

## **May 2024**

### **Missouri PrayerWays**

*“My purpose is to pray for believers and those who do not know God.” 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, SSAP=Sub-Saharan African Peoples

**May 1:** Fifty-four **Fusion students** (nine teams), from Spurgeon College at Midwestern Seminary, are departing tomorrow, to undisclosed locations all over the world, to share the gospel with many who have never heard. Lift them up during the next three months of this journey.

**May 2:** Ask the Lord to go before **S. E., CAP; D. W., DEAF; and Melinda Cobb, Retired, NAMB**, as they journey the path He has laid out for them.

**May 3:** A huge thank you to the seven **Montana Southern Baptist Women** who came to learn and serve at the Missouri WMU Missions Celebration in April. They also took time to do some mission projects in the Kansas City Metro area. Ask the Lord to continue to bless them with energy as they make a difference, on their own mission field, in Montana in the weeks and months ahead.

**May 4:** **Travis Webb** asks prayer as **RA/Challengers Consultant, MWMU Board**, that he would be able to serve our churches and their men as he brings them missions discipleship. He asks prayer for the church he pastors during their revitalization process, which is going well, and he has a vision of helping other churches through this same process using missions' discipleship in the same way it has helped his church.

**May 5:** Pray that **I.M., NAME**, will desire, foremost, to be pleasing to God in everything he does.

**May 6: Lesotho:** Ask the Lord to continue to bless Stan and Angie Burleson as their time in the states draws to a close at the end of this month. Pray that many with whom they have spoken will seek the Lord's will regarding short-term or long-term service in Lesotho.

**May 7: Laura Wells, Past Executive Director, MWMU Board**, writes, “Please pray for me as I take on more work responsibilities at Still Waters Pregnancy Resource Center. I have been a volunteer for the last couple of years but will be now hired on as part-time staff.”

**May 8:** Pray that **James Nixon, NAMB; Ray Pollock, Retired, NAMB; and TCK E. H., 10, ASAP**, would have compassion for those who are marginalized in their community//**Sandi Bryant, Retired, NAMB**, writes, “My prayer request is that my Children in Action class would grow in numbers and in commitment to following the Lord's plan for their lives. Personally, that I would daily grow more in love with my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

**May 9:** Pray for **Martin Hanley, NAMB**, to represent God well in his secular role while having continued freedom to meet the spiritual needs of his community and church family. Pray for more workers to join in the mission to reach Bowling Green for Christ// Please pray for **TCK \*L. T, 15, NAME**, to continue to grow in his faith. He would also like prayers to finish the school year strong!

**May 10: Lesotho:** Offer up a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the inroads Jake, Ginger, and Timber Goss are making in the lives of men, women, students, and children in Maseru and surrounding villages. Ask for protection from the enemy as they faithfully serve.

**May 11:** Ask the Father to shine brightly through the lives of **La Nell Barnes, Retired, NAME, and Bryan Davidson, NAMB**, as they seek to engage the lost in their communities.

**May 12: Sherry Bielinski, Retired, American Peoples**, asks prayer that she will have wisdom, patience and discernment in helping to lead their grandchildren in the ways of the Lord, that she will have strength, patience and

wisdom as she substitutes at a Christian school. Please also pray for her 92-year-old mother and for her husband who has a heart condition.

**May 13:** Pray that **L. D., ASAP; James Wilkins, Retired, SSAP; and TCK E. M., 8, APR,** will not fear as they navigate the perils of daily life.

**May 14: Glenda Terrill, Retired, EURO,** writes, "Please pray that I will continue to listen carefully to the Spirit's leading (nudging, speaking, calling!) each day as I lead studies of His Word to women, via Zoom in six states, and mentor young women in my local church."

**May 15:** Ask the Lord to give needed patience to **Amjad Mohammed, NAME, and Kelly Brittain, DOM Spouse, West Central Association,** as they encounter persons with opposing world views.

**May 16:** Lift up **K.M., ASAP,** as she speaks a message of hope to those who need it most.

**May 17: J. N, SSAP,** asks prayer for more laborers to be called into the harvest fields as they are recruiting people to come to West Africa and engage in some key locations//Ask the Father to walk closely with **Bruce Vaughn, NAMB,** as he approaches souls in need of a Savior//Pray for **Laura Holly Gentry, DOM Spouse, Cain Creek Stoddard Association,** as she invests into the lives of several CCSBA pastor's wives, several women of Temple Baptist Church, the WMU ministry of CCSBA, along with investing in her daughters and their ministries to others.

**May 18:** Pray for **C. B., ASAP, and Don Combs, Retired, EURO,** to have meaningful times in the Word and prayer before attempting the tasks of the day. Pray the same thing for yourself!

**May 19:** Ask the Lord to surround **Janice Brake, Retired, AMP,** with caring friends and family on this her special day.

