

MISSIONS connection

August 26, 2020

Birthdays:

September 1 Sadie Jones 5 Kristen Bowen
13 Addie Rickman 19 Cooper Rickman
29 Emily Keeter

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

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

Here's how to pray for us this week:

Pray for Thomas' James devotions to be "a word in season" for listeners.

Pray for good tutoring sessions this week. Pray for the kids of Kensos to be healthy physically and spiritually.

Pray for Paige's health to improve. Pray for healing, wisdom, deliverance, strength and endurance.

Pray for Jacob as he works out his notice at Chick Fil A this week. He moved into TN Tech August 16. Classes begin Aug 24. Pray for him to find godly friends, mentors, and a second college church home so he thrives spiritually in his college years.

Pray for a time-sensitive piece of mail we are having sent from the USA to SA is able to reach here intact via courier.

Our young nephew Jess has retinal surgery in B'ham ALA to try to save his vision. Pray for success and swift recovery.

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! The girls started school this week. Pray they and their classes stay healthy! Please pray for our church as we will move to 2 services next week and re-gathering of our Children's ministries. There is A LOT of planning and prep going into it. We love y'all.

Run for God:

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Please pray for us as we try reaching out to runners through many different media platforms. Pray we find the right sources to reach out. Of course our mission is to find the right way to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

In these difficult days we find ourselves of course questioning, what's next? We trust God fully with our path and pray our plans are Always His plans.

Thank you church family for loving us through your prayers.

The Run for God Team

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

Psalms 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Throughout the years this verse has been comforting knowing that the Angel of the Lord is encamped round about us on the street, at event outreach, or overseas. I have open air preached in highly Muslim areas and, thank God, I was keenly aware of His presence.

The Apostle Paul names various perils he was in and simply says, "The Lord delivered me out of them all." No doubt it had something to do with the fact that the Angel of the Lord was encamped round about him. But you know, I'm really glad the Angel of the Lord is still encamped round about us in times such as these, when there doesn't seem to be much going on. There's no telling just how hard these ministering spirits work to protect and provide for us. What's comforting is that this verse applies to all Christians. This past week Gynnette and I traveled 12 hours to be with my parents and visit my mom in a rehab center. Due to COVID and changes to my mom's healthcare, we were not able to get in to see her, but the Angel of the Lord is encamped round about her.

Yesterday would have been our regular jail ministry night, but they are still not allowing volunteers in. I am preparing to go to Tampa September 4-7 to prepare for Super Bowl Outreach. Please pray for good health and safety as I meet with 10 other men to plan this outreach. Pastor Mitch asked me to do the service on Wednesday September 9. Other than that our calendar is open and could use some prayer for God to fill it for us. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

We've never had a need that God has not met, and prayer is a huge part of that. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- School has started and kids are able to come face to face! It looks very different but we are all glad to be back.

- Our principal is leading our school in the theme of "Loving God and Loving Others" this year. As a school, we are intentionally focusing on making disciples and making sure that we address hearts before academic knowledge. This has led to some changes in the way I do my job, but it has been neat to see how God put the same thing (to be making disciples) on my heart over the summer.

Prayer:

- For wisdom and courage as I discern what it looks like to make disciples at school and the implications for how to set up my daily school schedule.

- Anna: It has become clear to Anna and I that a lot of what she is facing is spiritual warfare. The enemy seems to be putting evil thoughts and lies into her mind and heart in a way that just doesn't happen when she is in the US. As I walk with her, I also see how the enemy is trying to cause doubt in my heart as well. Please pray that we can believe the truth and keep running to Jesus.

- Betty: I am still praying about doing some kind of Bible study with Betty and some other girls, after school gets into a smoother rhythm.

- One of my students (Novella) has been in the hospital this week. Please pray for physical and spiritual healing.

