

MISSIONS connection

September 2, 2020

Birthdays:

September: 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

Prayer Request and Praises:

Praise God for ministry opportunities to keep teaching and preaching the gospel during Lock down. Thank you God for those who donate food, clothing, and their time to spread the gospel.

Praise God for the chance to come to the USA for medical care for Paige.

Please pray for Paige's doctor's appointment Sept 2. Pray for medications to restore her health and much wisdom for her doctor.

Pray for opportunities for us to serve the Lord while we are getting medical care in the USA. Pray for the Lord to provide for our financial and medical needs.

Pray for our friends and colleagues back in SA as they will begin the Friday kids club in Cedara soon to reach that community for Christ.

Pray for donors for Siza Community Programme so the community of Sweetwaters grows gardens and souls for Christs.

Pray for Jacob as he transitions to college. Pray for him to study hard but make lots of godly friends and find a church home.

Pray for Elizabeth's witness at work and at school. Also pray for her spiritual growth during lock down until live church can resume. She misses live worship just like her Mom does.

Bryan & Brittany Kelly

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

Thanks you for the prayers! Please pray for our girls as they are making the adjustment to being back in school. Pray for us as we are finishing getting ready for adding our second service and child small groups this weekend. Please pray for us to be able to have time to rest during this busy season.

Troy & Lille Poe

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Thank you for continuing to pray for Lille and me. School is keeping Lille and me both busy. Please pray that we will discipline ourselves in our studies. Also pray that we will do well to give ourselves time to spend together.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

Psalms 43:3, "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." In the face of all the changes of 2020, we definitely need some leadership. I'm not talking about political leadership; I'm talking about leadership that comes from the light and the truth of God. We all have experienced new things in this year, and Ministry is no exception. I often find myself planning for Ministry when I actually have no idea what to expect when I get there. Such is the case this weekend.

On Friday September 4th I will be flying to Tampa to join with the team of men to help make plans and pray for our Outreach at the Super Bowl in February of 2021. With all the crazy things going on in our world, I really don't know what to expect. I need the light and the truth of God to lead me. Please pray for our weekend of preparation for the Super Bowl. I will return on Monday evening and will be preaching for pastor Mitch at Sugar Valley Baptist on Wednesday and the following Sunday. I also received a call from Pastor Ron Bankson to preach the following Sunday morning and evening at Fellowship Baptist Church in Plainville. Hey, do you know what that means? It means that God has honored your prayer to fill our calendar with the things He wants.

Thank you for praying for our calendar. Thank you for praying for us. And thanks for all your love and support. It helps to keep the light and the truth leading us as we go in Ministry. 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:

- I have not started seeing kids yet, but I do have a tentative schedule to begin in the next few weeks. :)
- In spite of travel and visa issues, we still have several new families/ students at HIS this year!

Prayer:

- Please pray for visas for our teachers (especially middle and high school). No new teachers are able to get visas right now, and some teachers who have been here before are still unable to return due to visa problems. A lot of our middle school and high school classes are online from across the world.
- Please pray for me, that God will sustain my faith to believe in his goodness and perfect timing in answering prayers. It's hard to pray every day and watch Anna continue to struggle.
- Anna: Practical wisdom and strength to persevere each day and believe the truth. Pray that she would be able to have perspective and continue to realize when the enemy is attacking her so that she can fight with the truth.
- Betty: I've not been able to see Betty much lately- we have all been going full blast with the beginning of school. But please continue to pray that Jesus would turn her heart to Him.

Love y'all!

3Hannah

Chad & Emily Keeter

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Thank you for praying for us as we're meeting new students on campus! We're praising God for some great connections with freshman guys in particular. Be praying for two non believing guys who are getting plugged in to Bible study, Zach and Dean. They're both eager to learn about who Jesus is and openly identify as non Christians. We're so excited to open God's word with them and others over the year!

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Please pray for tonight as we talk about our upcoming homecoming and revival. We are changing the date to October 4-7. Thank you already for the prayers about a meeting I will have on Friday; ask the Lord to give me wisdom in this and other meetings I have. Thank you for all your words of encouragement and for your prayers.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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

Grace — Pray for our elders to continue 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 more Sundays so we can continue to meet outside with the greatest number of people.

All of our elders and their families are streaming the Sing Global! Conference this 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.

Crowe's — Samuel and Katlynn are better from COVID illness. 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. 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 faithfulness.

Run for God:

*Mitchell & Holly Hollis
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Please continue to pray for us as we seek ways to reach out during this difficult time. We are constantly seeking God's will for outreach and are excited about several Cross Country meets that will be held at Grove Level North. This is a great way for so many to learn of Grove Level and see the gospel as they run the trail.

Pray as we have sent several Coaches Kits out and look forward to these classes starting up this fall. We know everything looks different with Covid and want these groups to be safe.

We continue to say...Running is not cancelled.

Thank you for your prayers Grove Level Family.

-The Run for God Team

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.

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.

After being closed for two months, doctors offices have reopened and now everybody is trying to get appointments in the busy schedules. Both my mother and I have been trying to make appointments, but there is a long wait. We trust in God to guide the doctors in making treatment decisions.

Please pray for my friend Paula who is taking high doses of chemo and radiation. She has been having a very hard time, and she has barely been able to eat.

Pray for my missionary friends Susan and Peter Kim, who are in travel quarantine in South Korea now waiting to be able to see a doctor to treat Susan's thyroid cancer. Ask God to provide the financial support to pay for her treatment and for their travel.

Two of my friends from college are suffering. One has Covid-19, and the other just lost her mother.

I appreciate your email and the encouraging message. Give my love to the church family!

In the love and mercy of our God,

My best to you all!

Luce

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Josh & Kelsey Ellison
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Hello Nathan & Laura here, we are so excited to give you a quick ministry and life update on the past 3-ish weeks since coming to Columbia and beginning ministry at The University of South Carolina!

This past summer we were able to watch as the Lord raised up ministry partners for us in such a humbling way. Although we are still trusting God to be fully funded, we have been able to step away from full-time fundraising to do work on campus.

Since arriving on August 10th, we have been able to bond with our staff team (as pictured below) and spend a lot of time on campus praying for the students here and seeking opportunities to meet them. Regarding students, we have made 19 connections (which is awesome for us since we have only been here for 3 weeks!). The ways these connections have started has reminded me a lot of Paul landing on the shores of Malta after their shipwreck. In this passage Paul mentions how the islanders showed them unusual kindness (Acts 28:2). The students we have met so far have shown us unusual kindness and have welcomed our invitation to grab a meal or play a game; their willingness has been an encouragement to us all. One thing that has been evident during our time here is that now more than ever students are lonely and wanting deep friendships; we are hoping to be able to meet this need of theirs while bringing those students to the feet of Jesus.

There is still a lot of uncertainty regarding COVID-19 (one of them being whether the university will transition to online like many others have), so our team is trying to stay open to new ideas that would allow us to meet students while exercising social distance and still being able to connect with them. Our ministry is making a specific effort to be among and reach the lost, although this adds another level of difficulty in meeting new students, we have felt encouraged in how the Lord has granted us favor! We are also excited to update that despite the uncertainties, we are still getting married this weekend!!

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!

The Future Johnsons!

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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