

MISSIONS connection

September 16, 2020

Birthdays:

September: 19 Cooper Rickman 29 Emily Keeter
October: 27 Troy Poe 28 Lane Hollis

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

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

Since our last update, we have repatriated to the USA for some much needed medical care for Paige. Please continue to pray for her to fully recover. Last week was her best week in months. Pray for her new medication to continue to improve her health to serve the Lord fully.

We plan to partner with Grove Level while home and serve in any capacity that advances the gospel and enriches the spiritual health of the church. Please pray for Thomas to use all his talents fully. He also will continue to remotely help Hilton Baptist any way he can as well. He just needs wisdom in his tasks and in balancing both churches he loves so much.

While we have been in the USA getting medical care, the work at Cedara done with Hilton Baptist has continued. Our community outreach partners Syvion and Nqobile have begun Friday clubs after school with the children. HBC also began Sunday school for the Cedara children again. See pictures below. Pray for many children to come to Christ and for a church to spring out of this ministry.

Three of our Sweetwater translators have begun a gardening gospel NPO called Siza Community Programme. We have been helping them get this gardening ministry off the ground with supply assistance and training. Please pray for more financial and training partners to come on board so the families of Sweetwaters can learn to grow food during the pandemic but also hear the gospel for the first time.

Pray for the kids of Kenosis that we tutored all of lockdown. We miss them and pray they are learning a lot in school while we are away. We love the videos we send back and forth with them.

Jacob is doing well at college. He loves his classes so far and is making great friends at Baptist Collegiate Ministry. He thinks he has found a good college church home too. Pray we find him just the right car. Also he found a rugby club at TN Tech and is loving playing again.

Elizabeth is doing well in her work and school counseling classes. Pray for her travel to be smooth for her counseling conference in Murfreesboro today. Pray for her wisdom in spiritual matters and to stay in God's perfect will in all areas of her life.

We also need to find a new house sitter this week and identify a dependable used car for Jacob. Please pray for our God to provide for these needs.

That's the scoop! Thank you for all your prayers.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- I have been seeing kids on a regular schedule this week and loving it! God has gone before some hard conversations with parents and staff.
- Anna is doing better these past few weeks.

Prayer:

- Please pray for teachers/staff at our school- that we would be able to love and encourage one another well. It can be difficult when we see so much of each other, but it's so important.
- Please pray that God would continue to open doors for relationships with local people and in my local church. I'm praying for wisdom about how to invest my time and energy for God's purposes.
- Anna: please pray that Anna will not give into temptation and will surrender everything to Jesus.
- Please keep praying that God will use His word in the lives of the high school girls and in Betty's heart.

It is so encouraging to know that you guys are faithfully praying, and that I don't bear these things alone. Thank you!

Hannah

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Thank you so much for your words of encouragement. If you could pray for us for our revival services September 4-7 (we are so excited about it). Also, we have a young couple who have been coming for a few months and are considering joining (God has been working on them). Please continue to pray for me that I remain in God's will and that the church remains in His will. Praises: we had homecoming this past Sunday, and it was the largest crowd we've had, and it was so encouraging to see them and worship with them. Pray for me and my leadership as I'm trying to earn my leadership of the church instead of demanding it. I have been studying some books on pastoring/shepherding, and this is the common theme: earning versus demanding. Thank you for all you do for us, both my family and our church. All those praying for us are a blessing of immeasurable magnitude. Thank you.

Run for God:

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756

We have been talking to NEW Instructors this week. These are folks who have just purchased Instructors Kits and preparing to teach a Run for God class. It is so exciting to hear their enthusiasm and encouragement for the ministry! They are getting ready with lots of information and ready to share Jesus in their community.

Please pray as we reach out to encourage them and they reach out to get folks involved.

We know once they sign up they will hear the Gospel. That is the goal as Fall comes around. Cooler weather will bring folks outside ready to walk and run.

We love our church family!

The Run for God Team

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

From Mark Yoho:

2 Corinthians 5:20: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." I am so very humbled that God would so choose to use us as His ambassadors for the great kingdom of God. So much the more that He would choose to empower us to be His ambassadors. What a great responsibility and yet what a great joy it is to speak on His behalf. I really love the opportunities God gives me to speak on His behalf.

