

June 2020

Missouri Prayerways

"The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history." Andrew Murray

Note from Carol: Several IMB Affinities/Clusters/Teams have approached me as they seek to find prayer warriors. If you would be willing as an individual/WMU group/Bible Study group/etc. to commit to pray regularly for one of these groups, receiving their prayer letters/calendars, please email or call me and I will pass your contact information to them.

June 1: D. W., SEA, is currently stateside finishing a degree at Midwestern. He asks prayer for their return to Thailand in December that the Lord would raise up national believers to partner with them in church planting efforts, and that they would be able to have some Journeymen as well. Pray for his children to adjust well to moving back and leaving family here//Pray for **Carol Barbour, Retired, SSAP,** as she is only able to talk to her husband on the phone and over Zoom since mid-March and is confined to her home during the pandemic. Pray that she will soon have opportunity for personal interaction and activities in her church//**Jernigan Schwent, Missouri,** writes, "Pray for me to have wisdom in leading our team in developing our next 3-6 months to begin again with our church! We are taking advantage of this break to clarify, simplify & multiply our methods to more effectively & efficiently accomplish our mission//Ask the Lord to guide **MK A. T., 21, CAP,** as he seeks to continue his education and pursue sports in these unusual times//Pray that **MK B. D., 8, CAP,** does well while in lockdown and doing school from home. He would like you to pray that he can continue to learn the local language well. He has discovered a love for music and has been learning to play the ukulele, so pray he learns well and uses it to honor the Lord!

June 2: Pray for **Debbie Curtis, DOM Spouse, Mineral Area Association,** as they transition from Mississippi back to Missouri. It has been rather stressful, but they are excited to be back in Missouri. Pray their house in Mississippi sells soon//**Bonnie Carter, DOM Spouse, Crossroads Association, and Executive Director, Missouri WMU,** asks prayer for wisdom and direction in serving with Missouri WMU, that she not be overwhelmed by the hugeness of the task of making mission disciples who make mission disciples for Christ, for direction in leading and mentoring Crossroads Baptist Association Student Mission Team, and that many will come to know Christ amidst this pandemic.

June 3: Ask our Father to let **Ida Mae Claiborne, Retired, Kansas,** feel safe and secure during these uncertain times.

June 4: As we write this prayer guide, **Kimbire Thrower, SSAP,** is hoping to be quarantined in the states and asks prayer for her family as they seek the Lord for what their next steps will be. Pray for peace, patience and perseverance for Kimbire, and that she doesn't become discouraged but will trust the One who is in control//**Bruce Muskrat, Retired, AMP,** currently leading on-line worship for a Fort Worth congregation of aging members, asks prayer that we all have patience and find creative ways to significantly minister to each other//Like most children around the world, **MK Emma Thrower, 12, SSAP** completed her last two months of school online; but unlike other children, this meant she would never get to see these friends again. Pray Emma would be able to have closure of these relationships and be able to keep in touch with some. Pray that she would have a Christ-like attitude in all changes coming for her and her family.

June 5: Stephen Hagen, SEA, writes, "We had hoped to bring our son back to get settled into college; however, we now have no idea what the summer will hold. Pray for wisdom as we figure out how best to help Zach make this transition back to the States. Pray also for the tribal people we work with as the effects of the pandemic-induced lockdown will affect their livelihoods for a long time to come."

June 6: Lesotho and ESwatini: The Basotho team members ask prayer for the nationals to have their needs for food and shelter provided during the shutdown, and that they will be bold in proclaiming the Gospel.

June 7: Lesotho: As the Goss family has remained in Lesotho during the COVID-19 lockdown, they ask you to pray for their family to grow spiritually as well as stay in good physical shape. Pray the nationals will use wisdom in the ways they leave their homes as most are not exercising the recommended precautions.

