

# MISSIONS connection

March 15, 2023

*March Birthdays  
29 Landon Hollis*

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

*Queens for the King  
135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323*

**From GLH, who serves in Central Asia:**

Thank you so much for your faithful advocacy to the Lord and to one another for the people here and for me and my team."

Thanks to HOP for praying!

Nicaragua Team Update:

Today's update: Last day! Pray for endurance, effective ministry, good farewells and safe travels.

Yesterday was a GREAT day-home visits, clinic, kids, and broken vehicles! Same today with more concrete!

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

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

I'm down in Costa Rica. We could use prayer for dry weather as we lost several hours yesterday due to rain. But other than that things are going well. Please pray for family back at home while I'm gone.

**Stephen and Emily Howard**

*living in Kentucky while seeking the ministry placement God has for them*

- 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. I've been able to have some spiritual conversations.
- 2) Pray that we would be light to the community around us.
- 3) We will need another car at some point. Pray that we would have direction and trust God in this area as well.
- 4) We have an Easter egg hunt coming up in April. Pray we'd ministry to the community through it.

**Hannah Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

*teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.*

Praise:

- I'm grateful to be able to take a trip to Denver with my family this week.
- We've been able to see God working on our behalf with YAJASI as we plan and talk.

Prayer:

- Please pray that Enos' visa will be extended through September and that he will have wisdom in this complicated process.
- Pray that Enos will be able to pass his SMAT check ride and get his private license. Also for encouragement for him and his classmates.
- Pray that I will be able to show Jesus' love to my coworkers each day. The ladies in my room need to see His love in their lives.

**Troy & Lille Poe**

*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
514 Enzian Dr, Dalton, GA 30721*

Thank you for the prayers. Lille, Truett, and I are doing well. We are grateful for our church family. Lately I have been reevaluating my future and career. Please pray along with me for wisdom and direction in where the Lord should lead me.

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Please know that I am praying for the safe return from Nicaragua tomorrow. Praying for the DNOW weekend coming up in your church. This could be a life-changing event!

Praises:

1. Praise the Lord that through GBMB Disaster Relief and Samaritan's Purse many families have been helped and encouraged in the recovery from January's tornadoes. As a result, at least 70 people have made professions of faith!
2. Praise the Lord for the 175 students who attended the FRBA Disciple Now (DNOW) Weekend on March 3-4. There were at least 5 professions of faith made during this weekend.
3. Praise the Lord that a church is planning to consider in its next conference an application for membership in FRBA.
4. Praise the Lord that as a result of our recent Vision Trip to Pennsylvania there are some churches preparing to partner with church planters, churches, and ministries in the Harrisburg area.

Prayer Needs:

1. Please pray for our team of 7 who will be traveling next week to the Dominican Republic. This team will work with churches and Pastors as well as provide training for Pastors and church leaders. Pray for safe travels and a great experience. Dr. Dwayne Boudreaux, Associational Missionary in the Augusta Association of Baptist Churches, will be a part of this team. His association is a mission partner with FRBA. He is going to be one of the teachers and preachers but also to determine ways his association can partner with FRBA on mission in the Dominican Republic.
2. Pray for churches without Pastors.
3. Pray for apathetic churches and Pastors to experience revival and revitalization.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

*Fourth Watch Ministry*

*840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746*

Thank God for His kindness and care for us. We are always thankful for our Grove Level family and your kindness toward us as well. God has blessed us with amazing opportunities time and again. This past Sunday I had the great privilege of preaching at Sugar Valley Baptist as my pastor was recovering from knee surgery. The message was titled, "The time is at hand" from Romans 13. On Monday night I taught the second class session for our Romans 1-8 college course. We got through the third chapter and boy there's a lot of good stuff in there. I am enjoying teaching it. Please pray as I try to finish the course on chapters 9-16. I have the joy of speaking at a Wild Game supper at Bethesda Baptist Church in Calhoun this Saturday night. I am working on the message for this outreach now. I pray souls are saved. Looking down the road a ways there are a number of outreach opportunities coming our way. Pray we make the right decisions. We always like to see more preaching opportunities come our way. Pray the Lord will fill our calendar. Thanks for your prayers and faithful support. We will be praying for y'all as well. Blessings Gynnette and Mark --

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

I'm so glad to read your prayer requests! We will be praying for your list! Today I am sending some pics, let me know if it is too much.