Love in Jesus to you all,

Hannah

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

We love you, too. Please be praying for us as we have both Homecoming and Revival services coming up soon. We are excited about both. I have started re-reading Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Church," and I am thankful that I have. I have been struggling with what I would call "growth" and am strengthened to be reminded that the growth part is in God's hands. I have to learn to see it and work within His will and timing. Things are going great at BLBC. Pray that I will stay vigilant against the devil and his schemes of distrust, discouragement, and de-fellowship. Pray that God continues to guide us and that I can learn to get out of the way. Pray also because I am trying to cast a vision that God has given me of adding 100 new souls to Buffalo.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA,
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From David Crowe:

Grace — summer is drawing to an end and so we are making plans to begin meeting back in our building. Pray for our elders to receive much wisdom from the Word and much guidance from the Holy Spirit to know when, and how to gather inside again. We are praying for 4-6 more good weathered Sundays so we can continue to meet outside with the greatest number of people.

Pray for our Grace families to begin this new Bible Study quarter with resolve and enthusiasm as they teach and learn the Word of God in their own homes.

All of our elders and their families will be streaming the Sing! Global Conference beginning next week. This is a great opportunity for teaching, encouragement, ideas, refreshment and worship for our elders as they lead worship in our Grace family each week. I am excited for them to be able to sit under some great teaching on worshipping God and also the ability to get to enjoy and be refreshed singing good and solid worship songs with thousands of other Brothers and Sisters throughout the world. Pray for Dave, Larry, Gary, Bill, Jason and me as we steam live August 30-Sept 2 and then as we continue to watch the many breakout sessions throughout the month of Sept. I am asking God to do His wonderful work in us.

Crowe's — Samuel and Katlynn are better (she more than he). She has gone back to work at the hospital, but he is still working from home. Andrew and Grace began school this week. We are homeschooling them both again, so we (and they) need to be loved through prayer. Pray for Kellie's mom (Carolyn) as she still struggles with Tiffany's death. Pray for my mom (Doris) as she is having to stay in more than getting out. My sister is still with her for now, so she has company, but me and my family have not been able to go into her house in months. We do thank the Lord for summertime weather so we can sit outside together.

Please continue to pray for the sell of the Escape Game. God has sent us some really great new employees. Pray for us to continue to be Christlike employers to them.

Thank you for praying for us, even for the same things over and over. We are thankful for your persistence. Lord bless, DC

Brian & Ashley Jones

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Thank you so much for your consistency in praying for us! We love y'all!

Praise God- Brian is back to a regular work schedule and not doing so much overtime. We are so thankful! Please continue to pray for him, as work has been hard lately (physically- his feet and knees have been hurting him, emotionally- there have been a lot of traumatic deaths as of late). Please pray for his walk, to trust in God's goodness, and to seek out community with other godly men, fighting against feeling drained and tired all the time.

Please pray for me still to have patience and give grace with Sadie Kate testing her independence, for discipline and diligence with my free time. I've been watching too much tv or been on my phone mindlessly scrolling rather than spending time doing things that are meaningful and productive. Also for anxiety - as preschool starts next week and we have begun to go to small group again, and it's what I know God has called us to, but hard with the current climate.

For Brian and me both to put Christ first and make time for each other, giving each other compassion and grace as those opposite love languages are always fun.

For Sadie Kate- to adjust well going from people deprivation to school (which will have different protocols and rules this year), for her salvation as begins to grow in her understanding of Scripture and about Jesus.

For Sophie Jane- for protection over her health and for future decisions about surgeons, hospitals, etc; for her growth and development, learning to chew food and crawling properly, for a miracle in her heart if it's God's will and way.

Lastly, for good health of our family if it's God will this fall and winter; but, above all, that we would be a light to the lost and an encouragement to believers.

Luce Tertio

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

My family and I are all healthy right now, praise God. Things are about the same here in terms of the economy, the virus, and the political situation.

I would like to ask for prayer for friends and family members of my friends: Paula, my friend who has been dealing with breast cancer, is going to start intensive radiation and chemotherapy this week, because the cancer has returned.

