

## **January 2026**

### **Missouri PrayerWays**

*"Yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42*

**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

**January 1: Happy New Year 2026!** Pray for **Ana Daily, Retired, NAMB**, to be surrounded by friends and family on her birthday today.

**January 2: Elizabeth Welsch, APR**, writes, "As I serve in a logistics role, pray God gives our team wisdom to steward resources well and make sound decisions each day—whether the situations are complex or time-sensitive. Ask that He guides our communication to be clear, respectful, and rooted in love and gentleness"//Ask the Lord to give **Alice Barrett, Retired, APR**, great joy, even in the little things!

**January 3:** Pray that **Marcy Shaw, Retired, EURO**, and **Ted Lindwall, Retired, AMP**, will be able to connect with people to whom they ministered while serving overseas.

**January 4: TCK \*AR, 22, SSAP**, asks prayer for student teaching (discernment and patience with the middle schoolers), and for wisdom with friendships and giving godly advice, especially with a friend to whom she has been ministering.

**January 5:** Pray for **Matthew Hess, NAMB**, to be able to relate well to those whom he is trying to minister//The parents of **TCK Cora Lindsey, 18, EURO**, ask you to pray for her to have our Lord's guidance as she applies for universities, seeks funding for university, chooses friends (and puts up with flat mates)! Also pray that she will be bold in sharing her faith and for God to provide her opportunities to share.

**January 6:** Ask the Father to prepare **Bill Tritten, Retired, NAMB**, for unexpected circumstances that may come his way//Pray that **TCK twins A. H. and H. H., 15, EURO**, can befriend lost girls that have faced similar situations that they have and need companionship//**Juliana Rhea, Preschool Consultant, MWMU Board**, asks prayer for her adult children.

**January 7:** Ask the Father to surround **TCK \*Kade Mercer, 8, ASAP**, and **TCK A. E., 7, CAP**, with friends who know and love the Lord//**DOM Joshua Hall, Greene Country Association**, writes, "Our oldest daughter (Hannah) became engaged over Thanksgiving, and will be married in March. Pray for Hannah and Madden (her fiancé) that God will bless their marriage and pray for our family as we plan the wedding. From a ministry standpoint, GCBA is in the middle of a strategic planning emphasis. Pray for me as I lead our association to seek God's direction for our family of churches."

**January 8:** Pray for **Bob Johnson, Retired, NAMB**, to look to the Lord to provide all his needs.

**January 9:** Lift up **Jackie Miller, Retired, AMP**, and ask the Father to give her great joy in the journey!

**January 10:** Pray that **Colby Corsaut, NAMB**, and **Joseph Williams, NAMB**, will understand where the Lord is leading and be willing to follow every step of the way.

**January 11: S. J., SSAP**, writes, "Please pray for the new year with new goals as we try to tell as many as we can about Jesus. Also, pray for Bible study groups that will start back up after the holidays. Pray for the women and university students who want to learn more of His Word and that they will obey what they learn"//**Amy Barbour, Retired, SSAP**, writes, "Please pray that my mind will be transformed to see the people around me as those who have been placed there on purpose by God. That is such an "easy" mindset when overseas, but I have difficulty with that now that I am back home in the states. Pray that I would have the eyes and mind of Jesus to seek God's way in my relationships at work and church. Pray that I will be sensitive enough to see the Spirit of God at work and to respond with willingness"//Ask the Lord to show **\*Nadine Overton, APR**, and **Janet King, Retired, NAMB**, how they can use the special gifts God has given them to further the Kingdom// **Laura Heyer, DOM Spouse, Meramec Association** asks you to prayer for health and strength to support her husband as he waits for transplants.

**January 12: A. H., CAP,** asks prayer for finding a good church in their new city, for deep relationships in the LORD with other believers, and for their family to transition well over this next year//Pray for **Verna Mae Sadler, Retired, SSAP,** to have the opportunity to fellowship with people from the area where she served overseas.

**January 13:** Ask the Father to fill **Eric Coale, EURO, and K. S., NAME,** to the brim with the Holy Spirit!

**January 14: Lesotho:** Join the Basotho team in prayer as they pursue their 2030 goal of “30 new Basotho believers who are purposely and regularly engaging other areas with the Gospel WITHOUT us.”

**January 15:** Pray that **Liana Montanher, SSAP,** will trust the Lord’s perfect will even when it looks like He has abandoned her//**Brenda Smith, Retired, AMP,** and her husband, recently moved from Texas to Alabama. She asks prayer for the many adjustments they will need to make and for opportunities of service in their new location.

**January 16:** Lift up Wayne Bandy, Retired, NAMB, today on his wife **Linda’s** birthday as she passed away very recently after a long, drawn-out illness. As caregiver, he is facing a dramatic loss.

