

August 2025

Missouri PrayerWays

"May our prayer be counted as incense before Thee." Psalm 141:2

PLEASE NOTE: *Name Changed for Security Purposes; 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

August 1: Ask the Lord to give **Laura Dooley, NAMB**, extra energy as she wears many hats serving alongside her husband in Montana//**Sheriann Kessinger, West Central Regional Consultant, MWMU Board**, writes, "Praise the Lord for all the blessings He has given me. Please pray that I will look to Him for wisdom in my choices and that they are in His will."

August 2: Pray that **Pennie Olmstead, Retired, NAMB**, and **Suzanne Williams, Retired, NAMB**, would each continue to have positive interactions with ladies who need spiritual guidance//The parents of **TCK A. S., 8, CAP**, write, "Pray for her to have good friends this year as a couple of her best friends have recently moved out of the country. Please also pray that she would continue to be interested in spiritual things and that God would save her from a young age."

August 3: The parents of **TCK J. S., 16, EURO**, write, "Please pray for Joya as she adjusts to a new city and school. Please pray for her to make encouraging friendships, and for Joya to grow spiritually"//Ask the Father to give **C. K., CAP, and Terri Corrick, DOM Spouse, Linn/Livingston and North Grand River Associations**, the ability to see beyond the surface of peoples' facade and meet the needs of the heart.

August 4: Pray that **Ms. E. T., ASAP, and DOM Jim Gentry, Cane Creek/Stoddard Association and Retired, IMB**, could have multiple opportunities today to impact the lives of persons seeking a better way.

August 5: Ask the Lord to help **J. D., ASAP**, to listen closely as He encourages his heart//The parents of **TCK *MR, 17, SSAP**, write, "Pray for M as he begins his senior year of high school. Pray that amidst staying focused on schoolwork, he will have sweet memories with friends this coming year. Pray for continued spiritual and physical growth as the Lord makes him into the young man He desires him to be.

August 6: **J. B., AMP**, writes, "Our family is on stateside for the rest of the year. Please pray that I will be able to establish good and fruitful connections with our partner churches during this time. Pray for the teams I am supervising back in Colombia, especially as two of them will be onboarding new missionaries to their teams. Pray for our ministry teams in Bogota who continue working with the displaced indigenous groups in La Florida, Santa Fe, and La Rioja"//**Kathie Davis, Retired, SSAP**, and her husband Ted, just finished their final stateside assignment and are retired as of August 1st after 34 years of service with IMB. She writes, "Intercede for us as we seek to follow our Lord in this transition and next steps. Pray for our health to remain good so we can continue serving our Lord"//Pray that **S. S., CAP, and Bobby Skinner, NAMB**, will make time at the start of each day to spend quality time in the Word.

August 7: Lesotho: Stan and Angie Bureson ask prayer for the future ministry opportunities that will take place in their recently completed classroom. It has already been used in July to host a Holiday Bible Club and a women's conference.

August 8: Ask the Father to give **Denise Lourcey, DOM Spouse, Pleasant Grove Association**, quality time to prepare for each new adventure He places in front of her.

August 9: Pray that **Dick Greenwood, Retired, AMP**, will have pleasant recall of memories of his days on the mission field.

August 10: Ask the Lord to show **Aldo Cardenas, NAMB**, the next steps in his pathway to reaching his community for Christ.

August 11: Pray that **Carol Bowers, Retired, SSAP, and Prayer Advocate, MWMU Board**, will not pass up any God-given opportunities to share Christ with her neighbors.

August 12: Lesotho: Jake and Ginger Goss write, "Praise the Lord we have seen two more students come to faith. Pray for them to have discipline and passion to grow in their relationship with Jesus and the strength to persevere when opposition arises."

August 13: The parents of **TCK Daniela Frealy, 20, AMP**, write, "Daniela requests prayer for career direction and opportunities as she begins her junior year of college. May the Lord make His will for her life clear!"

August 14: Ask the Father to provide for all the needs of **LaVeta Sergeant, Retired, IMB**.

August 15: Leroy Seat, Retired, APR, writes, "Please pray that Seinan Gakuin University, the Baptist school where I taught for 36 years in Japan, will continue to maintain a strong Christian witness to its 8,000+ students, most of whom are not Christian believers"//Pray for **DOM Gary Mathes, Clay Platte Association**, to have divine appointments today on his birthday.

August 16: Ryan Curry, SSAP, asks prayer for the upcoming Baptist Convention in his country of service (taking place the third week of August). He will be going as a representative for all the missionaries. Please pray for mutual times of encouragement, and for fruitful conversations to be had as to how they can partner together to reach the lost in their country and beyond.