Last Wednesday I was supposed to preach at Sugar Valley Baptist, but our service was cancelled because of the man hunt which was about 3 miles from our church. Pastor Mitch asked me to preach this coming Wednesday night instead.

This coming Sunday I will be preaching at Fellowship Baptist Church in Plainville, GA both services. Thanks for praying for our service at Sugar Valley Baptist this past Sunday. I preached on "Excuses" from Luke 14. There were some who responded to the invitation in the altar. God was working as we were just speaking as an ambassador.

Thanks for your support and prayer. You are a big part of our work. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for your faithfulness to lift Lille and me up in prayer before our God. We are thankful for GLBC and your heart of prayer. Please continue to pray that we will study well by prioritizing our time appropriately in a way that pleases our Lord. Also pray we will be able to speak truth in love at our workplaces. We hope for opportunities to share the gospel.

Chad & Emily Keeter

*Navigators Ministry Staff
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Most of our staff teams efforts this year are going toward recruiting freshman as we're hoping to see a fresh "restart" of our ministry. I'm really enjoying leading our three staff guys and meeting with them regularly to invest in them and continue to cast the vision of creating a culture of discipleship and evangelism. Continue to pray for the Lord to give us favor with the freshman that we've met. Pray also for the small group of upperclassmen that we're investing in as well to buy into this culture that we're hoping to create. Thank you for partnering with us!

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

*"Go and Make Ministries"
www.goandmakeministry.org*

We are back in Texas now. Enjoyed the time with family. Now we will begin preparing for The Table (house church) that I mentioned last week. We are pushing back the first night to the 23rd now because we have a leadership meeting at Crossbridge on the 16th. So just be praying for us, for our neighbors, and for God to add to His numbers.

Love y'all,
Josh

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 prayer requests for this week:

My mother's health – She got the results from one test, and now she has an appointment with the doctor to discuss the results. She isn't feeling good, and one of the issues is that she can't take one of the recommended medications because of side effects.

My missionary friend Susan – The biopsy report shows that the cancer has not spread, and she will have surgery on the 18th.

A pastor's wife who is suffering from depression

Thank you for your prayers! I appreciate the messages you send.

Michael & Holley & Ellis Richardson

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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.

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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Things we would love prayer for:
Continued favor with students: unusual kindness from them
Innovative ideas: how to meet students in the midst of uncertainty
Friendships with the lost: connecting with them
Gospel conversations: opportunities to share Jesus
Smoothness with our wedding as we finish all the last minute things!
Prayers for our marriage as we step into that together

Thank y'all for your faithful prayers and support as we enter into so many new stages of our lives. We look forward to future updates and to continue sharing how the Lord uses your partnership here at USC!

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

Brittany is the preschool director at Severns Valley where Bryan is the pastor associate; 162 Dorothy Drive, 2G, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

We could use the prayers this week. Our girls Mom goes to criminal court next Tuesday. Its a big day; we find out if she will do jail time. Pray for her and everyone involved. Please also pray for us as we minister to her and the kids. Our hearts are tired!

Please pray for our church as we walk through a view of call weekend for our new pastor next weekend. We love you all!

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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From David Crowe:

Grace — thank the Lord for the team of Grace folks who will be laying out a plan and schedule for our “winter re-entry” into our building. Pray for them to seek wisdom from the Lord, to be compassionate and kind to all and to serve in a gracious and understanding way.

Also pray for our Security Team as they train and plan for our safety. Please pray for our “GrowinGrace” team which will be seeking the Lord in the next three months, on how we can significantly reduce our mortgage over the next couple of years. We are blessed to not owe very much, but we believe the Lord now wants us get it paid off in a much more timely manner. Our elders have benefited greatly from the Getty’s “Sing Global!” conference that we have been participating in. Please pray as we, the elders, continue to shepherd our Grace Family in preaching, praying, reading the Word and singing.

Crowe’s — the Escape Game business is doing much better now with new employees, and for that we are thankful to the Lord. But, we would still like to sell it to someone who could invest more time in it than we have to invest. Pray that we continue to make the most of the times we are in as we seek to lead our family in worship, discipleship and service to the Lord. We are finding it more difficult to “redeem the time”. Pray that we will not settle for just the “good”, but strive for the “best”. Time for us to all be together is slipping away as the children grow so quickly. Pray for us.

Thank you so much.

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