

## **May 2026**

### **Missouri PrayerWays**

*"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7*

**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

**May 1:** Ask the Lord to continue to bless Montana Southern Baptist Women as they choose to serve others in very meaningful ways. Six ladies made their way to Missouri again this year for MWMU Missions Celebration, helping set up for the event, providing a breakout session regarding ministry opportunities in Montana, and serving with local ministry partners afterwards. Their presence is always GREATLY appreciated.

**May 2:** Pray that **S. E., CAP, and Melinda Cobb, Retired, NAMB,** will always sense the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

**May 3: Lesotho:** Brett and Allison Barnhill write, "Please pray for the final registration of our high school. We've reapplied multiple times and while we have permission to operate, we don't have full registration. We really need this to be completed quickly so our seniors can take their exit exams through our school! Please, please pray for favor! We need God to intervene here."

**May 4: Travis Webb, RA/Challenger Consultant, MWMU Board,** writes, "Pray for RA chapters to be united in the mission to teach boys about missions. Pray for the future pastors and missionaries that are attending these churches and chapters. Pray for me to know how to lead other men in being a resource for lay people who want to train up these boys."

**May 5:** Ask the Lord to provide **I. M., NAME,** with national ministry partners to enhance his ability to communicate with non-believers.

**May 6: Lesotho:** Stan and Angie Burlson write: "Pray for the Basotho highlands churches to be healthy and to be intentionally involved in evangelism and discipleship so that the nations will know Christ."

**May 7: Laura Wells, Former MWMU Executive Director,** writes, "Please pray for us as we transition into a new church and community in Allen, Oklahoma. David is now pastoring at FBC, Allen. Also, please pray specifically that our Texas house will sell soon!"

**May 8:** Pray that **Kaluba Kappula, NAMB; James (Chad) Nixon, NAMB; and Sandi Bryant, Retired, NAMB,** can shine the light of Jesus brightly in their communities//The parents of **TCK E. H., 12, ASAP,** write, "Please pray that she would sleep peacefully at night. She has had a really hard time falling asleep recently. Pray that she would have peace that only comes from the Lord that allows her to sleep in peace. Pray that she would continue to be salt and light at her school where many don't follow Christ."

**May 9:** Ask the Father to give **Martin Hanley, NAMB,** opportunity to spend quality time in the Word each day//The parents of **TCK \*L. T., 17, NAME,** write, "Please pray for LT as he completes his junior year and begins to make decisions about college and his future."

**May 10:** Pray that **Brandon Freeman, NAMB,** will be able to encourage his colleagues who may be going through a rough patch!

**May 11:** Ask the Lord to provide **La Nell Barnes, Retired, NAME, and Bryan Davidson, NAMB,** with hearts to reach the marginalized.

**May 12: Sherry Bielinski, Retired, AMP,** writes, "Pray that our church, Southside Baptist of Fulton, will engage in missions by sending groups to unreached people groups, as God directs. Pray for wisdom and strength as I deal with post-polio syndrome."

**May 13:** Pray that **L. D., ASAP, and Jim Wilkins, Retired, SSAP**, will be able to approach the “unapproachable” with the Gospel message.

**May 14: Glenda Terrill, Retired, EURO**, writes, “Please pray for our son and his family who serve with IMB in the Middle East. These are difficult times with the war and unstable situation there. Thank you for praying for the one million displaced people in their country. Pray for a group of eighteen women, from six different states, who meet with me weekly on Zoom for in-depth Bible study. Our desire is to know Him better so that we can serve Him more faithfully.”

**May 15:** Ask the Father to grant **Amjad Mohammed, NAMB; Kelly Brittain, DOM Spouse, West Central Association; and Leslie Boyd, East Central Regional Consultant, MWMU Board**, the ability to make peace with some who are hostile to the Gospel.

**May 16: Lesotho:** Walter and Mary Norvell write: “Keep praying for a place to live in Roma so we can be close to the National University of Lesotho where we will minister.”

**May 17: J. N., SSAP**, writes, “Pray for clear vision and guidance as I seek to establish training opportunities for West African Baptists to better equip and enable them to carry the Gospel across West Africa and to the nations. Pray for transition as our youngest heads back to the states to attend college. Pray both for him and us as we walk through these changes”//**Laura Holly Gentry, Retired, APR, and DOM Spouse, Cane Creek/Stoddard Association**, writes, “In the world that we live in, it’s easy to become distracted, and I am always in need of reminders to remain Kingdom focused. Please pray that my eyes will remain fixed on Jesus in every challenge, success, joy, and sorrow”//Pray that **Bruce Vaughn, NAMB**, can find favor in his community that will bring lost souls into the Kingdom.