August 17: Lesotho: Mary and Walter Norvell are now in training at the Missionary Learning Center in Virginia where they are preparing for their journey to Lesotho in October. Pray that they will be able to absorb all that they hear in the overload of information they will receive in the coming weeks. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary yesterday! Happy Anniversary, Mary and Walter!

August 18: Ask the Lord to grant **Caleb Huhmann, APR**, the ability to perceive unspoken needs to make an impact for the kingdom//**DOM Nick Catrow, Pulaski Association**, writes, "I need Christ's guidance as I try to lead our association's churches in resuming their cooperation in Christ's Great Commission of winning souls for Christ."

August 19: Janene Ford, Retired, AMP, writes, "Thank you, WMU, for your faithful prayers. During our years in international missions, I was always keenly aware of and deeply grateful for the faithful support of WMU. Now, as I serve in our local church, I would specifically ask for your prayers for the 1st and 2nd grade children I work with. Please pray for opportunities to share God's love clearly and meaningfully with these young hearts. May they come to know Him early and follow Him faithfully"//Pray that **Bruce Gerling, Retired, IMB**, will always understand the Lord is near.

August 20: Rusty Ford, EURO, and family are currently in the states for a short stay after a very successful and challenging time in Spain. He writes, "Please pray that God would allow us a couple of months to rest and recharge to continue to stay focused on the very important task that He has assigned us to do"//Ask the Father to guide **Luis Mendoza, NAMB**, to pursue opportunities in which only God can give the increase.

August 21: Pray that **Virginia Smith, Retired, IMB**, will continue to trust the Lord daily through the challenges she faces.

August 22: Ask the Lord to provide **Doug Shaw, Retired, EURO**, with opportunities to impact people who were a part of his overseas people group who may now just live down the street from him here in the USA.

August 23: Lesotho: Kyle and Kim Totty were able to help a man in the community of Ha Meta get a prosthetic leg recently. They write, "Please pray for this man and his wife as he learns to use this new leg, that the Lord would use him to carry the gospel to those around him."

August 24: "**Montana Southern Baptist Women** exists to answer the question 'Why Missions?' We do this by encouraging a missions focus in the state of Montana through building relationships and providing resources." Just a little over a month away, MPOWER 2025 will take place in Bozeman on October 3-4. Please begin now to pray for final preparations for this annual event and that many women will choose to attend and grow in their understanding of missions engagement today.

August 25: Lift up **P. I., SSAP**, asking for peace amidst the daily "storms" of life.

August 26: Pray for ***KR, SSAP**, as she continues physical therapy following surgery. Pray for many upcoming trips, that travel and meetings would go well. Ask the Lord to grant K wisdom in decision-making//Ask the Father to surround **Soonhwang Hahn, NAMB**, with His love, like a comforting blanket.

August 27: Pray that **Lynn Terrill, Retired, EURO**, can always give a worthy answer when asked about his peaceful demeanor.

August 28: Ask the Lord to prepare **Tommy Cupples, Retired, NAMB**, for unexpected encounters of a divine nature.

August 29: **J. L., APR**, writes, "Pray for deep local friendships and community that lead to partnership in the work as well. Ask that the Father draws me close this year and prunes me as He sees fit, that I might look more like His Son//Pray for **J. P., APR**, as he applies for visas for their platform work which takes away from his time with family/ministry. He will be transitioning into a new leadership role in their upcoming term of service. Ask for continued guidance of the Spirit as the new role will require more admin time as well//Ask the Father to help **Bob Mulkey, Retired, AMP and TCK J. B., 8, CAP**, feel rested after a good night's sleep.

August 30: **Julie Espeland, SSAP**, writes, "Pray for our family as we transition to the States for stateside assignment, and then prepare to return to the field"//Ask the Lord to show ***Cash Mercer, ASAP, and Michael Byrd, NAMB**, where to encounter the lost and hurting in their neighborhoods//Pray for **TCK R. S., 18, NAME**, who graduated in May and started college this month. Pray for her as she and her roommates adjust to living together, and as she settles into life in the United States.

August 31: **TCK H. P., 10, APR**, will move onto the 4th grade in August. Pray for him to study well at school with wisdom from the Lord. He has plugged in well at the local church they are attending. This church has a healthy, biblical teaching in Sunday School. Pray that he will continually grow in faith and fall in love with the Lord and His Word//**DOM Wade Rogers, Lawrence County Association**, asks prayer for his wife's health as she cares for a family member//**Abigail Moore, Children's Specialist, MWMU Board**, asks prayer for her changing job schedule and her boss, Dr. Mike Murphy (had a bad fall and is on the recovery journey). As school starts, they have three in high school and one in sixth grade, as well as two older children, so she asks prayer for all the decisions they will be facing, including life decisions. Two of these she calls "bonus" children entrusted to their care. Pray for her work with Missouri children and churches regarding missions education, and for GEM 2025 and all that will attend.

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