

## **April 2026**

### **Missouri PrayerWays**

*"The more pointed and definite my prayer can be, the better."* Andrew Murray

**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

**April 1:** Lift up **K. H., EURO**, and her family as they continue to mourn the sudden loss of their teenage son from a little over a year ago//The parents of **TCK C. H. 17, APR**, write, "Pray that he will grow in his faith to become a lover of Jesus. He has made the choice to follow Jesus but is still struggling to work out his faith. Also pray for his schooling. He is dyslexic and is struggling to finish some of his classes. Pray that he will work with excellence and develop a solid work ethic that will help him overcome his weaknesses."

**April 2:** Ask the Lord to give **Kimberly Yoakum, SSAP**, the ability to discern when the Lord is leading in a new direction for her ministry.

**April 3:** **Jordan Cox, NAMB**, writes, "College Park Church is a church planted on the campus of Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis. Pray for the students who will be wrapping up the school year and will be preparing for summer ministry opportunities! Also, pray for our leaders who spend significant time in the summer praying and planning for the next academic year of ministry and that they find rest and rejuvenation"//**DOM Mike Dillin, South Central Association**, asks you to pray for their daughter and her family who are going through a time of crisis.

**April 4:** Pray for **MWMU** leadership as they make final preparations for **Missions Celebration**, taking place next weekend, April 10-11, at South Haven Baptist Church, Springfield. Ask the Father to prepare the hearts of each person who will be attending to be ready to listen, learn, and obey.

**April 5:** **Marlyn Upton, Retired, SSAP**, writes, "Sam & I are planning to take a team of four ladies to Malawi, leaving May 30, returning June 10. The ladies and I plan to go into a village in the mornings to share the Gospel hut to hut. Sam will teach members of a new church how to share the Gospel with their neighbors, and they will all go from hut to hut two afternoons. The ladies & I plan to lead afternoon Bible studies for children, youth, & adults. We pray many will receive Christ as their Savior so that a new church is planted through these efforts. Pray for us as we prepare to go, for our health and safety as we travel, and for the beautiful people of Malawi we will meet. We pray the Lord will receive glory in everything we say and do"//Pray that **Charles Moeller, Retired, EURO**, will be able to pass his passion for reaching the lost to the next generation//The parents of **TCK E. H., CAP**, write, "Pray that we would be able to help Ezra process the war going on and that his heart would not be anxious but that God would use this to draw Ezra to Himself. Pray for Ezra to find new friends as we have joined a new church in our new city."

**April 6:** **A. F., SSAP**, writes, "Please pray for remission of my ulcerative colitis and that my body will accept the new treatment plan we are trying. I've tried five other medications and plans in the last year that have not worked long-term. Pray for strength, endurance and the ability to stay hopeful in the midst of a chronic illness. God is good and I praise Him that the times I was in the hospital were encouraging. The staff were so kind, and I could see so many ways He was taking care of me. We have a great support system of co-workers who have also provided prayers/rides/meals, etc. for our family"//**Tonya Mays, Retired, APR**, writes, "Pray that I would be faithful to the end and that my husband and I would know when to 'retire'."

**April 7:** **Pam Catrow, DOM Spouse, Pulaski County**, recently had cataract surgery on both eyes and requests prayer for complete healing of her vision. Also, she asks prayer for understanding as she studies her Bible.

**April 8:** The parents of **TCK J. B., 5, CAP**, write, "Jeremiah often asks for us to pray that he would have faith in Jesus. Please pray for him to understand what it means to have faith in Jesus and for him to be saved. Additionally, please pray for our family as our region is in the midst of unprecedented conflict//**DOM John Mohler, Harrison Association**, is thankful that all the churches in his association have pastors. He is also thankful that his son and 17-year-old grandson are preaching. He asks prayer that the churches in his association would grow in wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. He

also asks prayer for two of his daughters who are going through difficult times, that they would see the Lord's hand leading them at this time.

**April 9: Kandi Ostertag, AMP**, writes, "Please pray for my husband and me as we lead a group of missionaries across the Americas. Pray that we would have wisdom in leading them well. We also ask that you pray for Mexico, as it has been in the news lately. Pray that the gospel would spread like fire and for peace in the country."

**April 10: J. K., EURO**, writes, "Some prayer requests are: Our local fellowship is preparing to engage another culture missionally. It's exciting, because we are starting to see Europeans mobilized to go to the nations. We have several volunteer teams and camps throughout spring into early July. We've seen spiritual warfare pick up, with more believers who are involved in ministry getting caught in sin"//Ask the Father to give **Trevor Yoakum, SSAP, and R. D., CAP**, the time and energy needed to complete the ministry tasks to which they are assigned.

**April 11: Dorothy Evans, Retired, APR**, writes, "Pray that I can have spiritual and physical strength to keep teaching the Ladies Bible Study each Sunday and complete the goals God has given me for this year to sort and deliver our missionary records of God's work to be safely stored for future reference at IMB Archives"//The parents of **TCK N. H., 15, APR**, write, "Pray that Nate will continue to grow in his walk with the Lord, to become a resilient disciple of Jesus. Pray that he will understand grace in a deeper way as he sees the Lord work in his life. We are working to find a treatment for a pesky medical problem, so pray that we will find the right doctor who can treat him effectively."

**April 12:** Pray that **Charles Bradshaw, Retired, EURO**, will be prompted to respond to the urgent needs that he encounters//**Amy Doolittle, Student Consultant, MWMU Board**, writes, "Please pray for our family's transition to Kansas City and for fruitful friendships that lead to Gospel change with our unbelieving friends."

