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Missouri PrayerWays

"I pray, expecting an answer." Andrew Murray

PLEASE NOTE: *Pseudonym; TCK=Third Culture Kid-formerly MK; NAMB=North American Mission Board; AMP=American Peoples, APR=Asian Pacific Rim Peoples, CAP=Central Asian Peoples, DEAF=Deaf Peoples, EURO=European Peoples, NAME=Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples, and ASAP=South Asian Peoples, SSAP=Sub-Saharan African Peoples

April 1: Pray that **K. H., EURO**, will adjust well, this year, as their oldest daughter goes back to the states to attend college//The parents of **TCK C. H., 15, APR**, write, "Pray for his salvation, as he is still resistant to spiritual things. Also pray for him as he establishes study habits and tries to navigate high school in a hybrid online/homeschooling program. He loves the friendships the program provides but is having trouble organizing his time so that he can finish his work. He was recently diagnosed with dyslexia, so pray that we will find great strategies to help him succeed. Pray that he will have friends who point him to Jesus."

April 2: **Kimberly Yoakum, SSAP**, writes, "Pray that I can be used by God to discover or create a resource for Christian worldview formation for people in mercy ministries to use with those they evangelize, and disciple cross culturally. I feel like this is work that the Lord has prepared for me to do, but I feel as inept to do it as Zacchaeus felt inept to see Jesus over a crowd of people"//Ask the Father to give **William Givens, Retired, NAMB**, renewed relationships with old friends//The parents of **TCK Isaac B., 22, SSAP**, write, "Please pray for Isaac to finish his final semester at Boyce College strong. Pray that the Lord will make clear to Isaac what His calling is for Isaac's life. Pray that he will seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, relying on Him in every circumstance and trusting Him with his future."

April 3: Pray that **Jordan Cox, NAMB**, will find many opportunities to develop new friendships this year that will lead to Kingdom growth//**DOM Mike Dillin, South Central Association**, writes, "I have several churches in my association that are without pastors. Pray that our Lord will direct the right person for each church at the right time. Also, there is one church in our association who is going through a heart-breaking time. One of their deacons was teaching 5th grade boys in AWANA when he suddenly collapsed with a massive heart attack. He died in front of his boys. Then two of their other deacons have some serious health issues. Pretty heavy stuff, but we have a powerful Father."

April 4: Pray the **MWMU Missions Celebration (Annual Meeting)**, at FBC Warrensburg, will be an encouragement and blessing to all who attend tomorrow and Saturday//Ask the Lord to give **J. S., NAME**, the ability to speak truth to many listening ears during this time of Ramadan.

April 5: **Charles Moeller, Retired, EURO**, writes, "Please pray for the people in our host country that their churches be strengthened and that unsaved friends and students who have heard the Gospel will put their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask that the Lord bless and give comfort, knowledge, and understanding of the Gospel through every Bible or piece of literature distributed in villages"//**Marlyn Upton, Retired, SSAP**, writes, "I'm currently teaching adults in an English as a Second Language (ESL) class at our church on Wednesday evenings. I teach the beginning students and have between 15 and 20 students attending each week. We have a Bible story as a part of our lesson. The stories, this semester, are about Jesus, leading up to Easter, when we will present the plan of salvation. Pray the students will clearly understand and will respond to the invitation to follow Jesus"//Pray that **Dale Gann, Retired, SSAP**, will have a blessed day of celebration with family and friends//The parents of **TCK E. H., 6, CAP**, write, "Ezra would like people to pray that he would have a good birthday, and that God would help him with homeschool."

April 6: **Allison, NAME**, is praising the Lord for good health care in the country where she serves but asks you to pray for her health to stabilize. She also asks prayer as she teaches elementary music and has many opportunities to share about God in that setting. Pray also for new opportunities for discipleship in her community//**Tonya Mays, Retired, APR**, asks prayer for her daughter, son and daughter-in-law who have walked away from the faith in which they were raised. She asks that you pray that their hearts would be softened and that the seeds of truth taught to them from youth will press in on their minds to the point of repentance.

April 7: Pam Catrow, DOM Spouse, Pulaski Association, asks prayer for spiritual guidance and wisdom as she helps and counsels the wives of the PBA pastors, and as she studies the Word.

April 8: Ask the Father to bless the lives of **TCK J. B., 3, CAP, and DOM John Mohler, Harrison Association,** in a significant way that those around them will see the hand of God at work.

April 9: Kandi Ostertag, AMP, writes, "We will be traveling almost the whole month of April to other countries for meetings. Please pray for safe travels, for good health, and for rest during all our travels and meetings"//**Gene Collins, NAMB,** asks you to pray that God would provide his church with a building of their own. He would also appreciate prayers that he and his wife would experience a time of joyful harvest for the Kingdom after recently going through a "very tough season"//Pray for **Arnaldo Achucarro, NAMB,** to be able to meet the demands upon him, as he pastors two Hispanic churches in the Kansas City area and he and his wife raise three small children.

April 10: R. D., CAP, writes, "I am in a season of heavy travel and workload through the spring. Please pray that I can balance well between work, travel and family time, trusting the Lord is with me even when things feel overwhelming. Pray also that we can be an encouragement and light to our neighbor that just lost her father to cancer"//**J. K., EURO,** writes, "Our Polish church is preparing for several evangelistic events and welcoming a couple of teams from the US this summer. Please pray for an effective witness to Polish people and unity among the believers"//**Trevor Yoakum, SSAP,** asks prayer for the completion of his Education Doctorate that will enhance his pastoral formation ministry in Togo, West Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the world//Pray for **Bob Worley, Retired, NAMB,** to enjoy new and old friends throughout the coming year!

