

# MISSIONS connection

March 11, 2020

Birthdays:

March 11 Kellie Crowe  
29 Brodie Rickman 29 Landon Hollis

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

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

We hope everyone recovered from their DNOW weekend. We held our first Sunday school in the Cedara community. We were excited to have 46 kids attend. Thanks for everyone who prayed for this event. We had plenty of volunteer help and good weather. Pray for the children to come to know Christ. Pray for a church to spring from this beginning.

Steady volunteer help will be important. Please continue to ask God for a venue. Although the school let us use the property, all the doors to the classrooms were locked still because the guard forgot to open them for us. The gate was open so we improvised under a tree but controlling our own venue will be better we think to avoid mishaps.

Elizabeth made it here safe and sound. Please pray for her permanent residence paperwork to go through and be accepted by the SA government. She returns to a very packed schedule at school when she gets to the USA so pray her transition goes smoothly and is a healthy one.

The corona virus has arrived here which is making a lot of people panic. Please pray this does not hinder the gospel message getting out especially in Shiyas.

Please continue to pray for our health and our parents health.

That's how to partner in prayer with us this week. We love you all.

God bless and keep you,

**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 the prayers! We are so thankful to have you guys as our prayer partners! Please be praying for Britt and her team as they are starting to prepare for VBS and Winshape Camp. Pray for me as I am balancing work and school. Please be praying for our church as we are learning what our community needs and are preparing our members to go out and help with those needs. Also pray for our church as we have start the process of looking for our next Lead Pastor.

**Hannah Kelly**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

*teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.*

Praise:

Everyone made it back safely from OE, and a few who had some more serious illnesses are recovering. This coming Sunday we will get to hear their reports at church. I am beginning to see some small improvements/progress with a lot of the students I work with. I am doing so many different things, that sometimes it is hard to tell if I am doing anything well. So it is encouraging to see some progress being made. I have some wide open opportunities to talk with Betty every day about the gospel! (See below)

Prayer:

Ongoing:

- Betty's salvation- My local small group is going through a book called something like "Growing Roots in Christ". It starts with the basics and is walking through the gospel very clearly and plainly. It is all in the local language, and it is really hard for me to read. So I bring it to language class with me and Betty helps me read it. Pray that God would speak to her through this and help me listen to His Spirit's leading as we talk.

- Peace/truth to rule in A's heart daily. Wisdom for me as I listen and pray. This has been a difficult week.

Please begin to pray with me for another special education teacher to come and serve at our school. This job is really too big for me to do as well as I would like. We are also praying for a guidance counselor who could do some counseling with some of our students, as well as help high school students with the transition to college back in their home countries.

**Justin & Sara Silvers**

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

Praise, I met with the surgeon last Thursday and will not have to have any type of procedures. Continue to pray for us as we are studying revival leading up to our time together. It has been going really well. We are so looking forward to that. Pray specifically for us as we are starting to see some fruit from our efforts and to continue strong in the Lord, resting in his timing. Pray for continued growth of the people and that we not be afraid to step outside of the norms in how we do church. Pray for me as I lead the church as: pastor, youth pastor, worship pastor, and every other role that I play. Continue to pray for strength for me as I work and work with our church. Many long days and nights. Pray that I can have vision for the needs and hurts of my congregation and for God's direction. Thank you for the partnership. It is greatly appreciated.

**Run for God:**

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*

*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

Thank you for your prayers, church family. We are excited to share 2 decisions for Christ this week!

We ask that you pray for Instructors (Coaches) we are now calling them, as they lead their new classes. Many of them are leading for the first time. It is our prayer the message of the Gospel will go out clearly and softened hearts will hear and respond.

Run Club is starting as another avenue of sharing with communities. Great words are being shared with these folks who join and we pray they, in turn, will share these messages throughout their communities.

Pray with us as we face challenges daily. Pray the ministry will continue to grow throughout the country and world and new churches and individuals will come on board to lead classes in their area. It is easy to get discouraged in these days.

-The Run for God Team

**B.Jabc**

*servicing in Northern Africa; 4551 Old Dalton Rd NE, Rome, GA 30165*

Team - This week a family is visiting with our team to consider partnering in a more intentional way. The husband is a veterinarian and would meet a critical need for our team and its projects. Please ask that the Father would provide clarity for this family and our team as to what next steps we should take together.

Beneficiaries - Over the next few weeks our team will be meeting with our goat beneficiaries to check on the goats and to spend some focused time in their communities. Ask for the Father to prepare the hearts of people, families, and communities to hear and receive the truth of the Son.

NT Scripture - Our national friends continue to work hard to finish the checks needed to be completed in order to gain approval for the translation team to pass along the material to begin printing. Ask that for the Father's favor in these final steps so that we can start the next process of getting the NT into the hands of the Sparrow church in the Sparrow language.

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"*

*www.goandmakeministry.org*

I would just ask for prayers for us navigating through all of the things that are causing fear today like the COVID19 and oil wars. I wouldn't say I have been anxious, but I am seeing that it is going to impact our interactions with people for sure and therefore our opportunities to minister. And obviously the oil price can affect my job both from an employment or at least a stress level. So just prayers for us to be able to have wisdom in how we can still minister in these times no matter how it unfolds.

Also, I need to add another prayer request. You may remember our neighbor who is in our community group that I mentioned before that is going through a divorce and has 6 kids. We just learned that found out that her house is going under foreclosure because the husband quit paying the mortgage 5 months ago. She is still trying to figure out next steps but just keep her in your prayers. It's a pretty heartbreaking situation.

