayers! It is always encouraging to see more people join our local church. We are thankful for the Singletons and Barnes and how they are already doing ministry with us.

I will be starting back with school at the beginning of August. Please pray I prepare well for the upcoming semester.

Run for God

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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We have our 10K race (6.2 miles) this Saturday. We are so excited about the accomplishments of everyone who began this Challenge 12 weeks ago. Thank you for your prayers as we travel to Cartersville this Saturday for this amazing time together. So many friendships have come together through Run Club. We have received numerous stories that we share with you on Run for God podcasts. Thank you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

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 for praying for Emanuel University. We just had admissions today, and in total we have about 50 so far who are registered as new students. We have another admissions day tomorrow. It is very important that we will have more students. I am returning to the US next Monday. Also, pray for Tori's last appointments. Thank you!

Rusty Couch

*Pastor of North Clarendon Baptist Church, Scottdale, GA
(NAMB Revitalization Pastor)*

Pray for my physical health. I have had some issues recently.

The accompanist and worship leader are still top requests.

We are having a back to school event on July 31. Please pray for that to be successful. We have with this situation. We also need carpet in the hallway to our Education Building. This is a main entrance, and the carpet is horrible. Please pray for us to find good, inexpensive carpet.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Matthew 22:37-39, "Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'" I have quoted this scripture many times in preaching to others. As I study it today for a devotion at next week's SPLASH Gordon, I noticed that the commandment is to love our neighbor AS OURSELVES. Self-love is sinful and destructive when separated from a love for God in 2 Timothy 3. Matthew Henry states that this self-love is natural in one's desire to care for our well-being and soul. And so loving our neighbor as ourselves means caring for their well-being and soul. Nowhere in Scripture are we commanded to love ourselves; however, we are repeatedly commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. God gives us commands, because the things he has commanded us are not natural to us. That's the heart of evangelism; that's the heart of missions. Doing that which is unnatural, i.e. loving our neighbor just as we love ourselves, naturally. It is caring for their soul and well-being. This was a great nugget of truth for me. I love studying God's Word. Praise the Lord, a couple of fellas from here joined up with a few brothers in Chattanooga last Saturday to preach and hand out gospel tracts. I'm working on another opportunity this weekend, possibly in Dahlenega and Helen. As of right now I don't have a preaching appointment for Sunday. But the Lord books our calendar. We pray that His will be done. As I stated earlier I have been working on devotions and sermons for SPLASH Gordon July 29-30. I will be giving a devotion each morning, leading an evangelism team through the day, and preaching each night. I earnestly covet your prayers for this outreach. This is going to be very difficult on me. But when I am weak, He indeed is strong. May God be glorified in it all. Praise the Lord, we had another church take us on as a missionary this week. Thank God for the prayers and provisions. Thank you, Grove Level, for all of your prayers and provisions through the years. We are honored to partner with you in Ministry. We love you. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Nathan and Laura Johnson

Navigators Collegiate Ministry

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If you would just continue praying for our house. They finally started working on it. We are hoping it won't take too long, but there's a lot of work that needs to be done. Also we are traveling for funding the next few weeks (that is why we're going to be in Dalton), so pray for that time and for us to develop potential partners! We love y'all and look forward to seeing you soon!

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 your prayers! Keep praying for Bryan and the mission team in Nicaragua (returning Friday, July 22). Pray for me and Patience as she's having a tough week. I think she's struggling with the change of Bryan being gone and work being crazy for me. Pray that she will start to trust us and that she will see that things really are different this time. We are her family.

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Thank you for your prayers!

Prayer requests:

- We believe God is leading us to have Italy as our missionary field! We decided to move to this direction.
- At the same time we had this decision, we had some bad news from our sending church. They are having a financial struggle since the membership decreased due to the pandemic. Now it's hard for them to pay our seminary fees. Pray for provision for the church, and for us to keep our studies until the end.
- This is a challenge, but we have faith in our God and we will not give up due to circumstances. Pray for us and for our church to learn through this experience.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Praises:

1. Thankful for a week of rest and vacation with family.
2. Two of the FRBA churches, Zebulon First Baptist and Fairview, are close to calling a permanent Pastor.
3. Grateful for a good response to both mission trips in August. A team of 14 is planning to go on the Evangelistic Medical Mission Trip to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic on August 4-9. So far, the team for the trip to Harrisburg, PA has 7 people signed up. This will be a trip to deliver hygiene bags to children through Covenant Community Church.
4. Praise! The teams from FRBA, under my leadership, have been working with Baptists in the Dominican Republic to form Baptist associations or networks in this country. As a result, there have been two associations formed and a third one is in process. The Flint River Baptist Association is 198 years old. Over these years, there have been other associations formed in Georgia. Now, there have been two associations formed on the international field, the Dominican Republic. Only God could have brought this into being.

