

MISSIONS connection

Birthdays: February 13, 2019

February: 15: Paige Queen
March: 6: B 11: Kellie Crowe

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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Happy Valentines Week to Everyone!

We really appreciated your prayers last week. We had progress at Sibongumbomvu. They gave us a time table/tutoring schedule today. We also got introduced to our new tutoring room location which is a bit of a "fixer upper" but that is fine. At least we can begin working in the kids lives next week. Pray lots of volunteers sign up on Sunday to tutor. We are also collecting donations for soap and deodorant for the grade 8. Pray for folks to be generous to those 57 kids. We praise God for a church member who donated a fridge for the school cafeteria.

We began at the new school, Cedara primary. We met our new grade 4's and they are sweet. Pray for favor still at the school. Also for our break through in that community.

Pray for Nelisiwe's little 16 month old on house visits. Her baby has pneumonia. We continue to disciple these sweet folks. Pray for them to bring friends along to hear the gospel.

Elizabeth has almost finished her first student teaching assignment. Pray she gets all her assignments finished to turn in to be certified. She also needs prayer for her living situation next year as well.

Jacob continues to enjoy his Senior year. Pray for his rigorous schedule to equip him for all the Lord wants him to do.

We continue to appreciate your prayers for our parent's health. Paige's dad is eating well but has to have his esophageal stent removed Feb 27. Pray his esophagus stays open after that a long time. Pray for Paige's mom to get back injections soon. Thomas' mom has leg pain again. Pray for her health to improve quickly and for her medications and diet adjustments to work well.

That is our prayer needs this week. Thanks for lifting us up as always.

BJabc

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Team - We are grateful for all the coworkers that the Father has provided our team so that we can focus on the task of making d's and planting ch's. We currently have 5 teammates that are learning language. In order to facilitate language, it requires another 4 teammates to help facilitate that time and 4 national friends. Ask that our team will continue to grow in our understanding, ability, and love for the language and use it to communicate deeply with our friends and national partners.

Housing - We are grateful to have JB, DH, and the T6 moved and getting settled out in the country. This week we will move our Ag intern, JK, out to the bunkhouses for the next 4 months. Our family, a few volun-

teers, and Doc will also be using the bunkhouses for the next few weeks. Ask that we will acquire one more house so that we can get MJ and KT moved out ASAP.

Foundations - This week two volunteers will be spending the week with 26 of our potential future leaders and will be teaching the Theo. We are grateful for these guys, the translators, those hosting these students and for the funding that allows us to pour good things into these 26 students that we believe will lead to a healthier and stronger ch among Sparrows throughout the zone.

Family - We are grateful that we have been able to have a few days together as a family this past week and will also have a few days together the beginning of this week. Continue to ask that our time together will be full of encouragement and that we will be wise as we parent. We deeply desire to see our family abides well and that we pour the "good portion" into one another. Please ask that our time together will be full of encouragement and that we will be wise as we parent.

Michael & Holley Richardson

*Taking Seminary and preparing
for adoption.*

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We covet your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness to lift us up. Our adoption is moving along. In late January our home study update was approved. We await first approval and our travel date to bring our son home from Thailand, which should happen between April and September. Michael is a month into another semester of seminary working through Greek.

As for ministry, we have some new things that you can pray for. About a year ago, God began to put Albany State University onto our hearts. ASU is a historically Black university in Albany where we live. In June, a door began to open for us to partner with Baptist Collegiate Ministries to work on campus. Last fall Holley was able to begin a Bible study for ladies on campus. In November, Holley was offered a part-time campus minister position. Ministry here is unique. It is unlike any BCM we have known and unlike any ministry we have done in other places. Some challenges include the lack of healthy churches near campus. Most students have no form of transportation. Most students lack spiritual influences and healthy families or churches in their upbringing.

Here are some ways we would like for you to begin praying:

- 1 Pray for local churches around ASU to be strengthened and/or healthy churches to catch a vision to plant a multi-cultural church close to campus that is faithful to a true gospel.
- 2 Pray for patience and wisdom as we lead and minister in a new context.
- 3 Pray for discipline and rest as our new ministry has been added to our already busy schedules.
- 4 Pray for partners in ministry who will have a heart for college students at ASU.
- 5 Pray for salvation and growth in Christ among our students who are already connected to the ministry.

Pray for relationships with guys to be built. At our bi-weekly worship night on Tuesday we had about forty and two of the attendees were male.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

*Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the
pastor associate;*

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Bryan just wrapped up his winter class and is starting his spring class this week! Pray that all of this would be more than just school work. Pray for him in this busy season of life. Pray for us, as we continue to look for a children's director. Love y'all.

