

July 2020

Missouri Prayerways

"Work as if you were to live a hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow" — Benjamin Franklin

July 1: Lift up **Jackie Bursmeyer, new Prayer Advocate, MWMU Board**, (not her birthday) as she begins writing this publication. Thank you from **Carol Bowers** for the opportunity to write these past six years as we hold the ropes for our missionaries.

July 2: **A. N., NAME**, asks prayer for the Father to help his knees, which are not functioning well, or give him the ability to endure. He also asks prayer that the nationals will not be more susceptible to COVID 19 during the July and August flu season//Ask the Lord to give **Peggy Rorabaugh, Retired, SSAP**, refreshing days during the summer months.

July 3: Pray that **Amy Reinking, EURO; Jana Stelzer, Retired, SSAP; Matt Marrs, Missouri; Joann Hodges, DOM Spouse, Jefferson Association; and Sharon Paris, Central Region Consultant, MWMU Board**, would each feel contentment as they draw power from the Holy Spirit during unsettled times.

July 4: **Joshua Thrower, SSAP**, writes, "Pray for us as we travel around and speak in churches that we will have the right words to share that will encourage and inspire. Pray for wisdom as we seek where God is leading us this fall"//Lift up **M. W., SEA**, as he attempts new strategies in a new environment.

July 5: Remember **A. H., AMP**, as he and his family seek to keep priorities in the proper focus//**MK B. D., 7, CAP**, asks you to pray that he will learn the local language better, and that his friends and teachers will believe in Jesus.

July 6: Pray for **MK W. J., 21, CAP**, who just graduated from college and very recently married. Pray she will find work, and that they will find a church home and make godly friends.

July 7: **J. L., SSAP**, asks prayer for wisdom as they seek ways to engage the many African immigrants who live in their European city, for sustenance for them during the pandemic, and that they would turn to the Father and follow Him//The parents of **MK Maria Frierson, 13, EURO**, write, "Please pray for Maria to re-engage well with school after having been in the US for the last six months, grow in her obedience to Christ, and form deep friendships//The parents of **MK Kimbrellyn Thrower, 15, SSAP**, write, "Pray she can find contentment as we transition to a new place, school, and friends this fall. Pray for her as she has had to leave friends behind//**DOM Timothy Faber, Lake of the Ozarks Association**, asks prayer as they juggle their calendar of events due to COVID-19, and for favor as he runs for a position as a State Rep in the August election//**DOM Preston Thompson, Grand Crossings Association**, asks prayer that the delayed merger of two associations will take place soon and that his churches will remain healthy through the pandemic.

July 8: Ask the Lord to grant **Nancy Jordan, Retired, DEAF, and Jim Reid, Retired, Nevada**, the ability to display an unusual amount of grace and mercy during difficult days//**MK L. F., 15, NAME**, asks prayer that he will have opportunities to witness to his teammates on his soccer team.

July 9: Pray that **Keith Williams, Retired, SEA**, will always find joy in the study of the Word//The parents of **MK Elijah Watson, 4, SEA**, ask prayer that he will be excited to return to Thailand in December, learn the language well, form lasting friendships with Thai children, and trust in God as he grows up.

July 10: Remember **M. M., NAME, and Dena McAnally, SEA**, as they navigate how they minister to nationals in perhaps a little different way than before//**A. V., ASAP**, writes, "My kids are now 5, 3 and 1. Without a good education system here in South Asia and no church programs for children, the main weight of all their secular and spiritual education falls to me. Pray that the Father would give me wisdom, patience, and direction as I homeschool and disciple my kids//Pray for **MK A. B., 19, NAME**, to have discipline as she studies for college placement tests, which will determine what courses she will take this fall//Pray for comfort for **MK S. B., 15, AMP**, as she has recently had to say goodbye to close friends who were moving. Pray, as she grows in her walk with the Lord, that she will be strengthened in her faith.

July 11: Oretha Brewster, Retired, EAP, and DOM Spouse, St. Francois Association, asks prayer that her words and actions will encourage leaders in her church and association. Pray for her children, two of whom are health care workers and others in leadership positions//Ask the Father to give **Daniel Graham, Missouri,** a compassionate heart as he serves among people in need//**Joan Dotson, Past President and Resource Coordinator, MWMU Board** says she has learned her need of Christian fellowship with others! She prays July will be a month of fellowship and the beginnings of new relationships to share Jesus.

July 12: Pray that **MK N. W., 11, EURO,** will have opportunity to befriend other boys to whom he can share Bible stories.

July 13: Remember **L. B., NAME,** as she influences other young mothers, leading by example and sharing the love of Christ//Pray that **MK Titus Lindsey, 11, EURO,** will have opportunity to spend time with classmates before they all transfer to different schools for 7th grade this fall//Ask the Lord to give **Gail Rector, DOM Spouse, Gasconade Association,** improved health so she will be better able to tend to her elderly father who is in a nearby independent living center//**Linda Graham, Funds Ambassador, MWMU Board,** asks prayer that she will know how to challenge women to reach out to others.