Prayer needs:

1. Pray for Brooks Baptist Church. This church is small in number, 12 in attendance. They need to consider the possibility of a church replant in their location. Pray for their Interim Pastor, Oscar Cope, and myself as we prepare to share a plan for this church on July 31. Pray that this church will consider the plan as a means to help their church become stronger and healthier.
2. Please continue to pray for our mission teams as they prepare to serve in the DR and in PA.
3. Pray for the team going to the Dominican Republic. We have been told that our team will be able to provide medical care for over 1,000 people. Pray that our team will have an opportunity to share Christ with these people!

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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Thank you for praying for the wedding that I officiated this past weekend! It was a joy to be able to be a part of another wedding where the bride and groom both desire to honor God together. Continue to pray that this would be true of Jon Connor and Abby in their union together. I'm excited to be in the last two weeks of my seminary class. My hope is to continue taking one class per semester like this. Pray for the Lord to use this endeavor to make me more like Christ and to be able to pass on what I'm learning to others. As the summer winds down, we also ask for you to continue to pray for us as we prepare for the fall semester and to continue to pray for God's provision over our funding needs. Thank you for praying with us!

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Pray for us as we go door to door handing out VBS flyers. VBS is next week, July 24-28. Also, please pray for me as I have a visit tonight with a gentleman in our community. Thank you for praying for us.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

We got the first ultrasound last week. All is going well, although Kelsey is still battling bits of nausea. So please continue to pray for her and the baby.

Stephen and Emily Howard

Recent graduates of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Emily and Stephen Howard sense God calling them to Whitfield County to reach and disciple Latino people.

Here's the list for this week:

- 1) Continue to pray for long-term employment and future plans for us.
- 2) Pray for me at work to be a witness. Emily has been able to talk to people as well at her job. Pray God is glorified.
- 3) Continue to pray for opportunities in the community to preach the gospel.

We are also going to LA area in California August 24-31 to attend and be part of an evangelism training conference. Pray that trip would be fruitful.

Thanks for praying with us!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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Please continue to pray for us as we renovate at Grace. The platform and a side buildout has been finished this week. (We had no raised area before). We have a paint day scheduled for this coming Saturday morning. Pray for us as we work together to serve in joy and effectiveness. The Lord has been gracious to us pertaining to the weather...allowing the rain to hold off this past Sunday, as we met outside.

We need to start a new middle school Grace Connection Group. Pray for God to raise up leaders who love Him and love and desire to serve our students and their families. Pray as we move toward the beginning of the church year, as we seek teachers, leaders, space, 2023 calendar, and budget prep. Pray for us not flee the temptation to do stuff "just because," and pray that we will Biblically evaluate everything and trust

God to bring forth His people and needed resources to accomplish His work through us. Most of all, that we would be lead and enabled by the Holy Spirit to do His work here in Abingdon and beyond.

Thank you for loving us so well in the Lord.

Luce Tertio

Serving God in Brazil.

Grace and peace through the Lord Jesus!

Life here is getting back to normal. After spending over two weeks with Covid, I'm finally getting things in place and resuming my role in taking care of my parents, making appointments for them and taking them to doctors.

I'm also making the most of the winter school holiday to spend time with my youngest nieces and nephew.

Thank you so much for your prayers, my brothers and sisters.

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Here are some fun updates:

Thank you all for praying for wood for us!! We were randomly blessed in a couple ways. First, we were invited out on a boat by a family who we are close with. They have a three year old daughter (same age as our twins, hard to come by peers out here as there aren't many people at all) and the wife/mother Keilah joined my women's Bible study group and is a strong believer. This particular day happened to be THE day that drift wood was flowing plentifully! The dad, Jeremy, offered to help Ross catch some, and the two worked together with Ross learning and Keilah and I watching the kids and helping beach the catch. We got a lot of logs on really one of the only days available. (Driftwood isn't an exact science, you have to wait until whenever it shows up, it flows quickly, and every year the amount is different. Sometimes it's bank to bank a mile wide here, other times it's a few toothpicks). What a blessing of perfect timing and provision! Unbeknownst to us, another couple from our church we have been walking with spiritually went out and got us some logs with their boat and dropped it off as a kind gift. Amazing! And on top of that, we were able to secure 3-4 cords of dried spruce and birch (by far the best for heating fuel, and can only be cut down as they sink in water so you'll never catch them in driftwood) from the recently graduated son of the homeowners we are buying from! So our wood is secured for next year, with such specific and full provision from God-in resources like boats, in support like friends taking us out on the water to teach us or getting it for us, to financial ability to buy the amazing wood reserves. Our God is so good, and we always feel so encouraged to keep running our race when the Lord so fully provides for us even when things seem uncertain to us.

Prayer requests:

-financial peace as we decide what groceries to buy for the year (we buy the bulk of our groceries once a year in the summer). We will take shelf stable goods and supplies to be barged back to Galena at a MUCH cheaper rate than normal air freight. It's a very tricky thing to organize and involves a lot of math. Pray that stores are stocked well enough for this, and that the shopping, bargaining, and shipping goes smoothly.

Thank you! Molly (and Ross) Kinsey