

MISSIONS connection

May 10, 2023

May Birthdays
22 Holly Hollis 25 Brian Jones

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

Hello Grove Level!

My last Sunday at Galena Bible Church was April 16th, in which Chris invited me to say my farewells and inform the congregation of our family's decision.

This may come as a surprise to many of you, but we can assure you this decision was not made without prayer and discernment. In short, Galena Bible Church's methodology and focus within ministry is not a good fit for Molly and me. With grace and no hard feelings, we have decided to go our separate ways and will continue to worship the Lord elsewhere on Sundays; as well as doing ministry in less formal ways.

The Lord has blessed up with a great support system of believers, both within Galena Bible Church and outside of Galena Bible Church. We are already enjoying the time spent in fellowship with these close friends and feel much affirmation from the Lord in our decision. While we will do our best to be tactful and avoid gossip or slander, please feel free to reach out to us with any follow up questions. To restate, partnering with Galena Bible Church is simply not a good fit for us or our family.

Yet, we have no plans to leave Galena. We love it here! I am still employed at the clinic and with all kiddos coming of school age soon Molly has many prospective jobs to apply for this summer. Our kids are very excited to start school with several of their friends. Regarding finances, I have gone ahead and cancelled all of our donor's reoccurring giving to the church. If you still wish to support Galena Bible Church, you can go to their website and donate. Once again, we thank you for partnering with us through our formal ministry here in Galena.

Part of loving your community well is being Christ-like as you support the community. Though we have no formal ministry here in Galena, we still have a myriad of ways to minister to our friends and community members. And, as mentioned above, we have a great group of people to minister to us as well. Once again, thank you for all of your prayers and support throughout these two years. We truly love the life God has blessed us with and are excited about how the Lord will continue to shape our lives here.

The Kinseys
Galena, Alaska

Davi Masi
Seminary student and psychologist in Brazil

Prayer requests:

- This week we want to be thankful to the Lord for our sons life! He is turning 12 years old. May God bless him, lead his life and use him for His glory!
- My mother is coming over to visit us. It is a rare thing to have our family members around, so we are very grateful! Pray for her time here, may God bless her to enjoy the time with her grandkids.

Hannah Nugraha

(Mark & Suzanne Kelly's granddaughter)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

teaching Missionary Kids in Southeast Asia to support Bible Translation.

Praise:

- It's finally warm here (almost)! We have missed the sunshine.
- Praise God for working in my classroom even through interpersonal conflicts.
- YAJASI and SMAT had a meeting last night to discuss Enos' progress and how to move forward. We haven't heard the results yet, but we are thankful that they are communicating.

Prayer:

- Pray that God will clearly show YAJASI and us where he wants us in the next few months. Enos is not on track to graduate with his class in August So we/YAJASI have a lot of decisions to make about how to move forward and when to return to Indo.
- Pray that I will act and speak in love to the adults in my classroom and that they will see Jesus in me. Pray for peace in my classroom.

Frank Nuckolls

Director of Missions for the Flint River Association

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. Here are some things to give praise for and to pray for.

Frank

Prayers and Praises

1. Pray for me as I prepare to travel to the Dominican Republic on May 18 to present a five year mission partnership plan to the Dominican Baptist Convention.
2. Pray that the churches of our association will respond to the two mission projects this summer: Backpacks for Augusta and Fill the Container for Pennsylvania.
3. Pray for the Lord to give me wisdom in developing plans for church planting, church replanting, and church revitalization in Flint River Baptist Association.

Josh & Kelsey Ellison

"Go and Make Ministries"

www.goandmakeministry.org

We don't have much to update this time. Everyone is doing well. Would be nice if Elijah would sleep longer at night but otherwise he is doing great. Growing a lot faster than the other kids. Our first chunky baby! We drove out to Colorado this week. So beautiful out here.

I would say the only prayer request this week is that I will need to go to London the first week of May. Abigail will come and stay while I'm gone to help Kelsey but just prayer for them.

Justin & Sara Silvers

Pastor at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY

Our relationship building with Ashlyn is going slow, which I believe is ok. We still have some things we need to talk about and discuss; however, we are allowing her to do that in her own time.

Pray for that relationship to be restored. Also pray for our church as we have a few opportunities to put into action our Faith Family sermon series. We finished it this past Sunday. We have more to preach on in the Faith Family. Pray for people to see the love of Jesus in us as we minister to those in our community who are hurting right now.

Mark & Gynnette Yoho

Fourth Watch Ministry

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Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy towards us. I hope there's never a day when I get over being excited about the blessings of God. Praise God for the Great fellowship and partnership we have with Grove Level Baptist Church. Y'all are one of God's blessings to us, and we are so thankful. Well praise the Lord for the opportunity to preach this past Sunday at Fairmount First Baptist. When we got to the church this past Sunday no one was there. That's when we discovered they were having their service in the local park. It was an amazing service. I like open air ministry a lot. Although it was a church service it sure seemed like an open air meeting. Also we got a call this week to lead VBS in June for Mount Olive Baptist Church here in Calhoun. It's a small church and I will be doing the Bible lesson for all ages each night. Praise God we had our graduation for Bible college this past Saturday night. It's always an exciting time. I've been busy preparing my Bible college lesson on Romans 9-16. I have to have it ready to teach in the fall semester so there's no time to tarry. It seems that every time I ask God to pray for God to fill our calendar He answers that prayer. We don't have a preaching appointment this Sunday yet, but we do ask you to pray for the Lord's will. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We love and appreciate you. Blessings Gynnette and Mark

Thomas, Paige, Elizabeth & Jacob Queen

Queens for the King

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"Hey friends—thank you for your continued prayers. Wanted to send a quick update and request—our sister did end up getting divorced. She is struggling not only with the loss of her marriage but also with the mixed reactions she has gotten from believers regarding the divorce. At the same time it has been sweet to see the Lord's provision for her through some of her brothers and sisters. She is pressing into the Lord and has expressed a desire for this to be a season of re-commitment and dedication to Him as she continues to seek His will for her life. Please pray that the Lord would continue to comfort her and that He would turn her ex-husbands heart to himself even now.

