

# MISSIONS connection

March 22, 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:**

She is looking for an apartment and has some good leads but nothing firm yet. They are rotating where she stays every two weeks so no one family has her room mate and her for longer.

**Josh & Kelsey Ellison**

*"Go and Make Ministries"  
[www.goandmakeministry.org](http://www.goandmakeministry.org)*

Thank you all for prayers while I was in Costa Rica. We were able to finish the job and also Kelsey and family were well while I was gone.

Also, I have finished the first draft of the basketball devotional. I have the first 7 days which are geared towards explaining the gospel to unbelievers. I will be handing it out to the people I play with both believers and not to get some feedback. If it seems like God can use it, then I will start working on the other days.



**Hannah Nugraha**

*(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)*

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

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

Praise:

- Plans to return to Indonesia are starting to come together with YAJASI.
- Anna still has some struggles, but she is doing well! I love to see what God is doing in her life.
- It looks like there will be 2-3 special education teachers (including me) at HIS by the time I start teaching there again. Thank God for the answer to this huge need!

Prayer:

- Please keep praying for Enos's flying. He is quite a bit behind the rest of his class.
- Pray for wisdom for me in the classroom. I need help to shine Jesus's light to the ladies in my room and lead them each day.
- Pray for Neil and Becky. Neil has been Enos' instructor at SMAT, but they are stepping away for a bit. Pray for good rest and encouragement for them.

We are praying for the requests you guys sent as well!

**Frank Nuckolls**

*Director of Missions for the Flint River Association*

Good morning from Santo Domingo. Please pray for our team today as we serve churches in Santo Domingo. Pray for me as I preach tonight at Iglesia Bautista Ozama, the largest Baptist church in the Dominican Republic. Other members of the team will be preaching in other churches tonight. A praise is that the Dominican Baptist Convention is moving forward with the adoption of a five-year partnership with FRBA.

Praying for you today.

Frank

**Stephen and Emily Howard**

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

Here are some of the same things along with some new things going on this week.

- 1) Continue to pray that I would be able to preach the Gospel to those around me at work. One of my coworkers came to Church on Sunday.
- 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.
- 5) Emily is sick. This time it seems like a sinus infection or a cold. Maybe both? Either way pray she gets to feeling better.

**Mark & Gynnette Yoho**

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

1 Peter 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." Being a child of God and living in this world presents us with some great challenges. Although the challenges are only part of it, having this dual role of being citizens of Heaven and residents of Earth presents us with some great privileges as well. Paul says we are ambassadors for Christ in 2 Corinthians, spokesmen and women for the King. I pray that we would not focus so much on the challenges but rather on the privileges that we have in Christ. Speak in the name and authority of your King. It's been challenging for us this week; being caregivers for Gynnette's Daddy has consumed a good bit of our time. We count it an honor and privilege to take care of him, yet we struggle to find balance sometimes. The situation that we're in makes it hard because of the unpredictability. He is well healthwise, although his mind is not always solid. I'm currently behind on writing my newsletter and struggle to catch up with other Ministry things. But that's alright because God knows our situation, and He remains in control. My teaching on the book of Romans seems to be going well and is on course. I need to finish writing the lesson for chapters 8 through 16 before we start the Fall semester. I've got a little start on it but sure could use some prayer to help with this. The wild game supper at Bethesda Baptist Church last Saturday night went well. There were over 100 in attendance who heard the Gospel. I don't currently have anything in the near future on the preaching calendar. I certainly am grateful for prayers for our preaching calendar. I have to make a trip early tomorrow morning to South Georgia to pick up the remainder of Paul's belongings. I'll leave early to beat the traffic although I'll be in the heat of it coming back. God is good and I'm sure glad of that. I'm also extremely grateful for the partnership we have with Grove Level Baptist Church. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and your kindness to support our ministry. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**Davi Masi**

*Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil*

Prayer requests:

- Our project of moving forward as a team to southern Brazil is taking form. We have 5 confirmed churches to receive us, and 6 families taking part on the team. Pray for those families, for God to confirm that they are going with us to serve.  
- We are very thankful to the Lord for His grace and provision. We love being here at Word of Life. May we learn from this experience to be wise, humble and also good parents! Then I believe we will be a blessing wherever we go.

**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*

If you would, be praying for Sophie. We had an ophthalmologist appointment last week. Her right eye is still very weak, and they're changing her Rx to some bifocals to see if that could help. If not, there is a possibility of surgery in the near future. She has gone through so much in her short little life, and we just don't want another surgery for her. Please pray that these new lenses will help fix the problem.

**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 time in Charleston, SC last week! It was a joy for our family to all be together with students during the week. Our kids loved being around all of our students, and we all enjoyed the service opportunities that we had while we stayed there. One highlight was going to the College of Charleston on Friday and having spiritual conversation with students there. Some of the students with us engaged in this for the first time! A pair of two guys (Neal and Sam) talked with a freshman student who was eager to learn more about Jesus and read the Bible for the first time, but he didn't have a Bible of his own. Neal handed his Bible to the student and insisted that he take it and start reading the gospel of John. How awesome is that?! We connected with a solid baptist church across the street from the campus and encouraged the students that we talked to to plug into the college ministry there. Another pair of guys talked with six fraternity brothers who were all eager to engage in spiritual conversation. Pray for the Lord to cause those seeds to fall on fertile soil and for the gospel to spread there on that campus. Pray for the Lord to continue to grow a culture of evangelism in our ministry here and for the community amongst our students to deepen. Thank you for praying with us!



**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*

Thank you Grove Level Family for your faithful prayers. We thank God each day for our church family. We have reached far and wide with this ministry but still have so many places to reach. We always point back to you, where we began. You make a difference.

One of our faithful Run Club members who has faced many, many life-threatening health battles said this the other day to all Run Club members.

"Today's a new day! You are Worthy. You are Valued. You are Favored. You are Loved. You are Chosen. You are Called. You have Purpose. You are Equipped. You are Qualified. You are Enough because God Loves you and Chose you before the creation of the world."

We love Todd Shoemaker and are thankful for his ministry. You may remember we have mentioned him before in our Mission Update. He has a Documentary, "Dead Man Walking"

He will be with us on our 5k Weekend in April. Please pray for him as you pray for all of our Run Club Members who are running, sharing Jesus' love with so many in their communities.

The Run for God Team

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

Please continue to pray God's will as we journey through becoming the Faith Family. Praises: God is moving in mine and Sara's life in the directions that we have been praying for.

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

Thank you for praying for us.

Grace — we hosted our second Men's Ministry Gathering last night. We had a good group and a good time together. Pray as we seek to add leadership and our planned one-to-one mentoring aspect.

Pray as we plan and staff our Summer Science Spectacular Camp for June. Many folks have eagerly signed up to help, but we need many more.

Crowes — we are excited about Taylor and Emily's wedding in May. We still have much to do, and the distance makes planning our things for the wedding a challenge. Pray for them, too!

Thank you for loving us so well.

**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.

**Troy & Lille Poe**  
*student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*  
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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.

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