

MISSIONS connection

March 8, 2023

March Birthdays

11 Kellie Crowe

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:

“Hey friends—thank you for praying for our trip to Israel. It was so good to see family and the group we were traveling with were so sweet to encourage us. It helped tremendously to get “out” for those days and I’m thankful for the mental break it was. Of course it was really incredible to see where Jesus was, where He was born, lived, ministered, died and rose again for our salvation.

We are back in Central Asia now and back in house hunting mode. We saw three today and one of them looks like it could be an option, we just need the homeowner to do some repairs and check on a crack that was concerning in the wall. One of the realtors told us that 60% of the buildings in city of A___ have been reported as “little damage.” (Same as our building), so finding a place with a report of “no damage” is going to be difficult. I am thankful for the Lords over-abundant provision for all of our needs through your gifts, prayers, and encouragement. We’re staying with friends as our building is not in great condition, especially after the other earthquake that happened on Feb. 21, and neither of us are comfortable being there continually, though we are able to run back and forth getting our things.

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!

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.



(That water isn't supposed to be in there!)

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.

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 praying for us and our ministries. Here are some ways you can pray for us specifically...

Bryan - pray for him as our Financial Administrator's last day was yesterday. So, Bryan has now taken on all those responsibilities until we hire and train someone new. Pray that he navigates good time management of his responsibilities and doesn't become overwhelmed. He is bringing a lot home with him, and it will probably only be for a season, but pray that He will carve out time for rest.

Britt - summer is approaching, and summers in Kidmin are BUSY! Pray as we plan and prepare for summer camps, that in the busyness...our “WHY” isn't lost. Pray that our kids ministry team and small group leaders prepare a place where kids feel fully known and find authentic faith in the Father.

Personally - we are excited to share with our GL family that I am 8 weeks pregnant! It's not on social media yet, but we do covet your prayers for a healthy pregnancy. We are unbelievably excited! Pray for us as we prepare our hearts for parenthood. We are already praying for this sweet baby to come to know the Lord in His timing and that he/she would be a faithful servant to Him. And we are praying that we would be parents who not only talk about a personal relationship with the Father but who we live it out.

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

Good morning from Harrisburg, PA, where it's sunny and 28 degrees! Thanks for praying. Pray for our team as we fly back from Harrisburg. Pray that our team will have wisdom and discernment to identify the mission priorities here in PA and how to connect our churches to these priorities and get teams to serve here for the next five years.

Praying for you as well,
Frank

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

840 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746

Wow! What a difference a few days has made. All of God's creation is resounding with new life. I love Spring, my favorite season. I find myself looking at each tree, bush, and flower, looking for signs of new life. It's amazing watching the bud form and burst into flowers and leaves. It reminds me of the Christian life which buds with salvation and bursts forth with new life. Amazing. I have been watching a relatively new Christian I took with me to the Super Bowl Outreach. Since he got back, he has been going to and fro jumping on every Ministry opportunity that comes his way. He's so excited about sharing Jesus. That's what new life will do for you. Last week my pastor, Mitch Phillips, had double knee replacement surgery. I filled in for him teaching Sunday School this past Sunday and will fill in for him this Sunday preaching the Sunday morning message. I have been busy preparing the message. Please help me pray about this. Praise the Lord, our teaching in the book of Romans is going well. It is requiring a good bit of time each week preparing to teach each Monday night. I need to find time to write a newsletter. Time is a very valuable commodity and hard to come by. Next Saturday, March 18th, I will be speaking at a wild game supper at Bethesda Baptist Church here in Calhoun. Please help me pray as I prepare for this as well. Springtime also brings plenty of chores around the house. But in my spare time I will be watching the trees bud and the flowers bloom. Thank you so much, Grove Level. Your prayers and support have certainly helped our ministry to Bud and Bloom! And we are grateful. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

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.
- 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) Emily is feeling better! Thanks for praying for her!

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- We feel that we are in a new phase right now. We can see many things in our lives that have to be improved or transformed. We want to grow more, be more mature, and be practical on what we have been learning from the Scriptures. I know this is only possible by the Holy Spirit. Pray for us.
- We are on the first step of the organization of our mission trip to southern Brazil. We are getting in touch with churches to make the partnership, which consists of hosting one of our families in the group for 2-3 weeks. Pray for God to confirm our plans and open the doors. May we have the right contacts and churches to be able to serve in July.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Please pray for the spirit of division to be removed from BLBC. We see God working in many ways; however, I see the devil working through division. As we grow as the faith family that Scripture beseeches us to be, Satan still has his hand against us. Pray for peace and understanding. Please pray for Sara and me as we continue to walk with God through our relationship with Ashlyn and her little family. Things are going good; however, I know how quickly the devil can work against us there. Pray for me as I seek God's next steps for me and my ministry, especially as it relates to Buffalo Lick and her future. Thank you for your encouraging words; they are always on spot and help me throughout the week.

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

I'm not sure if you got my voicemail the other week about SJ's growth hormone, but before she was going to run out we received a 3 month supply from a family in SC. It was a bitter sweet gift because their son had PWS, but they lost him right around Christmas time. We know it was probably hard on them, but we rejoice that God provided right on time for SJ. We also managed to get a shipment just a few days later from our provider, so we are in awe of God's ability to deliver!

Please keep SJ in your prayers as she is dealing with some GI issues. You can tell she doesn't feel well, and we don't want to make things worse by what we feed her, but she desperately needs those calories for energy and strength.

We are grateful for GLBC's diligence in prayer and coming alongside us weekly. We love you all.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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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!

Nathan and Laura Johnson

Navigators Collegiate Ministry

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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!

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
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We wanted to share a Facebook post from a fellow Run Club Member. We have met Jon and love his heart for service and the Run for God ministry. Jon is so thankful he found us and has traveled great distances to join us at many races. He is a life truly changed.

"A day to celebrate, and a day to truly "run for God." Five years ago today, I poured out the last bit of alcohol that remained in my house and I have never picked up that cup again. Instead, I picked up a different cup that overflows with the love and grace of my God and Savior. I am so grateful for His mercy and the new life He has given me. Nowadays I can celebrate not with a drink but by doing something crazy like running 16 miles. Only by the grace of God! And so I shall run for Him!"
Run for God podcast #60 if you are interested in hearing me discuss some of my story live with Dean almost two years ago.
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 | NIV "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—" Ephesians 2:8 | NIV

Thank you church family for your prayers. We are blessed.

The Run for God Team

Luca 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
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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.

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

Thank you for partnering with us. Please pray for the Ukrainian choir coming to our village church this weekend. Mostly women and kids are coming, since the men are not allowed to leave the country now. There will be only the 2 pastors. Travel time will be almost 9 hours one way, but we are excited. They will receive some good food, clothing and generators to take back. We will have 3 services back to back.

Thank you,
Elijah

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