June 8: Peter Assad, Missouri, asks prayer for vision, wisdom, clarity, and a keen awareness of God's presence//Pray that **Donna Willcoxon, Retired, Utah, and Linda Abanathy DOM Spouse, Southeast Missouri Association,** will continually seek God's purpose for their everyday activities//The parents of **MK C. B., 13, AMP,** write, "We want to ask for prayer that he will continue to grow in his walk with the Lord and to mature spiritually; that he will love the Lord and serve Him, only, all the days of his life."

June 9: DOM Phil Brewster, St. Francois Association and Retired, EAP, writes, "I need prayer for the Lord to continue to keep me healthy, and to give me wisdom on how to lead and give encouragement to churches and pastors under my care//**DOM Ken McCune, Phelps Association, and Retired, Missouri,** asks prayer that his churches have discernment when to reopen to gathered meetings, and to do so in the best way possible. His son, Brent, has an autoimmune disorder and has been waiting for quite some time for an appointment at Mayo Clinic, which will take place in mid-June. Pray that there will be good help to bring healing once he gets there.

June 10: DOM Richard Nations, Thousand Hills Association, writes, "I hope our association will be able to have children and youth camps this summer. At present we are scheduled to have them, but we are unsure what the pandemic restrictions will look like in mid-summer. We are praying for kids and teens to get to go to camp so some will be saved."

June 11: Pray that **Charles Ruede Retired, AMP, and MK Scarlet Ford, 8, EURO,** will each, in their own way, let their faith in our Lord grow stronger through the storm of the coronavirus.

June 12: Ask the Lord to give **M. J., EAP,** an abundance of joy and His sure guidance during these uncertain times.

June 13: DOM Randy Festervand, Fellowship Association, asks prayer for wisdom and courage to lead//Please remember **Linda Palmer, DOM Spouse, Heartland Association,** as her mother passed away last month.

June 14: Lift up **Margaret Logan, Retired, Illinois,** as she copes with new ways of interacting with those in her realm of influence.

June 15: Lesotho: Pray for Basotho team members who are currently in the states to discern God's will for such a time as this, as they lead on-line Bible studies. Pray for the Floras as they lead Trauma and Healing Training for 15 Christians in the U.S.

June 16: D. H., SEA, writes, "All kids activities and schools were closed from mid-January till early May and ministry activities were on hold through March to May. As things open, activities resume, and life gets busy again, I'm praying for wisdom to know what to resume, what to cancel, and if I should start a couple of new things that are just ideas at the moment"//Remember **Betty Jo Hall, Retired, AMP,** as she seeks to encourage ladies who need a closer walk with Jesus, while maintaining social distance.

June 17: Pray that **Gregory Alexander, EURO, and T. H., EAP,** will be granted protection from anything the enemy would seek to throw at them//**Randy Windham, SSAP,** currently on stateside assignment, asks you to pray for the Lord to destroy or take away COVID-19, and that followers of Jesus would learn to adjust to new ways of doing ministry. Also pray that they would honor the Lord as they share in a few churches this summer//The parents of **MK S. S., 21, EURO** write, "She will be heading into her senior year of college and facing big decisions about her future. Ask God to make clear His direction and give her the encouragement and courage she needs to follow Jesus into life's next chapter.

June 18: Pray for **M. R., SSAP,** to have wisdom in homeschooling her two children who will be in 12th and 10th grade next school year. Pray for wisdom in guiding her son in the college-finding process. Pray they will find a way to get all their homeschool books for the new school year//**Bill Affolter, Retired, Illinois,** asks prayer for his wife, Fern's, health, as she is having a number of issues. He also asks prayer that after the pandemic is over that he will the opportunity and energy to continue teaching twice weekly.

June 19: Ask the Lord to show **Loy Reed, Retired, Florida,** how the spiritual fruit he has cultivated all these years will stand in his stead in a time of need//**Kathy Scott, Former Executive Director, MWMU Board,** as a church staff member, asks prayer for wisdom they will do what is best for their church body and community. Pray that their two sons will realize that God is all they need during these trying times, and they will have some godly leadership while serving in the Marines.