Susan King, my missionary friend in East Timor, who has thyroid cancer and was finally able to get a flight out to South Korea for treatment. There was no treatment available where she was, and her travel and treatment will be very expensive.

Raul Bueno, father of my friend Andrea, who needs a pacemaker but is not strong enough to have the surgery, so they are treating him with medicine. CB Bryson, Denil's father, who is dealing with bladder cancer.

These are the names on our prayer list here at home. I appreciate your prayers!

In the love and mercy of our God,

My best to you all!

Luce

Chad & Emily Keeter
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Our Fall Launch is in full swing here at UT! Our team has been very encouraged by some great connections that we've made with new students. Pray for the Lord to give us favor with a group of friends--Harrison, Jordan, John, and Chris. We keep crossing paths with them on campus, and they seem eager to get involved in Bible study and invite other friends! Thank you for praying with us as we meet hundreds of new students with the hopes that even just a few would go deep with us and help us reach the lost on campus. You are all such an encouragement to us!

Nathan Johnson and Laura Hobbs
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We have been able to connect with some students which has been good, and I am actually having dinner tonight with the student I mentioned last week! So pray for that and pray for the conversation as I hope to share a little bit of my testimony and hope to hear his as well. And continuing that, please pray for favor for us and our team with students on campus - praying for that will be one we ask for every week I'm sure.

Also, we are trying to reach the lost - that is going to be a big focus of our ministry - so pray that we would even come into contact with and build friendships among and with the lost - hoping that those friendships would be the basis of sharing and inviting them into a relationship with Jesus.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison
*"Go and Make Ministries"
www.goandmakeministry.org*

We do have an update about our community group. We have been praying and talking with one of our friends for a while now on how do we both make an impact in our local community with the gospel and also how do we really focus on discipleship. With this in mind, we have decided to actually call our community group a house church called The Table. A lot will stay the same, but there will be some differences. One big thing is that we will be having a meal together every week, and the conversation will always be on the foundation: the gospel. Discipleship will flow out of that. The reason we just want to make that the focus is that we've seen how many people have never actually heard the true gospel. And we've also seen how quickly we forget it and turn back to a works-based idea. So anyways, more to come there. I've got flyers to hand out to neighbors coming in the mail, and we will start in mid-September on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. (Houston time).

We are really excited about this and praying that God does something extraordinary. Crossbridge is going through a series on 2 Chronicles 7:14 right now on what can we do to prepare ourselves for a revival. God is the only One Who can actually do it, but we can do our part to prepare. I know we went through that verse many times at Grove Level, and it is one that is always in memory. I asked Kelsey a couple days before that sermon about what if in all these years we have been praying for revival, what if God is doing it through all that is happening in the world right now. I think we have a picture in our head that revival is just going to be where all of a sudden people just show up at the church building (which history has shown can happen), but what if that is just one way? What if in this time, we are still to GO out to them, but people are more receptive. When I look at the Great Commission, that is what I see. Jesus also says that the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few, pray that God would SEND more out into the fields. This is why we are doing The Table. Pray for us and our neighbors. And I encourage you to look into the fields wherever you are, and be creative and bold to find ways to plant and water and harvest. I really believe God is cultivating a great season of crops.

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Thanks for lifting us up. We received news Friday that in light of the Coronavirus we will not have to travel to Washington DC to finalize our adoption. Pray with us also for the upcoming semester at Albany State University. Much of what BCM will be able to do on campus is uncertain. Pray for opportunities to connect with students and open doors for the gospel.

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Thank you for your prayer support. Lille and I are doing well. My school has started back this week. Please pray for discipline in my studies, and for Lille and me as we adjust to the school schedule. Continue to be praying for both of us at work as we do our best to represent our Lord. Last week I was able to get into another conversation with a coworker about God. There are many at my work who are in need of Christ. Please continue to pray for the salvation of the lost.