**April 13: D. D., EURO**, writes, "Our daughter got married to Andrii, from Ukraine, in October. They're doing well in seminary, but the heaviness of what's happening with his family, south of Kiev, is a daily issue. Our son is working and studying in seminary while asking God to show him his next steps for a career. The events of today, February 28th, in Iran and Israel affect people in many countries. Our role in member care means that we want to be available for our personnel when they need us. We were told last week that we'll need a new apartment by April 8th. Hopefully by the time you pray on my birthday, the 13th, we will have a new place"//**Chuck Nelson, AMP**, asks prayer for continued language learning as he finds different accents hard to understand and would like to find a language helper to practice with. He also asks prayer for his team as they seek to engage the indigenous people of Bogota. The people group they are trying to work with have no known believers. Pray that some will come to faith and come alongside the team to help reach this people group.

**April 14: Lesotho:** Walter and Mary Norvell write, "Pray that God will lead us to build relationships with administrators at the National University of Lesotho. Pray God will lead us to students with positive Christian influence with their peers."

**April 15:** Ask the Lord to provide new ministry partners for **P. S., NAME**, to help with the harvest.

**April 16: P. D., EURO**, writes, "My wife wrote the prayer request for both of our April birthdays." (See April 13<sup>th</sup> as you pray for this missionary)//Pray that **Virgil Stoneburger, Retired, NAMB**, will be able to continue answering the call during retirement.

**April 17: D. B., Retired, APR**, writes, "Please pray for Victory Mission in Springfield as they minister to people who come off the streets. Pray that God will touch many men and women as they hear the Gospel and that they will come to know Jesus. Also, pray for those who are in the recovery program that God will give them strength each day to follow Him and be completely free in Christ."

**April 18:** Pray that **J. L., NAME, and Alex Rodriguez, NAMB**, will have divine appointments that lead to the salvation of souls.

**April 19: Lesotho:** Jake and Ginger Goss, write, "Pray for wisdom in developing lessons about abiding to use in discipleship. Pray for the right words and passages to make it as simple as possible and reproducible. Also, pray for Basotho believers to develop a deep desire to spend time in God's Word and that God will give them understanding through His Spirit."

**April 20: L. R., APR**, writes, "Pray for me as I parent teen boys who are in a new season of independence and tough choices. Pray for wisdom. Pray for refreshment. I'm coming off an extremely busy season and am worn down. Ask the Father to restore my strength, energy, and heart during this lighter ministry season. Pray for a strong, healthy marriage as we serve the Lord, raise teen boys, and minister to those around us. Pray for new partnerships in the work we are doing. Our ministry is growing, so we need more help. Pray God sends people who have a heart for children."

**April 21: C. B., EURO**, writes, "The summer is going to be very full with travel and major events. I am asking prayer for endurance and focus as I coordinate international Serve Tours, and that they will have long-term impact"//Ask the Lord to grant **Lisa Paris, Retired, AMP**, a spirit of mercy and grace to all whom she comes in contact//The parents of **TCK S. B., 4, APR**, write, "Pray for Sophia as she starts pre-school, that she would pick up the language quickly and make many friends. She will be the only foreigner at her school, so pray that the children will be welcoming to her"//The parents of **TCK M. S., 15, APR**, write, "Please pray for Moriah as she seeks the Lord's wisdom on where to attend school next year. She has two good options to choose from! Pray also for her as we have recently moved to a new city and as she begins to make new friends."

**April 22:** Pray that **R. T., AMP, and N. B., ASAP**, will never be without someone to come alongside them in ministry.

**April 23: Beverly Richardson, Retired, NAME**, wants to thank everyone for your prayers for our missionaries. She also asks that you continue to pray for all the people in the Middle East during these uncertain times as she served among them for many years.

**April 24: S. S., SSAP**, writes, "Please pray for continued advancement in language study. Pray for my language teacher, "Gary", to be receptive to the truth of the gospel as I have opportunities to share with him"//Ask the Lord to surround **Verla Golston, Retired, AMP**, with many cheerful persons.

**April 25:** Pray that **David Miller, Retired, AMP**, will have opportunities to share the love of Christ within his circle of acquaintances.

**April 26: Lesotho:** Kyle and Kim Totty write: "We praise God for the work He is doing here in Mokhotlong as many hearts are being opened to the truth of the Gospel. As we gather different groups during the week we are slowly seeing change in their lives as they follow Jesus. Please pray for more and more workers to go out into God's harvest field. There are many who still haven't heard the Gospel and the work to do is still great."

**April 27:** Ask the Father to keep **TCK \*Chloe Mercer, 6, ASAP**, safe as she grows more independent in a different culture.

**April 28: Lesotho:** Brett and Allison Barnhill write: "Last month we asked you to pray for a group of boys we've been discipling. God is truly answering your prayers! Several of their teachers have reached out to report how much of a change they've seen in them. The youngest boy in the group says he really wants to be a pastor one day. We see spiritual growth in their lives and really believe it's a result of faithful prayers. Thank you! Please keep praying for them."

**April 29:** Pray that **Jorge Perez, NAMB**, will truly feel the power of the Holy Spirit as he endeavors to reach the lost.

**April 30:** Ask the Lord to give **Fraser Armstrong, NAMB**, inspiration as he seeks new avenues of ministry//**DOM Jason Yarnell, St. Joseph Association**, writes, "My prayer request is twofold: Pray for continued wisdom in my new role as an Associational Mission Strategist, and that all of our associational churches would pursue health and vitality -- not just those that are struggling and are in serious decline."

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