April 11: Dorothy Evans, Retired, APR, is praising the Lord for continued good health and the ability to continue to teach her Ladies Bible Study class each Sunday. She asks you to pray that she will have continued health and strength to do what the Lord would have her do and be able to finish her course for His glory//The parents of **TCK N. H., 13, APR,** write, "Pray for Nate to continue to grow in his faith, and to obey the Lord in baptism. Pray for him to have friends that help him grow in the Lord and encourage him. Pray for Nate to excel in school and to remain his funny, quirky self amid a lot of outside influences. Pray for his hip that has been hurting a lot and we aren't sure of the cause."

April 12: Lift up **Charles Bradshaw, Retired, EURO,** asking the Father to renew his heart and mind through the scriptures this year.

April 13: D. D., EURO, asks for prayer as our missionaries continue to support church leaders in Ukraine during the war. As our missionaries face barriers to ministry, pray they will not become discouraged.

April 14: Pray for **Blake Fortner, NAMB,** as he pours his life into the community surrounding Three Trails Community Church in Kansas City.

April 15: Ask the Lord to give **P. S., NAME,** confidence to speak the name of Jesus at every opportunity.

April 16: P. D., EURO, is the husband of D. D. EURO, whose birthday was on the 13th. His request is the same as hers, so please continue to pray for the requests on the 13th.

April 17: D. B., Retired, APR, writes, "Pray for the ministry of Victory Mission in Springfield. I go there each Thursday morning and lead men in a study of God's Word. These men are struggling with many different problems and need God's care and leadership. Pray that God will give me the right message for the men and that God will touch their hearts so they will come to know the Lord and have full recovery in their lives."

April 18: Pray that **J. L., NAME,** has many opportunities to make long-lasting friends among his people group.

April 19: Lesotho: The Goss family ask prayer for one of their university students who has fallen into cultural darkness and is trapped. Pray that God will protect him and give him a safe way out and the courage to take it.

April 20: *Carrie Barrington, APR, writes, "Lift up our two boys as they enter the 4th quarter of their school year. Our oldest son is having a difficult year transitioning to middle school. Lift me up as I support my husband by managing ministry and family while he travels to serve colleagues around the globe. Lift up our family to remain focused on what God has called us to do in this country and to be a light to those around us."

April 21: C. B., EURO, writes, "In our local ministry we are praying for the Lord to provide the funds for the church to complete a community center. They are becoming discouraged and losing enthusiasm. The church needs to be outside of its walls, and this is one way for that to happen"//The parents of **TCK *Becca, 2, APR**, write, "Our prayer is that she would continue to learn the language here and make many friends"//Ask the Father to let **TCK M. S., 13, APR**, make many new friends with whom she can share her faith.

April 22: R. T., AMP, writes, "Our family is currently in the process of adopting a 12-year-old boy! My prayer request is for our adoption to be finalized so our son can officially be forever ours!"

April 23: Pray that **R. S., APR**, has the patience necessary to wait on the Lord's timing for all things//**Beverly Richardson, Retired, NAME**, praises the Lord for the many years she has been allowed to serve Him. Pray that she will be able to faithfully continue to serve as long as the Lord allows. She is currently serving on her church's pulpit committee. She asks your continued prayers for the conflict in the Middle East, which is the area where she served for many years.

April 24: S. S., SSAP, asks for prayer as he learns French//Ask the Father to give **Verla Golston, Retired, AMP**, an abundance of sweet surprises on her birthday.

April 25: Pray that **David Miller, Retired, AMP**, will have plenty of fond memories of his time of service on the mission field//**Darlene Scott, West Central Region Consultant, MWMU Board**, would love prayers for her ministries, including Children's Sunday School, Children in Action, Women On Mission, Adults On Mission at a nursing home, and Child Evangelism Fellowship Bible Clubs. She is praising God that all four of their adult children are in church with their nine grandchildren - ages three months to 16 years old. Prayers that the grands will all love and serve the Lord now and on into adulthood."

April 26: Lesotho: The Barnhill family ask you to pray that their church partners who are meeting the needs of orphans in their villages will not grow weary of doing good.

April 27: Ask the Lord to provide protection and delightful experiences for ***Chloe Mercer, 4, ASAP**, as she adapts to her surroundings.

April 28: Lesotho: The Burlesons ask prayer for Memathabiso as she continues to teach the children Bible stories, disciple new believers, and give Bibles to those who recite their seven scriptures.

April 29: The parents of **TCK E. M., 5, APR**, write, "He has had a lot of transition this past year and is still missing friends from our previous location. Would you pray for the Lord to make Himself known to Ethan, to give him new friends, to help him through this year's travels and transitions, and that he would grow in his faith and be continually reminded of how deeply loved he is"//The parents of **TCK E. S., 21, SSAP**, write, "She will be studying abroad her senior year for her intercultural studies degree. Ask that she has wisdom as she narrows down her study abroad location, and that the Lord continues to guide her and give her discernment for her future in relation to her call to missions."

April 30: Continue to pray for **Missouri WMU** as plans are being carried out to host the **Missionary Kids Re-Entry Retreat**, August 6-10 at Encounter Cove in Roach, MO.

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