**May 20:** Lift up **Martha Rees, Retired, AMP,** as she continues to be a bright light in a darkening world//**John Bartholomew, NAMB,** writes, "I would ask that people be praying that we reach the lost with the gospel, love them like Jesus does, and care for them the way God cares for us. I would also ask for prayer as we navigate through trying to fund building a new sanctuary because we don't have enough room for everyone."

**May 21: M. B., AMP,** asks for prayer as she and her husband travel during this week that the trip would help advance the missionary task and for their three children who will be at home. She also asks prayer for wisdom and provision for their kids as this is a year of transition with Susanna becoming a college freshman this fall, Caleb a high school senior, and Isabel a high school sophomore//**J. H., APR,** writes, "You can pray as we will welcome several new tribal teammates in June and will be doing orientation and training with them in a very remote area for a couple of weeks. Pray for health as we'll be camping for an extended period for this training"//Ask the Father to protect **J. H., AMP; M. W., APR; Ron Winstead, Retired, APR; and TCK J. L., 20, SSAP,** with His full armor as they fight battles of spiritual warfare.

**May 22: M. H., APR,** writes, "Please pray for my health as I have had a few issues lately, pray for healing and that these issues will resolve soon. Most importantly, please pray that I will continue to cultivate my relationship with the Lord daily as I want everything (family life, sharing good news, discipling, teaching, language learning, etc.) to be done out of the overflow of my love relationship with Him."

**May 23:** Pray for **Joan Frisby, Retired, NAMB,** to continue to trust the Lord no matter what comes her way.

**May 24: Lesotho:** Kyle and Kim Totty and their two children have been in Lesotho almost six months. Pray they would not grow weary of learning the culture and language.

**May 25:** Ask the Lord to give **Don Smith, Retired, AMP; TCK Hudson Ford, 15, EURO; and TCK E. M., 15, NAME,** the certainty they need to take leaps of faith//The parents of **TCK F. E., 10, ASAP,** write, "Faith placed her trust in Jesus Christ a couple of years ago and earlier this year she was baptized. Pray for her to continue to grow in her walk with God. Pray for her as she, and her siblings, are starting at a new school this spring. Pray they will do well academically, and this will be an encouragement to become a lifelong learner. Pray for her as we have had lots of transitions and travel for the first half of 2024. Pray she looks to Jesus as her anchor and fortress"//The parents of **TCK Caelyn Wilbanks, EURO,** write, "Please pray for Caelyn to experience God in new and powerful ways as she gets ready to serve at youth camp this

summer. May she develop deep relationships with fellow staff and youth, as well as see how God is using her to share the hope of Jesus.”

**May 26:** Pray that **TCK A. B., 2, ASAP**, will become fluent in the local language as he learns to speak, will make many friends in their new location, and will be protected from the enemy//Ask the Father to show **TCK S. H., 13, AMP**, how growing up in a culture very different from the United States will be an asset to him in the future.

**May 27:** **K. M., SSAP**, asks prayer for their national staff as they partner with local churches to do evangelism in their communities and then continue to partner with other churches. He also asks prayer for energy during the summer months to carry out some important tasks, and for unity in their local church//Lift up **Amy Purl, Retired, EURO**, asking that she knows peace under all circumstances//Ask the Lord to guide **TCK J. E., 5, SSAP**, to have an attitude of humility and grow into a godly young woman. She is learning the Malagasy language well and will transition to homeschooling in August, so pray the transition goes smoothly//Pray for **TCK I. I., 15, ASAP**, who is in need of encouragement as he is in a rough stage in his life where he is trying to prove his ability as a young man, keep up with a tough school year, and doesn't have any close local friends//Ask the Father to go before **TCK H. S., 18, SSAP**, as she graduates from high school and moves back to the states to live with an aunt and her family during the summer in order to work for an organization that provides after-school and summer day-camp programs. Pray that she will seek God's direction in all aspects of her life and will be reassured she is loved and cared for by her family even though they are far apart.

**May 28:** Ask the Lord to sustain **Jennifer Ford, EURO; Jamie Ruede, Retired, AMP; and Laveta Thompson, Retired, AMP**, as they face uncertain times in an uncertain world, knowing God is in control.

**May 29:** Pray for **TCK Zachary Hagen, 22, APR**, as he graduated from college this month and feels called into full-time ministry. Pray for wisdom as he determines where exactly God is leading him for next steps//Ask the Father to guide **Anita Groner, DOM Spouse, Bethel Association**, as she interacts with folks who are in need of a Savior.

**May 30:** Intercede for **Nita Wakefield, Retired, APR, and Dorothy Simmons, Retired, NAMB**, as they seek to share the calm assurance they have in Jesus.

**May 31:** **Ben Hess, Retired, NAMB**, and his wife Linda need our prayers as they navigate the realities of his diagnosis of Alzheimer's//Pray for **TCK T. E., 3, SSAP**, as she learns to share her toys with friends and as she also learns to become fluent in the Malagasy language.

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