Prayer requests:

- In the last weekend we started our year at Weekend Ministry. We are in the same place as last year: a church that is being planted at "Vinde" (a social work of Word of Life that works with children in vulnerability and preaches them the gospel). Pray for this project, and for the leaders, and for us as we serve there at the weekends. It has been challenging.
- "Vinde" works in partnership with a mission from Atlanta called Moyo. On last weekend we had a youth team from Northside Baptist Church (Valdosta, Georgia). I could translate as the pastor Josh Foster preached at the Saturday meeting. Pray that they have a very good time in Brazil, as they work at the slums. May they have good opportunities to preach the gospel and act with a good testimony, and have people with open hearts to receive the Word.
- Keep praying for our missions trip to southern in Brazil in July. God is opening the doors, and churches are responding to the challenge! May God lead our team, and put the right people in the right place.
- Our children are doing well, and we want to be thankful to God! Matteo is in a week of tests at school, and Rebecca is completing 11 months on March 19th (trying a lot of baby talk and keeps on the effort to stand on her feet). We are blessed, praise the Lord!

**Elijah and Raelene Soritau**

**Elisha, Tori, Karis and Isaiah**

*Elijah is the Vice-Rector of Emmanuel University in Oradea, Romania and pastor in the Oradea area*

Praise the Lord for what the Lord is doing in your midst. Please thank the church for praying and for the support. We had the Ukrainian choir (only 2 men and a young brother and 25 ladies). God protected them on the way here and also going home. We had a great fellowship. Also, PTL we were able to send them back with some cash and many boxes of brand new clothes and shoes (especially the Winter ones). They are very determined not to give an inch of land to Russia and I am worried that this war will be going on and on and on. Please pray for the churches in Ukraine. Most of the Christians left the country due to their connections to the West and pastors are struggling. Have a blessed day and again, thank you. Elijah

**Brian & Ashley Jones**

*works in security with the IMB*

Sophie has had some GI issues the last few weeks, and we're hoping this virus or whatever it is has finally run its course. Trying to keep her hydrated and her calories up while not upsetting her tummy is a bit of a challenge.

We are moving this weekend after a long couple weeks. We found mold in our basement due to some foundation and moisture issues at our rental. We have had to throw away a majority of our belongings we had stored downstairs and are moving 3 months before we were expecting. It's going as smooth as it can packing wise. This weekend is the actual move, so we are anxious about that. We are putting most everything into storage and will be staying with Ashley's parents a few weeks until we get into a temporary apartment for the summer.

On the same note, we are anticipating breaking ground on our home next week, and the projected date for move in is July, maybe August. Pray things going well and we can finally get settled after a year and a half of being in VA. We are in awe of how God has provided and blessed us since being here, but it's easy to lose sight of that when stress bares down.

**Nathan and Laura Johnson**

*Navigators Collegiate Ministry*

*6212 Woodlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209*

We're thankful for your prayers!

Laura's dad is still on the road to recovery. The recovery is little by little, but it sounds like he still has a ways to go.

One update: we had to end up canceling our spring break trip due to lack of interest from students (all made different plans for other things) - so that was a bit of a bummer for all of us, especially for me since I'd been the one planning it. That kind of relates to what I've mentioned a few times this summer where it feels like as a whole our ministry has lost momentum. We've just been trying to adjust and see what our next move is. Even with that being true for our ministry as a whole, we've been encouraged with our one-on-one times with most of our students, and we've been able to see the growth in their life. Just be praying that they would be joined together in fellowship with one another!

Since we don't have spring break with the students next week and they will all be gone, we're hoping next week will be a productive, yet restful and fun week for us as a team. This semester has been a little bit harder of a stretch for us.

We also look forward to one of our teammates joining us again next week. She has been on sabbatical since the beginning of the fall!

Thank you for your prayers. We love y'all!

**Chad & Emily Keeter**

*Navigators Ministry Staff*

*1415 Harmony Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912*

Thank you for praying for our dorm outreach last week. The most encouraging report came from a group of three girls who handed out goody bags on one of the girl's (Tina's) dorm hall. As I talked with them beforehand, it was clear that they were nervous to go and knock on doors. They excitedly shared a picture afterward along with the message, "We handed out all 50 bags and had good conversations!" Apparently one girl on the hall told them that it made her night. We trust that God will use those conversations, but it's also so exciting to see how that experience impacted those three girls (Kaitlin, Rachel, and Tina). Continue to pray with us that God would fill these students with compassion and boldness to move toward others around them with the hope of the gospel.

This Saturday our family will be traveling with a group of students for a week long service trip in Charleston, SC. Pray for our safety and pray that it will be an impactful trip. We look forward to sharing more about it in the coming weeks!

**Ross and Molly Kinsey**  
**Daughter, Rosemary, and twins, Tennessee & Shiloh**  
*Critical Christianity Ministries*  
*Galena, Alaska*

Hello Grove Level!