Also, my teammates are going in tomorrow morning for their residence permit appointment. This family just got here in September and was given a hard time the last time they went in, only receiving 6 months' permission. Please pray that they will be able to renew this permission for another year with no issues tomorrow. Thank you!"

For Queens for the King

-Just pray for a full team to assemble and respond to God's call for the trip this summer.

-Wisdom in planning the trip details

-God to go ahead of us and work in hearts of people we minister to while there so fruit comes from this trip

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. Praise for Tori's dentist report. We just got back from America. Please pray for Koste's family. Very critical that they will get the political asylum request granted, otherwise they have to split the family up. Some will go to Estonia and some to Bulgaria.
Thank you and God bless you,
Elijah

Chad & Emily Keeter

Navigators Ministry Staff

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After nine years on staff with The Navigators, we have felt a clear desire and direction from the Lord to step away from staff with The Navigators. We are sad to be ending our time with a ministry that has had such a deep impact in our lives, but we are excited for what is ahead. This upcoming fall we will be launching a new campus ministry on the campus of UTK that is connected to our local church here in Knoxville. We're so excited to remain present on campus and to be able to provide a clear on-ramp for students to get involved in the life of our church. We shared this news with the students in The Navigators last week—please be praying for a smooth transition and for us to have a posture of humility as we step away. We look forward to sharing more information with you about all of this very soon. We are still very much in need to your prayer and financial support in order to fulfill this call of ministry that we believe the Lord has given us. We're so grateful for your faithful partnership with us! Our last assignment with The Navigators is directing our regional summer training program from May 15-29th. We'll share more about this in the weeks ahead, but for now, please be praying for us as we continue to diligently plan for this program.

Just realized that I haven't shared that we are expecting again! Emily and the baby are doing well. She had an appointment last week, and everything looked good. We're looking at welcoming her or him in early December, Lord willing!

Troy & Lille Poe

student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Thank you all for your prayers. My family appreciates your constant support in lifting us up to the Lord. I do not have any new updates to provide at this time, but please continue to pray for my future direction in life and ministry.

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, GL, for your constant love and prayers. Honestly, things are hard right now. We are navigating what life after loss is and mourning our plans we had for the future. It's hard not to think about every appointment we had scheduled or the weekly updates we miss getting.

Pray for Britt this week. She usually leads a parent child dedication on Mother's day. Thankfully she has a great team who is leading that for her while she takes some time away. Mother's day will be hard, and we are just figuring out how to navigate the hard days.

Pray for me as I'm getting back into work after being away, and it's very overwhelming. Our staff is being very gracious and showing so much grace...but my job still has to be done. Pray for healing mentally and spirituality and that I love and lead my wife well in this time.

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. My coworker did visit last Sunday. Praise God for that! Keeping praying for her eyes to opened.
- 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) I'm feeling a bit under the weather. Pray that I'd start feeling better.
- 5) God opened up a door at another job that's not at a restaurant. Pray I'd have a smooth transition.
- 6) Emily is gonna do a lot of driving tomorrow. Pray she'd have safe travels.

Thank you all!

Run for God

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Church Family you are such prayer warriors and we thank you so much for this amazing journey you travel with us here at the Run for God Ministry. We are so blessed to get to see so many all over the world sharing the love of Jesus as they Run for God!

We wanted you to see a Facebook Post we just got on our Run Club Member page from Val Bleakley. You may remember the name. She and her husband Tom have come here for the last 2 - Run for God 5K Weekends from Ireland. She was on the Run for God Podcast this week and her story is simply wonderful.

From Val: "Thank you Mitchell and Dean for the privilege and honor of being able to share my story on this week's podcast. It really was a blessing to do and I hope y'all can make out my accent!! What a joy to share in the 5K weekend at Dalton and meet so many 'lovely' RFG members. Truly an amazing team. Like the prayer of Jabez, may God enlarge your territory even further than away over here to us in Ireland!"

Please continue to pray with us as we continue to reach far and wide with the Gospel message.

Brian & Ashley Jones

works in security with the IMB

Great reminder this week that these hard times will pass. Ashley and I were just talking last night. I've been reading through Mark, and in both cases where the disciples found themselves in a storm, they didn't last forever. The first time they woke Jesus up scared the boat was going to sink, but, when Christ is with us, we know 2 things: 1- the boat will not sink, and 2- the storm will not last forever. The second time when Jesus sent them on without Him and another storm came up, we see that Jesus was up on the hillside watching over and praying over them, and, when these storms come up, Jesus will come to our side.

These are good reminders for us because we are going into a potential surgery for Sophie. While the surgery itself is minor, we are worried for her conscious sedation. These types are particularly hard and dangerous for Sophie's airway because of her low muscle tone. The chances for asphyxiation and aspiration increase drastically. We want what's best for SJ but are so scared of losing her. Please pray over this situation for us.

Also pray about decisions for Ashley in her next steps of her doctorate. She is praying about taking a break or pushing through and getting done. With all of the moves, therapies for SJ, illnesses, and life in general, she has fallen behind some. I know she can do it, but it will be a long road and take discipline to push through.

David, Kellie Crowe & Family

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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.

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!

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