July 14: Lesotho: As we remember the Flora family, pray for their online Bible studies to bear fruit, and for Teresa's knees to continue to heal.

July 15: Lift up **Phil Peters, Washington, and DOM Patrick Ryan, Missouri Valley Association,** as they give the lost opportunities to know Christ//As **MK F. J., 18, CAP,** heads for college this fall, pray that the Lord would continue to mold her into the woman that He has planned for her to be//**Rachel Nations, DOM Spouse, Thousand Hills Association,** asks prayer for her elderly parents in Illinois who have been sitting in isolation for the past few months.

July 16: C. S., EURO, asks you to pray Colossians 4:2-6 for him and his colleagues in Cologne, Germany, as the pandemic has shaken loose once closed doors and the harvest is ripe//**Clyde Leonard, Retired, Missouri,** asks for prayer as he prepares to begin ministering in the Jefferson City Housing Authority where there are over 1,000 units. Pray for open doors to the gospel.

July 17: Ross Frierson, EURO, writes, "Pray for the Frierson family as they settle back into life and ministry in Cardiff, Wales after being in the US for six months. Pray for leaders to be raised up in Redeemer Church and for many salvations as church members boldly proclaim the gospel."

July 18: Ask the Father to help **Nelda Gann, Retired, SSAP,** to always find new ways to be a support and encouragement to those around her//**David Sundeen, Retired, Missouri,** asks prayer for himself, his fellow professors, and the students at Midwestern Seminary for safety and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 19: Pray for **David Percival, Missouri,** to have wisdom for how to handle changes in his lifestyle//**MK C. A., 14, CAP,** had hoped to spend the summer with extended family in the states, but with travel restrictions, this did not happen. Pray that his family can make the summer special for him in Central Asia and that his relationship with the Lord will deepen and become more independent.

July 20: Ask the Lord to guide **E. M., NAME; Stuart Dace, Missouri; and Mitchell Bryant, Retired, Nevada,** into an ever closer walk with Him//**DOM Steven Strauch, Laclede Association,** writes, "Prayers appreciated as I undergo treatment for Stage 4 Lung Cancer. Pray for physical and mental endurance as I also try to continue to serve."

July 21: Pray that **Carl Rees, Retired, AMP,** will find innovative ways to present Christ in a missional context.

July 22: Lesotho: Stan Burleson asks prayer for the Basotho believers to stay faithful in sharing the gospel and discipling new believers and for good health and provisions of food for all Basotho

July 23: Remember **Judith Mendoza, Retired, Missouri,** as she always seeks to do the Master's Will.

July 24: Jake Goss, SSAP (Lesotho) asks you to pray for God to open his eyes to opportunities to encourage his family and the Basotho, and for the discipline to eat and exercise properly//The parents of **MK I. B., 11, AMP,** ask prayer as she transfers to middle school in the fall and navigates new emotions and challenges. Ask that she will grow in her walk with

the Lord and in her friendships//Ask the Father to allow **MKs J. I. and P.I., 5, ASAP**, to open doors for their parents to befriend other young families for the cause of Christ.

July 25: Pray that **Michael Cook, Retired, California**, will find favor in his neighborhood as he finds new ways to interact with others//**Richard Lamborn, Retired, Iowa**, asks prayer for wisdom as he and his wife, Betty, deal with the issues of old age. He also asks prayer for Betty's sister who has cancer and a grandson who is healing from a broken hip//Pray that the family of **MK Maryann Yoakum, 17, SSAP**, will find a way to get her books and other items transported to them that are usually brought over by volunteer teams.

July 26: Ask God to show **Devin Hackler, Missouri**, new ways to speak into the lives of the lost in his community.

July 27: **Kathryn Richardson, Retired, EURO**, writes, "I would like prayer for a young couple who needs to follow the Lord and for our five-year-old granddaughter who suffers seizures and will be receiving a service dog soon if all goes as planned//Lift up **MK A. B., 6, NAME**, as she and her family deal with daily changes in their lives.

July 28: Ask the Father to protect the hearts of **Roslyn Alexander, EURO, and MK E. H., 16, NAME**, at times when their world gets turned upside down//**Terri Baer, Retired, AMP**, asks prayer for wisdom and grace as a Christ-honoring wife, mother, and grandmother.

July 29: Lesotho: Join the Goss family in praising God that the transition to a new Prime Minister recently went smoothly.

July 30: **L. B., CAP**, asks prayer for all the MKs with whom she works concerning the uncertainties about their next school year//Remember **M. C., ASAP**, as she daily depends on the Lord for her every need.

July 31: **A. H., SEA**, asks prayer that they will soon be able to get back to their field of service and for wisdom for their boys schooling options//Pray that **C. H., NAME**, will have guidance regarding schooling her children//Pray for **Sheila Wilbanks, EURO**, to have guidance as she ministers to women affected by loss//**Sherry Woods, Retired, SSAP**, asks prayer for wisdom as she prepares to retire within the next 18 months from her managerial position with a hospice agency.

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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