

MISSIONS connection

April 26, 2023

May Birthdays

7 Jacob Queen 22 Holly Hollis 25 Brian Jones

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

Queens for the King

135 Leamington Lane SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

From GLH, who serves in Central Asia:

They had over 100 people attend their Easter service, many of which were guests. The Gospel was presented clearly so pray those seeds planted will bear fruit. There is a new sister in Christ they helped convert recently that needs to tell her family. She has been leaving her New Testament laying around at home. The bible keeps "moving around" so it is a praise that no one had thrown it away. Pray for how she approaches telling her dad and the rest of the family. Pray someone will read it in the family and join her in putting their faith in Jesus.

GL moved yesterday which went smoothly. As soon as they can get the natural gas turned on, they will live there permanently. Please continue to pray for her and her roommates emotional and mental health as it is still exhausting living in the devastation left by the earthquake which leads to a brain fog especially with decision making. Pray they will abide well in Christ daily and rest in Him in the chaos.

Queens for the King:

The Cedara church plant keeps preaching on each Sunday. Pray for Nqobile who preaches this Sunday. We still would love a permanent structure so the community hall wouldn't be shared with other events. We are gathering a team from Grove Level to go on a short term mission trip and do a kids club with community visits and food distribution June 28-July 8. There is an interest meeting on April 30th after morning service. Please pray for the Lord to call His people to form a team that spreads the gospel well this summer. Pray for those he calls to say "Yes, send me!"

Thanks for always faithfully praying for these people.

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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We are in the last few weeks of the semester here at UT. Pray for us as we finish things out with students here. We're looking forward to the summer ahead, and one of the things that we're most looking forward to is coming to Grove Level soon to share more in depth about how God has been at work in our lives. Thank you for faithfully praying for us and our ministry!

Hannah Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- Spring is finally here in Michigan (for the moment lol).
- We are thankful for God's continued provision and encouragement through YAJASI.

Prayer:

- Pray for Enos to be able to complete his private pilot license by the end of April. After he gets his private license, YAJASI and SMAT will evaluate the next best steps.
- Pray that I will be a good witness in my classroom. Pray for harmony as we work together.
- Pray for many families here at SMAT who are deciding where God is leading them to serve in aviation.

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

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Praises:

1. I worshipped and shared the ministry of FRBA with the congregation at Heavenly Way Baptist Church in Griffin this past Sunday. This is a small African American church that is not in any association and is located in an area where last week the Spalding County Sheriff's office arrested 76 people for gang-related activity. This congregation was very warm and expressed a desire to become a part of FRBA. That is a praise.
2. Last week I met with the Pastor and staff at Stillwaters Church in Locust Grove. This church is also not in any association but is Baptist in doctrine. This Pastor and staff expressed a strong interest in becoming a part of FRBA. I will meet with this congregation on May 7.

Prayers:

1. Pray for Heavenly Way Baptist and Stillwaters Church as they consider and decide about joining FRBA.
2. Pray for the Highland Baptist Church as this Sunday they celebrate 95 years of ministry. This is a small congregation that is considering sharing space with another congregation that can become the church there one day.
3. Please continue to pray for the plans for the upcoming mission trips to Augusta, Georgia in July and the Dominican Republic in August.
4. Pray for me as I prepare to attend the Annual Meeting of the Dominican Baptist Convention on May 19-20. I will share with this convention a five to seven year missional engagement partnership between the Flint River Baptist Association and its partners (Augusta Association of Baptist Churches, Statewide Association of Baptist Assemblies, Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptist Convention, and Impact Discipleship Ministries).

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Thank you! It is an honor and privilege to have you all praying for us. Pray for us as a church. We are going to be evaluating how evangelistic we are and ways to improve there. Praise: God is making Himself known in our church through our Faith Family sermon series. Keep my family in prayer as we continue to build our relationship with Ashlyn and her family.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

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Habakkuk 3:2, "O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." We've all heard the saying "short and to the point." That's exactly what the prophet Habakkuk is. Oh, and what a prayer, a prayer that is much needed today. How I long to see a revival of the works of God. Don't you? I have been attending some revival meetings lately. I thought, "well, if I'm not preaching any revival meetings, maybe I need revival?" It has been good for me to experience some freshening up from the Lord. At Sugar Valley Baptist we had brother Keith Boggs whose Ministry is called Real Momentum. He really did a good job delivering the Word of God to us. Praise the Lord. I don't have anything new to report for our calendar. Please continue to pray. Several weeks ago I asked you to pray on Wednesday and on Thursday morning my phone rang with a preaching appointment. Praise the Lord, and thank God for your prayers. This Friday and Saturday there is a barbecue and music festival in Calhoun. Several guys plan to join me for outreach at this event. We'll hand out tracts, witness, and possibly preach. We finished classes at Bible college on Monday night and are looking forward to graduation on May 6th. I've got a lot of work to prepare for the fall semester. I need to finish writing the lesson on Romans 9 through 16. I love to sit down and work on that during rainy days, although we've had internet trouble all day, and I haven't been able to get my computer up and running. LOL. Please help me pray for the completion of this in time. I have almost three chapters of the study complete and still lack five. Over the past month I've had several opportunities to visit with some of the Grove Level family. It thrills my heart to be able to spend some time with y'all. We are also thrilled over your continued partnership, prayers, and support of our ministry. Most of all, thanks for being our friends. You're a blessing. Blessings, Gynnette and Mark

**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, my friends!

Lord willing, I will be back in Ukraine during the month of June. Two weeks ago, we had the choir from one of our refugee centers with us (24 ladies and 2 men). The men could not leave the country. You prayed for them, and they returned home safely. The war continues and it looks like we are in for a long haul.

