

Missouri Prayerways

December 2020

TCK (Third Culture Kids) - The new term highlights the blending of cultures that children of missionaries experience.

1. Kay Ellen Deckart, retired (East Asia) and **J.L.** 21 yr. old TCK (Sub Sahara Africa) celebrate their birthdays. Pray that they will feel the Lord's presence in their lives today and throughout this new year.

2. Shirley Clark, retired (Americas) celebrates her 101st birthday today! Thank the Lord for her life, for the many years she and Charles served in Venezuela and for her witness of God's love.

Pray for **Ms. H.D.** retired (IMB) and **Rachel Slusher**, DOM spouse (MO Valley) as they celebrate their birthdays today. Ask that the joy of the Lord will be their strength.

3. Gary Linebarger, retired (East Asia) shares that the Taiwan Baptist Convention was organized in 1954 and now has over 200 churches and 40,000 members who are committed to bringing the gospel to Taiwan and the world. Please pray with Gary that these Taiwan Baptists will be salt and light in their communities.

Give thanks to the Lord for **D.E.** (South Asia), Marsha Cook, retired (NAMB) and **Pam Brumley**, DOM spouse (St. Joseph).

4. Bette Moeller, retired (Europe) asks that we pray for her family and people with whom they have worked, that they would come to know Christ as their Savior and have a personal relationship with the Lord.

Pray also today for the Lord's blessings to fall onto **Richard Tucker** (NAMB), and **Ron Satterwhite** DOM (Mt. Salem Wyaconda)

5. Jim Reppeto, Retired (AMP) asks: *"Please pray for my friends with whom I've talked about Jesus (Francisco, Pablo, Saul, Maria, Andrew, Devin) that they will accept Him as Lord and Savior."*

Sam Upton retired (Malawi) shared that he and Marilyn now live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee where he pastors a rural church, FBC Beechgrove. He says: *"I am so thankful to live close to our daughter Malinda and her family. Being near two grandsons is just the greatest thing in the world. Like many, I pray that we can stay safe during these days of Covid."*

Mrs. M.B. (South Asia), **Vaughn Akins** (NAMB), **Jerry Field**, retired (NAMB) and **A.T.**, 19 yr. old TCK (Central Asia) are completing another year of life today. Pray that they will look back on the blessings from the Lord that they have received through the years.

6. Pray for **Fusion Students** to be unified with their team and whole heartedly committed to the Great Commission. Pray the Lord would be glorified of as they travel across the US for transportation training, seeking opportunities to share with the lost. Ask God that this Christmas season will be a reminder of Christ first and foremost as well as a relaxing, enjoyable break. Pray that the Lord would protect them from sinful tendencies and empower them to faithfulness. (John 3:16-17, Philippians 2:3-7)

Pray also for **Elaine Goode**, retired (NAMB) as she celebrated her birthday.

7. Shirley Andrus (Southwest Regional Consultant) asks prayer for good health and reaching WMU groups in Southwest Missouri. Pray that she will be aware of opportunities to point others to Christ.

Lydia Robertson, TCK (Sub Sahara Africa) will turn 16 today. Pray for Lydia that she will grow in wisdom and in her relationship with the Lord. Pray that the Lord will provide good, Godly friends for her and strengthen her daily.

8. Kyle Brosseau (Europe) and his family are currently stuck in the US due to COVID-19 and unable to apply for visas for their new place of service: Prague. Please pray that European borders open soon so he and the family can apply for visas and move back overseas.

Truman Chatman retired (Americas) praises the Lord for the safety that he and his family are experiencing. He also asks that we pray with him as he leads the Lone Hill Baptist Church to be God's light and salt.

Lorraine Powers, (Past MWMU President) is praising God that He brought her through cancer surgery and has given her opportunities to continue to serve in His name.

Give thanks for Cheryl Stahlman, (MWMU "My Mission") and her collegiate missionary ministry.

9. Evan Jones, TCK (Japan) will turn 2 years old. His parents ask that we pray for Evan and his 5-year-old brother Ezra's adoption processes will go smoothly and quickly.

Leona Walker Troop retired (Brazil) writes: *"We, my husband who is deceased and I worked in Brazil for 35 years. I praise the Lord every day for a new day with new blessings and new horizons. He is so good. I pray for those that do not have Jesus in their lives all over the world."*

Martha Hall retired (Nigeria) is living where there are some positive cases of COVID. Pray for her and the other residents that they will be able to return to a relatively normal life, and the end of the pandemic.

Ken Hawkins, DOM (Lawrence County) shares a praise that all 28 churches are open and worshipping the Lord in Southwest Missouri. Pray for guidance for Ken and Eloise and the next step in their journey with the Lord as they are retiring as the DOM 12/31/20.

Jack Duke retired (NAMB) and Mrs. **F.J.** (East Asia) also celebrate birthdays today. Pray that the Christmas season will just be a reminder of God's love for them.

10. Jesse S. (South Asia) asks that we pray for him as he leads mission teams that are focused on reaching the urban mega-centers in South Asia. Pray for Jesse to abide deeply in Christ daily and to have wisdom for leadership and passion for the work.

K.L. TCK (North Africa, Middle East) will turn 14 today. Pray that she will be blessed with the reminder of Philippians 1:6.

Susie Adams, DOM spouse (Dallas County) asks prayer that she will be able to find precious time with the Lord in her busy day-to-day schedule. The Lord is faithful to her in so many ways and she wants to be faithful to Him as well.

11. R.H. (North Africa, Middle East) and **Jane Park**, retired (South Asia) celebrate their birthdays. Pray that they will see God's hand in their lives in very visible ways.

