

MISSIONS connection

March 18, 2020

Birthdays:

March 29 Brodie Rickman 29 Landon Hollis

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

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

We were so glad for the live stream service from Grove Level yesterday. It allowed us to enjoy a good sermon.

The corona virus is present in South Africa now. The government here is taking similar steps like the USA. One of the measures is not allowing assembly of more than 100 people. This will make having services and ministry very tricky so we are glad GLBC is providing a service for us to watch. Please pray for wisdom for us as to how to maximize the gospel spread under the new restrictions.

We had our second Sunday school service in Cedara yesterday. 40 plus kids attended. Nqobile's Sweetwaters church did the lesson in isiZulu. We are excited about this partnership. Pray for continued success with our sister churches in developing a church in Cedara.

We really enjoyed having Elizabeth with us last week. Although we had to go to home affairs twice to get fingerprints the government would accept, they did take her paperwork for processing her ID. She enjoyed helping us with the Sunday school, kid's club at Sibong, and house visits in Shiyas. She landed safely Monday morning in the USA. Please pray for her health and quick recovery from jet lag as she has work demands on Tuesday. Lee is having on line classes later in the week.

Please remember us in your prayers. We really appreciate your prayers for our health and protection during these next few weeks as corona virus policy and spread can really affect our ability to serve.

We love you all. We pray you show the love of Christ to all those around you. This shows we have a hope in Jesus which makes us different from all those around us who live in fear.

May the Lord bless and keep you as well.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

Although things are a little crazy (as they are everywhere), we are mostly healthy here and have begun to self-quarantine. Of course the virus is a concern, but as far as general security goes, we are safe.

Prayer:

Ongoing:

- Betty's salvation- Please continue to pray that God would speak to her through this Bible study, and that I would be diligent to listen to the Holy Spirit. Although school is canceled for the kids, we will continue to have language class for now.
- Please keep praying that A would be able to know, believe, and walk in the truth. Pray that Jesus would guard her heart and her mind.
- That God would send another special education teacher and a guidance counselor for our school

Pray that, as an expatriate m community, our light for Jesus and the hope that we have would shine bright to those around us.

Thank you for praying so faithfully!

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Thank you for praying for our family and Buffalo Lick. We are going to move to online services and will look at rescheduling revival. We will be doing a Facebook live watch tonight to discuss these things. Please be in prayer for us as we move forward. God is working, and we do not want to miss what He is doing.

Run for God:

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Please pray the Run for God 5k Challenge Podcast touches many lives as folks are staying home and looking for Run Training Plans. We are already seeing activity of the importance of Running/Walking as folks are forced to stay home. Pray the search leads them to us! Praise the Lord! We had a decision for Christ this week! We are so blessed to see this.

Pray with us as we reach out to communities all over the world with the message of the Gospel. We continue to encourage as our Coaches are discouraged having to cancel their classes. Pray for them as they find media avenues to have class online. Technology is being used for the gospel in so many ways for these Run for God classes to take place. This will give many who will not go to a class at a church, an opportunity to hear God's Word online. Thank you for your prayers!

We love you Grove Level!

The Run for God Team

B.Jabc

serving 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

For us it is asking some of those same prayers. How do we have community group yet be wise as far as the whole social distancing is concerned? How can we hold tight to the things that really matter and hold loosely things that are just comforts? How can we use our time even greater today in spreading the hope of Jesus?

To be honest I was starting to get too focused on finding out which model and solution was best and all of that. But God is reminding me that our focus shouldn't change from our mission that we've been given. He showed that tangibly today as Kelsey and the girls were playing in the front yard with music playing and she said more than 10 people came by and chatted. She even talked to one lady about our community group and said it is for all people regardless of whether they are Christian or know anything about Jesus and just want to know more. The lady said that was her. That she doesn't really know anything about Jesus but is wanting to.

That really encouraged me that God is still working. Even when we can't explain why this virus is allowed to happen, we can still see God at work. So pray for us that we don't lose focus or heart. We will actually be coming to Georgia since I have to work remotely anyways. Right now the plan is to be in town starting on the week of April 5. Hopefully we will be able to see everyone!

Troy & Lille Poe

student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Thank you for your prayers. They are much appreciated, definitely in these days.

Due to COVID-19, all of my classes have been moved to online for the rest of the semester. Please pray I am able to adjust to this change and still stay on top of my studies.

Our church has switched to livestream for the next few weeks until further notice. Lille and I are hoping to still be able to meet up with our small group in order to watch the service together at someone's home. This past weekend went well with my lost friends coming over for supper and games. Friendships were deepened, and I believe we will all be hanging out again. Please pray for wisdom and understanding as Lille and I try to speak truth into their lives.

I pray you all are staying safe and doing well. Despite these hard times, we have hope in Jesus, who is above all our circumstances and understands us where we are in life.

Chad & Emily Keeter

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We sadly had to shift gears last week and cancel our spring break trip, which was scheduled for this week. It was a tough decision, but in hindsight we've felt confident that it was the right direction to go in. UT announced earlier this week that classes will be held online for the remainder of the semester and that students aren't allowed to return to campus. As you know, this is such a strange time, and especially so for us on campus. After spring break our hope is to connect with students for things like one on one discipleship, Bible study, purity groups, and messages in an online format. Would you pray for the Lord to give us favor with our students as we shift gears? Also, please pray for our students as they are back at home for extended times. Some of them are returning to difficult home lives and are more distanced from Christian community. Pray for them to resist

temptation and see this as an opportunity for growth and to love and serve their family. We love you all, and we're praying for the Lord's protection and mercy over Grove Level!

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

I am running short on time today, so I will be brief. Everything we are doing had been cancelled, like most everyone else. I'm work on something for next week. Thank you for supporting us with 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

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.

Michael & Holley & Ellis Richardson

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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.

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