June 20: Pray for **MK Kennedy Wilbanks, 18, EURO**, to continue to trust God each day and that she will see Him at work around her//Pray that **Norma Altis, Past President, MWMU Board**, will have improved balance and walking ability as she has fallen four times this year, and that God's will and presence will be manifested in her life.

June 21: **H. L, EAP**, writes, "Please ask that the Lord give direction for the future as we navigate the uncertainty related to Covid-19 and beyond"//**MK S. R., 18, SSAP**, will begin his senior year in August. "Please pray the Lord will lead him this coming year in knowing what college to attend and what the Lord would have for his life."

June 22: The **MWMU Board** is rescheduled to meet this coming weekend. Since the Annual Meeting was cancelled, this will be a time for persons leaving office to hand over the baton to their successors. Ask the Lord to inspire each person that takes part to look to the future of Missions Education/Praying/Giving/Going to be brighter than ever.

June 23: Pray that **MK S. L., 17, SSAP**, always feels the Lord's presence even when her world is turned upside down.

June 24: Remember **K. H., EAP**, as she seeks ways to navigate the scope of being a wife, mom, and ministry partner//The parents of **MK A. H., 5, NAME**, write, "Ask that she would learn the language (Arabic) and develop deep friendships with neighbor kids. Ask that she would come to understand her need for Christ and have joy. As we go back to the States for a few months this fall, ask that she would adjust well and enjoy the time with family and friends there."

June 25: The parents of **MK G. S., 9, ASAP**, ask you to pray he will grow in his relationship with Christ, continue developing in a healthy way, have joy and peace in a year of unexpected changes, and grow in loving family members.

June 26: Ask the Father to reassure **Paul Garcia, Retired, Missouri**, of the continued calling He has on Paul's life.

June 27: Pray that **Aimee Phillips, SSAP**, will see the fulfillment of the desires of her heart through ministry breakthroughs//**David Stow, AMP**, asks prayer that his family will concentrate on their relationship with Christ, "because everything else flows from that relationship". He also asks prayer for wisdom and a sensitive spirit to listen to the Lord on where and what He wants them to be doing next//**DOM Russell Adams, Dallas County Association**, shares, "In times like these, we feel the prayers of God's children. I ask for wisdom for myself and our pastors as we serve".

June 28: Ask our Lord to lift **Bob Bickford, Missouri**, above the circumstances during trying times.

June 29: **A. S., NAME**, is hoping that things are opened back up in his country by his birthday, today, so that he will be able to begin visiting people in their homes and starting new Bible studies among those with whom they have been evangelizing on line. Pray that people with whom they have been interacting will join to learn more about Jesus//Ask God to guide **Glen Johnson, Retired, AMP; Nathan Begnaud, Missouri; Wayne Willcoxon, Retired, Utah; and Linda Hess, Retired, Missouri**, as they deal with personal decisions regarding the future during uncertain days//The parents of **MK Michael Frealy, 9, AMP**, write, "As Michael turns 9, please pray that God will draw his heart to Jesus. Our hope for him is that one day his powerful voice will be used to point others to saving faith in Christ!"

June 30: **June Seat, Retired, EAP**, writes, "I am thankful for a home and being able to plant flowers; that I can enjoy and give thanks for God's creation; that I have neighbors to greet and visit with across the fence as we 'shelter in place.' My petitions are for those who are suffering from the virus, and for the doctors and nurses who care for them. May this be a time when the people of the world will seek the Lord who is merciful."

AMP - American Peoples; **ASAP** - South Asian Peoples; **CAP** - Central Asian Peoples; **EAP** - East Asian Peoples; **EURO** - European Peoples; **NAME** - Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples; **SEA** - Southeast Asian Peoples; **SSAP** - Sub-Saharan African Peoples

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