**January 17:** Pray that **Blane Mays, Retired, APR,** can continue to share his faith with some from his people group who live here in the states//Ask the Lord to provide **Bill Sims, Retired, NAMB,** many good days//**Jan Turner, Past President, MWMU Board,** asks prayer for safety, while traveling in the St. Charles area, as she takes her husband to doctor’s appointments for his prostate cancer and Parkinson Disease. She also asks prayer for patience in her new role as caregiver.

**January 18: A. E., ASAP,** and her family have recently relocated to a different country, not by choice. Pray that this family with three young children will adjust well and be able to serve well in their new location//**TCK E. I., 15, ASAP,** moved with his family to a new country recently and hopes to make a local friend soon. His parents write, “Pray also for Ezra to make special effort to take steps in becoming a “man after God’s own heart” and to personally be humble, be a servant, be proactive, protect his sisters and mother, and proclaim truth to those he meets who don’t know TRUTH”//**Terri Boll, DOM Spouse, Blue River Kansas City Association,** writes, “Please pray that our Ministry Wives Fellowship will grow and look forward to spending time together.”

**January 19:** Ask the Lord to guide **Daniel Neighbors, NAMB, and Lisa Temple, DOM Spouse, Heartland Association** as they seek His wisdom for each day’s ministry opportunities//**Janet York, President, MWMU Board,** writes, “My prayer focus is for Missions Celebration, April 10 & 11, 2026, at South Haven Baptist Church in Springfield. Pray for Sarah Schmitt and myself, the MWMU Staff and Board as well as the Local Committee Chair and members. Pray that we listen carefully to His guidance and that Missions Celebration is all that God desires it to be. Pray for the speakers, musicians, exhibits and displays, mission projects, and all that we do will honor and glorify our Lord and Savior.”

**January 20: Lesotho:** Continue to pray for Walter and Mary Norvell to gain fluency in the Sesotho language so they can better communicate with university students and share their faith in the heart language.

**January 21:** Pray for **Montana Southern Baptist Women** as they fully embrace the mission vision of Southern Baptists.

**January 22: Kelli Frealy, AMP,** writes, “This New Year brings many new ministry opportunities, and it’s also a time when one of our children needs additional educational investment. Would you pray for wisdom to follow the Spirit’s leading in balancing ministry with homeschooling?”

**January 23:** Pray for **S. S., NAME, and Mark Fowler, Retired, NAMB,** to listen well in order to understand the needs of new friends//The parents of **TCK E. V., 9, ASAP,** write, “We just moved to our new city and country this month. Please pray for Elijah as he starts at a new school. Pray he would find good friends and grow in his desire to follow Jesus.”

**January 24:** Ask the Lord to grant **C. S., CAP,** mercy and grace as she assesses the needs of her people group//The parents of **TCK Julia Ford, 10, EURO,** write, “This is going to be a challenging year for Julia as she finishes 4th grade in Spain and then for the first time in the fall she will do a full school year in the states. Pray that she is able to adjust well to the changes and that God will continue to draw her to Himself this year.”

**January 25: Lesotho:** Jake and Ginger Goss write, “Please pray for the village of Ha Mpusi as they have suffered many deaths in recent months. Pray for them to turn to the ONE for comfort and understanding rather than the ancestors.”

**January 26:** Pray for **K. H., NAME**, to find favor among his new neighbors that will lead to Gospel conversations.

**January 27:** Join Missouri Baptist leadership and leaders of Associations in prayer as preparations are underway to impact the lives of thousands with the Gospel who are coming to Kansas City this summer to participate in and view the **World Cup** games.

**January 28:** **S. S., APR**, writes, "Please pray for wisdom in leading a staff of 16 national workers as we run an office and Training Center. Pray for 12 of the staff who are not believers"//**TCK K. H., 16, APR**, asks that you pray she will experience consistent growth in her relationship with God, that she will not be stressed out with her school work that is due, and that she will excel and do her best on her swim team//Ask the Lord to give **DOM Jim Plymale, Franklin County Association**, many opportunities to mentor the pastors in his association.

**January 29:** Pray for **Gary Inman, Retired, SSAP, and Paula Earls, DOM Spouse, Concord Association**, to be able to spend quality time in the Word each day.

**January 30:** **C. S., APR**, asks prayer for a healthy balance and good transition as they become acclimated to their new city and additional roles. She also asks for wisdom as they prepare for their son to transition back to the states for college this summer//Ask the Father to provide **Jill Plymale, DOM Spouse, Franklin County Association**, compassion as she ministers to pastors' wives.

**January 31:** Pray for **Michael Daily, Retired, NAMB**, to be able to just take one day at a time.

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