Chad & Emily Keeter
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We just started the spring 3 hour challenge! Over the next few weeks, our students will engage with others on campus in spiritual conversations. The hope of these times is to share the gospel and to have follow up meetings with the students that we meet. Would you pray for boldness as our students go out? Pray for fertile soil as they spread the seed of the gospel, and pray for opportunities for follow up meetings. We also started our sexual integrity groups this week. Would you pray that God would use this study to bring these young men into deeper fellowship with Himself and with one another? Our hope and prayer is that these guys would experience the freedom found in the gospel and that they would walk faithfully with Jesus for a lifetime. This Friday I'll be speaking at our Nav Night on Acts 26. Would you pray for me as I prepare this week? Pray that I would be faithful in preaching God's Word, and that the Lord would speak to those in attendance. Thank you for praying! We love you all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family
Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in
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Kellie is taking Alex to Wear's Valley Ranch this afternoon. Pray that God would help him to have a "future vision" of his life as he struggles through the "short-term" adjustments of living there and having to abide by certain rules and daily structure. (both of which he will not like at first). Pray for God to take His saving Gospel and penetrate Alex's heart and mind with it.

Pray for Tiffany as she has to do this hard thing of "releasing" her only son to the folks at the Ranch. Especially at a time when her health is failing fast. The cancer is now fracturing her hip bones. She is in great need of "So Great A Salvation." She has "prayed sinner's prayers" in the past, but there has been no evidence of repentance nor sanctification. And so we are concerned that there has really been no justification and forgiveness of sin. She knows the right things to say when she is asked if she knows the Lord, but her heart seems far from Him. Her time is short...please pray for God to have mercy and grace upon her and for the Spirit to regenerate her heart unto true repentance and belief in Jesus.

Grace — we are in the process of needing (because of city codes) to update our facilities. We do not want to incur more debt, so pray for us as we seek the Lord to "make the way".

Thank you for loving us and praying for us.

Run for God:
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What a great week here at the Run for God Camp! We had 2 decisions made for Christ!

Saturday we hosted our very first Run for God February Freezeout 6K. Thursday we wondered if we would be wearing shorts and t-shirts to this Freezeout...but the 22-degree wind chill Saturday morning left no question that this race was going to be a complete success! We even had snow at the start and finish line. It was amazing! Jesus' love was shared all over the place as a gospel message was presented before the race, giving the runners much to ponder as they ran this amazing trail at the new Haig Mill Lake Park. It is our prayer seeds were planted for His Kingdom.

Continue to pray as we plan and prepare to share the gospel in new ways. We are constantly seeking guidance from the Lord as we search for new paths for sharing.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer. We love you Grove Level and are so thankful for our church family.

-The Run for God Team

Mark & Gynnette Yoho
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How often have you sensed that something was not right, or that there was a potential temptation lurking nearby? God told Cain, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Genesis 4:7. Thank God there's always a way out when God is involved. There are times in ministry when I have that funny feeling something just isn't right. God is the one that provides that way out, but it's through the prayers of His people that this happens. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer. Last weekend things went very well at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. This Sunday I preach at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ranger, Georgia. I'll be spending a little time with my mom next week as she preps for surgery on March 5th and 12th to install the stimulator for her Parkinson's. Pray for safe travels. We leave the following week for New Orleans for our annual Mardi Gras Outreach. Please be in prayer for this. Thanks so much for your support and prayer. Blessings Gynnette and Mark

Josh & Kelsey Ellison
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Youth group is going well. We are expecting God to continue to do big things this year. My message went well. Might not have been the best rhetoric, but I know it was covered by myself and you all in prayer, so I expect that the Holy Spirit moved and will move in student's hearts.

I also wanted to share what God is doing in our neighborhood community group. We met last Monday for the first time this semester for an admin night to plan the rest of the times we meet. We had two new families join us. One family is Catholic, and the other is new to the neighborhood after moving in after their previous house flooded during hurricane Harvey. As we were doing introductions, the doorbell rang and another lady from our street stopped by to let us know she wanted to come that night but couldn't but would be there next time. We could tell she seemed like something was wrong, and Kelsey asked her if she was ok. She said no and asked Kelsey if she would pray with her. Kelsey spent about ten minutes praying with her outside while I went back in to the group. I do not believe this lady is a Christian, but she said she knew she could get prayer if she came down here. It was such an answer to prayer. That is exactly what we want our neighbors to know about our group. We were also able to show this to the two other couples which is awesome. Since then we've had a couple more people reach out to us. So I expect this coming Monday to have 4 or 5 families join us as we start going through Colossians.

Our pastor here at Crossbridge mentioned something in his sermon this past Sunday that is related to my story above. In Colossians 1:23 Paul speaks about how we hold to the hope of the Gospel to which he became a minister. Chuck, our pastor, said that we often read that and think, "Oh, minister, that is someone like Paul or a pastor." Rather the term there is more like servant. So the take away is that we are all ministers of the gospel. So I encourage everyone, brainstorm and pray about how you can be a minister of the gospel to those around you. Where you live, work, and play.

Brian & Ashley Jones

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Good afternoon! We're doing well. Ashley has started having Drs. visits every two weeks now. Sophie is growing and healthy. Ashley still suffers from headaches regularly, but besides that, she is doing well.

Justin & Sara Silvers

*Youth Minister currently searching for a
ministry job.
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I will be applying for a pastoral position with another church this week. Things are going great. We are just resting in God's grace and taking each day as a new opportunity to live His grace.

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