12. Teri Broeker (MWMU age-level consultant) gives praise for the friendships and memories of serving on the WMU Board for almost 23 years. She also asks prayer as she begins retirement at the end of 2020.

Give thanks to the Lord for the life and ministry of **Sherry Field**, retired (NAMB).

13. Maryetta Dennis, retired (NAMB) asks that we pray for the blessings of good health for her and her family during these days.

14. A.W. (South Asia) celebrates her birthday. Pray that she will be renewed in her spirit through rest and relationships today.

15. Paula Hupe (MWMU Treasurer) shares a praise that her rheumatoid arthritis has improved. Pray that it will go into complete remission. Also pray that she will be able to fulfill her duties as MO WMU treasurer.

Mary Scott retired (North Africa, Middle East), **N.H.** 10 yr. old TCK (South Asia) celebrate their birthdays. Pray that the day will be filled with blessings and grace.

16. Mike Dennis, retired (NAMB) asks that we pray for his health that that he will, once again, be available to the people and the churches.

J.J. (South East Asia) and **Ina Winstead**, retired (East Asia) celebrate God's blessings in their lives and ministries. Let us too give thanks for their willingness to give their lives to the Lord.

17. Kaitlyn Ostertag, 20 yr. old TCK (Guadalajara, MX) and her parents praise the Lord because Kaitlyn will be able to join the family in Mexico for Christmas! Pray that COVID will not stop her travels for the holidays, and that she will have a great second semester in 2021 as she completes her Sophomore year at California Baptist University.

John Brittain, DOM (West Central) and **Janet Vernon**, DOM spouse (Cape Girardeau) also celebrates their birthdays. Pray Psalm 30:12 for them today.

18. B.S. (North Africa, Middle East) will celebrate his birthday. Pray for his witness among people who do not call Jesus their Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord for **Janet Hamilton**, retired (NAMB) as she finds new ways of sharing God's love with those around her.

19. Caleb Bledsoe, 20 yr. old TCK (Kenya) and his brother Isaac will be staying in the USA when his family returns to the field in January. Pray Deuteronomy 31:7-8 for Caleb. *"Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

Roger Graham retired (South East Asia). Pray that he will know that the Lord has been his helper in every stage of his life.

20. Ryan Lindsey (England) shares: *"Please join us in praying for the UK as we minister through the see-saw of regional and national lockdowns. Many of the traditional large outreaches have been canceled and personal interactions are still hampered. May the light of Jesus shine brightly through the darkness of the winter season where we have only around 8 hours of grey daylight."*

Jim Flora (Sub Sahara Africa) and Teresa have taken a leave of absence from IMB. He has a mass on his liver, and they are in the beginning stages of consultation and testing. Pray that God provides healing and will be honored through this experience.

Wayne Bandy retired (NAMB) celebrates his birthday as well today. Pray that this Christmas season will be a time of joy and peace for Wayne.

21. Pray for the Lesotho team as they share the Good News of Christmas with those around them (Luke 2:20).

22. K.R., 9 yr. old TCK (South East Asia) and his family are in the USA, unable to return to their field because of COVID. Pray for K as he adjusts to public school, new friends, and a new atmosphere at school while on Stateside. Pray that he will feel courage and confidence to share his faith amidst pressures and temptations around him. Pray that he and his family will be able to return to their *heart* home soon.

Hailey 12 yr. old TCK (Sub Sahara Africa) will celebrate her birthday in the USA as her family waits out the Pandemic before returning to Africa. Pray that her celebration will be joyful, and she will be an encourager to those around her.

G.I. 13 yr. old TCK (South Asia) and **David Hodges**, retired (Americas) also celebrate their birthdays. Pray Psalm 31:1 over their lives.

23. Roger Grossmann, retired (Americas) asks that you pray for his health, wisdom, safety and strength as he leads the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, with his wife Vickie.

Bob Carter, retired (NAMB) and **Dennis Clermont**, retired (South Asia) are also celebrating a new year of life and, though retired, continue to minister to those around them.

24. Tim Frierson, 11 yr. old TCK (Cardiff, Wales, UK) asks that we pray for his friend Leah, that she will become a Christian. Pray also for the end of the pandemic.

J.L. (East Asia) shares their joy that the Lord has opened a door for them in Japan where they can minister to their target people. He asks prayer for their language study and the building of new relationships with the Japanese.

25. Pray that **Debbie Walker**, DOM spouse (Texas) will be filled with joy as she celebrates her birthday on this special day of the year.

26. Laverne Tope, retired (South Asia) and **E.N.** 13 yr. old TCK (North Africa, Middle East) begin a new year of their lives. Pray that they will look forward to the challenge of the new year with the knowledge that the Lord will walk with them through each day.

27. Pray that the Lord will direct you to someone with whom you can share the Good News of the Christmas season (Luke 2: 10, 11).

28. Pray for chaplains, first responders and military personnel as they work during the holiday season.

29. Pray for missionaries who are not able to be with their families during this holiday season, that they will have special times with nationals in their place of service.

30. A.V. (South Asia) turns 6 today. Praise God that even through a strange year of lockdown, school closure and social distancing—A.V. is still speaking Hindi, learning Kindergarten reading/math and has found creative ways to have fun with her family. Pray that her Hindi would remain sharp and she would have opportunities for socializing with friends, despite schools still being closed.

J.J. (Central Asia) is celebrating her birthday. Pray Psalm 31:24 over her life.

31. Rebekah (EURO) turns 9. Pray that she will continue to grow in her faith and that she will develop into a servant leader. According to mom, she is a fun, energetic girl with a plan for everything she does!

Rachel Holden (Americas) finishes a very strange year with her birthday. May she be refreshed and ready to face 2021 with a renewed spirit and a heart filled with the love of her Lord.

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