

MISSIONS connection

September 9, 2020

Birthdays:

September: 13 Addie Rickman 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

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 your prayer support. I hope you all had a good labor day weekend.

Lille and I have been reading and writing for school almost non-stop since the beginning of last weekend. As we work hard to stay on top of our classes, we hope you will pray with us to guard our time with the Lord and with each other.

Hannah Kelly

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- I am leading a small group for high school girls. We met for the first time on Friday and it went well!
- Me, Anna, Flynn (one of my language teachers), and Betty are going to start a Bible study this coming Friday evening. We (and y'all) have been praying about it for a while and God really went before bringing it about!
- Anna seems to be some better lately.
- I got a driver's license finally!!

Prayer:

- Please continue to pray that God will bring new teachers and go before visas for the ones already lined up to come.
- Pray for wisdom about how to do my job well in this setting.
- Anna: Continue to pray that she will be able to walk in the truth moment to moment
- Please pray for the Bible study with Betty and Flynn, as well as the high school small group. Pray that God would go before each meeting and that I would speak only what the HS leads me to say.

Thank you for walking with me!

Hannah

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.

Run for God:

Mitchell & Holly Hollis

PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756

We are so excited to be working with a gentleman out of Atlanta who will be pointing us in the right direction to reach the lost with the gospel through our ministry. He is all in with Run for God, an active leader in his church and father and husband of a dedicated running family. Please be in prayer for Scott as he donates his time and energy to us completely free. He has a full time job of unprecedented Marketing success And we pray his guidance for the ministry will be just as successful.

Pray for Mitchell, Dean, Holly and Gaye as they continue to reach out for new Run Club Members and Coaches for new classes. Thank you for your faithful prayers Grove Level.

We love our church family!

The Run for God Team

Michael & Holley & Ellis Richardson

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

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.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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

Proverbs 1:1-2, "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding." Facts are facts; they never change; they remain the same. What often time changes is how we perceive the facts. Our perception has to do with our ability to discern and apply the facts to our life. Solomon writes to us that the purpose of the Proverbs is to present us with facts, or truth, that we may perceive them for what they are, truth from God, and apply them to our life to make changes and adjustments to get us on the right path and keep us traveling down that path. I pray that I would continue to perceive the words of truth both from the Scripture and from my experiences and apply them to my walk with Christ.

This past weekend as I joined with other men to help plan for the Super Bowl Outreach I was able to perceive a few things. One of the men made a statement that went something like this, "God is rearranging the world so that all people might be able to hear the gospel." I pondered that much as we looked at the impact of the virus making people sick, putting people out of work, tearing down their idols, and leaving them hopeless and helpless. That was very profound for me, helping me to get my focus off of the things that were happening in the world and perceive that God was up to something.

Also, we had an opportunity to go to Clearwater and join with a fellow street evangelist who preached at an abortion clinic. I have a lot of friends that do Abortion Clinic Ministry, and I'm not opposed to it, I just didn't know what to think about it. On location it was definitely a very oppressing experience, thinking of what was going on inside the clinic. We would preach towards the clinic waiting room and plead with people from the time that they went from their car to the clinic or vice versa to come speak with us. We experienced a great deal of hate from the clinic workers and people passing by on the street. After we finished, I still wasn't sure what to think about it. Later that day we received a text from one of the team members that we worked with that a lady came out of the clinic and spoke with her shortly after we left and told her she decided to keep her baby. The worker asked her "What made you want to keep your baby?" Her response was, "It was God." That changed my perspective.

Our trip was good. We spent a lot of time in prayer and planning. Although the trip home was long; I had a long day in the airport with flight delays and airplane trouble. That caused me to have to spend the night in Charlotte, and I got home a day later than planned. But all those distractions that Satan throws at me can't change my perspective on the fact that I have prayed about being a part of this Outreach and God has confirmed it in many ways. When our perspective is based solely on God and His Word, there's no need to change it. Tonight I will be leading our Church's prayer meeting at Sugar Valley Baptist, filling in for pastor Mitch who has had knee surgery. I will be filling in for him this Sunday as well in our Sunday morning service. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. It helps me to keep a right perspective on the things of God. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

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.

Just a quick update! I've been at the doctor with my mother today.

Pray for my mother who is having blood pressure problems and trouble sleeping. She's taking a new medicine and will be wearing something to measure her blood pressure for the next 24 hours.

Please pray for my friend Paula who is suffering from many painful effects of radiation and chemo. She is barely able to drink or eat, and her skin and throat are raw.

My friend Susan, the missionary to East Timor, has just completed her quarantine time in South Korea and has her thyroid surgery scheduled for the 18th.

Praise God for being faithful and providing for my needs.

Thank you for your prayers!

Nathan and Laura Johnson
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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!

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!

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.

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