**Michael & Holley & Ellis Richardson**

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

This semester will hopefully be Michael's final semester at Southeastern. His increased workload has brought increased stress as he is taking three classes: Hebrew 2, Baptist History, and Homiletics. Pray for perseverance and wisdom to balance all that is on his plate. Holley is continuing to work with students at Albany State. Continue to ask for gospel fruit there. Ellis continues to be a blessing to our family. He is learning and growing so fast. We are grateful for the Lord's provision and are also thankful for your faithfulness to lift up our family before the Lord.

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
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Thank you for your prayers. Lille and I are doing well in Louisville. School is hard at times for both of us, but we are persevering. A week ago, I had the opportunity to talk with a co-worker about the gospel for an extended period of time after work. Salvation has not come to him yet, but I pray his eyes will be open to the truth soon. This upcoming Saturday, this co-worker along with two other unbelievers from my work will be joining Lille and me at our apartment for supper and a game night. I have shared the gospel with two of the three of them, and I have invited them all to church. They are not comfortable with going to church, but they do want to hang out. I hope this Saturday results in deepened friendships and opportunities to speak more truth into their lives. Please be praying for Lille and me to be good witnesses for Christ Jesus. I pray all is well at GLBC as you bare witness to Jesus Christ glorifying God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Navigators Ministry Staff 1415 Harmony Rd  
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Over the past few weeks I've been going into Hess Hall (a dorm on campus) with a freshman guy named Ethan on Tuesday nights to build relationships with guys on his hall. Several weeks ago I pitched the idea of spending time on his hall, inviting guys to hang out, with the hopes of reaching them with the Gospel. Ethan was hesitant at first, but in the past two weeks it's been incredible to see his excitement to reach out to the guys living right near him. So far, we've just hung out relationally, but we're praying for God to give us favor as we hope to transition those relationships to Gospel conversations. Last night we prayed together after playing video games with some guys. It was so encouraging to hear Ethan praying for guys to come to know the Lord. Would you pray with us for our efforts on Ethan's hall? Thank you! Also, be praying for us as we plan to go to Jacksonville next

week for a spring break service trip. It's just a small group of guys going, but we're excited for the opportunity to serve and build deeper community. Pray for our family as I'm away from Emily and Caleb for a week. We love you all!

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,  
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Thank you so much for your diligence in praying for us and others.

Crowe's — Tiffany is doing well and settled in to our home. God has provided a very good care-giver along with our daughter Grace who helps 2-3 days a week while she homeschools. Continue to earnestly and fervently pray for Alex to stay at Wears Valley Ranch. For him to come back here would be detrimental to his progress and maturing growth.

We are as busy as we have ever been, yet God is continuing to show us His faithfulness and give to us strength and enabling grace for each day. Pray for us to continue to trust Him and rest upon Him.

Grace Christian Fellowship— pray for our wonderful Administrative Assistant as she has decided to not work anymore and instead spend time with her grandchildren. Pray for our elders as we seek the Lord on what to do in her absence. Whether to continue with the position or to streamline and autodraft most things....and spread the rest of the minimal duties among others.

Pray for us as we seek to "deepen" our corporate time of worship. We are trying to "do" too many things in our short time together. We need God's help in knowing what to continue and what to let our small groups handle (missions videos, announcements and such). We want to keep our focus on worshipping the Lord, and we are "stopping and starting" too often, and it is causing distractions and loss of focus and attention. We really need the Lord's help and guidance in this matter.

We, as elders, are praying and seeking the Lord on deepening our corporate worship. Our administrative assistant has decided not to return to work. Pray as we condense the needed duties, streamlining for efficiency, auto drafting finances and such....and that will give us a better idea of what we need and what we do not need.

We are celebrating Kellie's B-Day tonight and I will not be at Prayer Gathering, but I will forward any request y'all may have. Thank you so much. We love you.

Thank y'all so much for loving us through prayer.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

It's really amazing how quickly we human beings can prepare for a potential hazardous situation. Really and truly that's the way God has designed us. When we hear the news of something potentially dangerous, internal alarms begin to sound, and the realization that we need to get ready settles in. Spiritually it's really no different. The Holy Spirit places a sense of urgency within our soul. Also we have the testimony of the Word of God that we need to get ready for the coming of the Lord. Jesus said in Mark 13:35-37, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." So let's all be diligent in our prayer, worship, Bible study, and witnessing to get ready for the coming of the Lord. Hey, thanks so much for praying for us. We've been struggling with an open calendar in our preaching. I began to make some changes in how I interact with pastors, and the Lord has blessed me with an opportunity to preach this Sunday morning at Antioch Baptist Church in Calhoun, Georgia. Another pastor is looking to use us on one of the remaining Sundays in March. Your prayers have helped pastors to connect with us but also to help me make some changes in my practices. I guess that's why some people sing the song "God either move the mountain or move me." Thanks so much for your prayers and support. I look forward to the great things that our God will do in answer to your prayers. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

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We were able to connect with a local endocrinologist that will partner with Dr Miller in Florida. She immediately increased her growth hormone dosage - so that is a huge praise. The local endo is even a Christian!!

One thing to pray for is our switching from our old insurance to new is now getting complicated. There are countless hrs each week I'm calling the new insurance and providers and pharmacies trying to sort out proof of diagnosis and letters of recommendation. Our poor providers have faxed over the same things a million times. Unfortunately, this new switch of insurance also means our bills are more costly now.

Overall- gross motor and communication are the biggest areas of prayer for Sophie Jane. Besides God doing a miracle and closing up the hole in her heart.

For Brian, he's getting a lot of over time at work which is awesome that God is providing but he's also very tired.

For all of us- to put Christ first and focus on each day one at a time. To have a heart of gratitude, especially as we are emotional as it gets close to Sophie's birthday- grieving what we thought her first year would be while also rejoicing for her being here and how much progress she has made! We love y'all and are SO thankful for you

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