Pastor Anatol and Nadia, as well as Pastor Serghei and Polina, left our village last Fall, and we now have Pastor Kostea Lapushtean and his wife Natasha and his mother-in-law, and kids, a total of 8 people. They are Ukrainians who in 1989 left for Russia to be missionaries in Siberia. All of their kids were born in Russia, and 2 of them and their spouses are back in Russia. Pastor Kostea left Russia and is now in our village and is applying for political asylum. We do not know what chances they have but we've tried. When they moved to Russia back in 1989 they lost the Ukrainian citizenship and cannot be in Ukraine. Another daughter with her husband are also in Romania in Cluj Napoca about 2 hours from Oradea. Our church is trying to help them by paying for their house rental and also for the utilities. So far, Raelene and I have been involved in helping with buying everything needed for the house to be move-in ready.

At this time, we need to renew the lease on the house and also pay for the utilities for the months to come. The estimate cost is about \$1000 per month plus utilities. This is the help we need. Also, if we can raise some funds to help with their monthly income will be great, since they cannot work in Romania and have no income, except what some churches here can pitch in, but very limited. We do appreciate you praying and standing in the gap.

Thank you and God bless you,
Elijah

Davi Masi

Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- Pray for our mission trip to South Brazil in July! We are one of 6 families going. May God provide everything we need, and bless us so that we can make good decisions and plans for the trip.
- For some reason here at seminary every week people are getting sick; it seems to be viral. Pray for our health, since being sick makes it difficult to get the work done.

Nathan and Laura Johnson

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Thank y'all for your prayers!

This is the last full week of classes believe it or not, so if y'all would pray as we finish out the semester. And please pray for the students as they enter the summer, specifically that they'd be able to use the summer to grow closer to God.

Another thing we would love for y'all to pray for is it has been a process over the last few years finding and getting plugged into a church for different reasons. We've just recently found a church though that we are hopeful about and hopeful to get plugged into the community there.

The last thing would be praying for our trip back to Mexico. We leave in less than a month. Be praying as we get prepared to head out, and we're still doing a little more fundraising on the front end so for that as well!

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

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

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

The trip was great. The weather was perfect, and we even got a little fresh snow, so the kids were able to tube which they loved. Elijah was a champ the whole time and in the car.

Prayer requests this week are that I will leave for London on Sunday for the week. Abigail comes on Monday and will stay through Thursday to help Kelsey while I'm gone. So we appreciate prayer for them and prayer that everyone stays healthy, because we are hearing about a lot of people being sick with stomach bugs and colds.

Then please also pray for our old neighbor Dallas. His family is really going through a tough time. He had to go through a divorce two years ago that has been highly contested almost everyday regarding his two kids. Then last month his dad was diagnosed with cancer and because of a tumor in his back he cannot walk. He has been going through treatment and has improved some, but he still has more recovery needed. And then all of this culminated with Dallas calling his mom to say he wanted to be checked into a rehab facility. I'm honestly not sure of what type of rehab facility it is, but nonetheless it's great he chose it. The other praise in all of it is that over Easter weekend he went to church with his family and asked to be baptized and was able to do so. So I know the Holy Spirit is working in him. Please pray the Lord heals him and his dad, and pray that their family would see a season of peace and joy.

Love y'all,
Josh

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.

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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Thank you for your prayers church family! We are so thankful for God's presence as so many decisions are being made about this amazing ministry we are blessed to be a part of. Please pray as we move forward in our efforts to reach the lost through running.

The Run for God Team

Brian & Ashley Jones
works in security with the IMB

I apologize for being MIA the last few weeks. We have been busy with therapies everyday for Sophie, plus still trying to get settled from multiple moves is a challenge. Sophie turned 4 this week, and we still are in awe of how God has worked in her young life. He has brought her through a surgery so early, and the progression she has made with her therapies is amazing.

Please pray for guidance and wisdom for us as we make decisions about if we should take some time off from therapies this summer and how much. Ashley is still plugging along with her Doctorate. Pray she is able to remain disciplined in her school while balancing work, church, and family.

Continue to pray that all goes well as we move forward in our home bills. We are anxiously waiting to finally feel settled in OUR home after a year of being in VA. God has been faithful in all of this, and his timing is perfect.

From Bryan and Brittany Kelly:

David, Kellie Crowe & Family
Bi-vocational pastor at Grace Fellowship in Abingdon VA
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Thank you to our GLBC family for loving us in prayer.

Grace — we have some folks who are struggling, even beyond the everyday struggles of life. Pray for them as they seek the Lord to navigate through their struggles. Pray for God's grace to them, that His power will be made perfect in them in their weaknesses. Pray for us to be the "grace-filled" church family for them.

We are still gearing up for our Summer Science Spectacular children's camp in June. We still have much to plan and prepare for, and many are excited about serving. We still need a few more leaders, and a good curriculum for our adults who will be attending a special track for them.

Crowe's — we are just 2 1/2 weeks away from Taylor and Emily's wedding. Still much to do there, too. As well as Gracie's graduation the next weekend. Lots of really good stuff and good gifts from the Lord, but much to do and guide through. Pray for God's favor in traveling as we will be traveling to GA for the wedding and then all the Crowe children will be traveling here to VA for Gracie's graduation.

Pray that we will not miss the many teachable and sanctifying moments God will give to us in all of these events.

We love you all so very much.

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. A lady from work is planning on visiting my church. Pray God works in her heart.

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) My boss at my non-church job is quite sick. Pray I can minister to him.

5) God opened up a door at another job that's not at a restaurant. Pray I'd have a smooth transition.

Thank you all!

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 the prayers! We are enjoying our time away! Pray for us to take this time to rest our minds, bodies and souls this week.

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