Thank you all for your prayers over our event! It went GREAT! We had our regular youth group attendees come and then we had another 30 sign up to come from the dorms. Not that many actually made the event (pretty typical of any events posted at the dorms), but we had a great time. Total we hosted about 30 students and were able to connect, have fun, introduce ourselves, and love on them in Jesus' name. The students were all super engaged, had a great time and asked when they could come back. We've been praying since that some of these students will begin coming to youth group and can hear the gospel. This is a prayer request we would ask of you all as well!

We had an easy time with logistics for the event. The boarding school was prepared to bring all of the students, so that was a huge blessing and answer to prayer.

Thank you for your encouraging words, for your prayers and for your faithfulness!

The Kinseys  
Galena, Alaska

**Run for God**  
*Mitchell & Holly Hollis*  
*PO Box 99, Varnell, GA 30756*

We are asking for prayer as we are working hard, getting ready for the upcoming 5k Race that will be at Grove Level North on Saturday, April 15th. We are so excited about that entire weekend where we will get to fellowship with our Run Club friends and families from all over the world.

We will be gathering in downtown Cohutta on Friday evening where we will get to talk about the upcoming weekend and begin to catch up with everyone present. The race is Saturday morning and many who are going through the 5k Challenge right now for the first time will be running their first 5k race. We look forward to Mitchell sharing with the crowd where we know there will be non-believers. Pray hearts will be open as they hear the message of Jesus. We have had a couple of salvations at a couple of different races. This is always an anxious time as the runners hear the message.

Saturday afternoon we will get to talk to and interview several who will tell their story for upcoming podcasts. Saturday evening we will have our annual Run Club Banquet enjoying our own Brooker Brother's BBQ and Addie Green will entertain us. Sunday morning the group will gather in the sanctuary to hear an amazing message from our own Brother Charlie.

Thank you for praying with us church family! We love and appreciate you!

If you would like to volunteer at the race you can contact Gaye at: 706-483-4780  
The Run for God Team

**Luce Terto**  
*Serving God in Brazil.*

Please pray for my parents. Their health is stable right now, and there is a care plan in place.

Please pray for my friend Guillermo; I've been witnessing to him for a while. Also pray for Rosangela, who is going through a difficult time and has been coming to me to talk and ask for advice.

I look forward to worshipping at Grove Level this Sunday!

**David, Kellie Crowe & Family**  
*Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA*  
*642 State Street, Bristol, TN 37620*

Thank you so much for praying for us.

Grace — this past Sunday, we held a Children's Camp meeting (VBS). We are excited to be hosting one this year after a few years off. We will be doing a Science Camp based on creation. We had lots of folks there and willing to sign up to serve. Pray as we prepare and invite. We are encouraging each family to invite one family in their life who does not attend another local fellowship. Pray for our families as they invite them. Pray for God to graciously move the hearts of the invited unbelievers to come that week (June 11-14).

We are in need of starting a new Grace Connection Group (Sunday School) for 18-24 year olds. We are trusting the Lord to raise up a teacher. Please pray with us for a teacher/leader. We need someone with a heart for reaching and teaching. It will be a "new work" group.

Our Men's Ministry is on the launch. We have four men who are willing to take on leadership. And our second gathering is scheduled for March 21. We had about 8 commit to one-to-one discipleship. And almost all of them said they were in need of help in leading their families in worship and discipleship. We are excited that these men are acknowledging and wanting help in this important area. We have been praying for this! Please pray with us.

Crowes — please continue to pray for Taylor and Emily (and for us) as we plan and prepare for their wedding in May.  
Thank you for loving us so well.

**Justin & Sara Silvers**  
*Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY*

That is a busy week! I will be praying for all of these things. As for us and BLBC, just pray that we continue to walk with God. Especially for me as I seek to clearly do as God commands me to. (It is difficult leading difficult sheep, and sometimes a knock on the head is needed.)

**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 sharing those requests with us! We are honored to go before the Father on your behalf. Please keep praying for baby Kelly as he or she continues to grow!

This is the first weekend (Friday and Saturday) that we have had off together in over a month and a half. We are SO excited for much needed rest and time together.

Continue to pray for patience, as we are still waiting for our apartment to be back together. It's been a long few months since the pipes burst. We are so ready to just have normal in our home again. But, I am also trying to remain thankful for what we do have.

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Michael & Holley Richardson**  
*Ellis and Luke*  
*Taking Seminary, 2704 Pine Manor Ln, Albany, GA 31707*

**Tony Fucillaro**  
*Summer Missionary to Brazil,*  
*3203 Satcher Rd NW Dalton, GA 30721-7802*