**May 18: Don Combs, Retired, EURO**, writes, “Pray for upcoming mission trips we are leading to Kansas City this summer and to South America this fall. Pray for continued strength and availability to respond to Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief callouts. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to call out laborers into His harvest field.”

**May 19:** Ask the Lord to surround **Janice Brake, Retired, AMP**, with friends and family today on her birthday.

**May 20: John Bartholomew, NAMB**, asks prayer for the construction of their new sanctuary which is about half finished//Pray for **Martha Rees, Retired, AMP, and Lance Harrington, NAMB**, to have the resources they need to proclaim the Gospel boldly.

**May 21: Jennifer Hagen, APR**, writes, “Summer 2026 will be a busy one with a couple of volunteer teams coming in as well as a lot of travel for meetings and trainings. Pray for health and endurance, and that the gas crisis in the Philippines will not impact ministry too much”//Ask the Father to remind **M. B., AMP; J. H., AMP; M. W., APR; Ron Winstead, Retired, APR; and TCK J. L, 22, SSAP**, to seek His will each and every day!

**May 22: M. H., APR**, writes, “Please lift me up that I will just continue to abide in Christ and through that I would live out of the overflow of my love relationship with Him because I know it will feed into every area of my life, family, and ministry. Please pray this verse for me - John 15:4-5 - *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”* Thank you for lifting me up.”

**May 23:** Pray that **Joan Frisby, Retired, NAMB**, can continue to navigate life well.

**May 24: Brian Veal, NAMB**, writes, “Pray for me to be faithful to the Lord, lead well, serve well, and rest well.”

**May 25: Don Smith, Retired, AMP**, asks prayer for his strength and health. He turns 98 today. Also, pray for a new church start in Barquisimeto, Venezuela where he and his wife, Brenda, served as missionaries. The pastor is Juan Antonio Guedez//The parents of **TCK F. E., 12, ASAP**, write, “Because she has a soft spot for the poor, I am going to ask you to pray around that theme: Please pray for the poor of Pakistan who are facing so many issues. In the last few years, floods have destroyed crops and homes. The three to four million Christians of Pakistan have often been treated poorly by the majority population, remaining in generational poverty. In February, Pakistan and Afghanistan went to war because of ongoing Taliban attacks in Pakistan. Just after they went to war, the conflict in Iran began. Since Pakistan has so many Shia, anti-American protests have erupted around the country, leading to even greater instability. Then the Strait of Hormuz closed, cutting off oil supplies to Pakistan, leading to significant inflation, school and office closures, and

disruption of normal life. In the midst of these difficulties, the poor of Pakistan are suffering, especially the Christian poor and the Muslim-background believers in Pakistan. God's Word says, "Blessed are you who are poor" (Luke 6:20). Please pray that God will move among the poor of Pakistan"//The parents of **TCK Caelyn Wilbanks, 21, EURO**, write, "Please pray for Caelyn as she begins to discern what is next for her after graduation from university. Please pray that she will trust God and obey His leading for her future"//The parents of **TCK Hudson Ford, 17, EURO**, write, "Pray for Hudson as we will be going on stateside for several months in August. He will be starting his senior year of high school in a public high school. Please pray for this huge transition and for him to make some friends and adjust to life in the U.S"//Ask the Lord to provide **TCK E. M., 17, NAME**, with wisdom as she explores future opportunities.

**May 26:** The parents of **TCK A. B., 4, ASAP**, write, "Pray he would grow in his love for Jesus and understanding of the Good News. Eventually we want to put him in school. Please pray for us to get connected with one that is flexible with our travel schedule, a place he can learn language well, make good friends, and grow"//Pray that **TCK S. H., 15, AMP**, will listen well when God speaks.

**May 27:** Ask the Father to give **Amy Purl, Retired, EURO**, opportunities to connect with her people group that might live nearby//The parents of **TCK H. S., 20, SSAP**, write, "Pray for her work as a counselor at a children's camp this summer. Pray for guidance and direction as she considers signing with Army ROTC next year."//The parents of **TCK J. E., 7, SSAP**, write, "Pray that she will continue growing in the Malagasy language and make good friends. Also pray that she will know Jesus Christ the Lord"//**TCK I. I., 17, ASAP**, asks prayer for help with physics as it is very hard. He asks you to pray for him to have more time to spend with his friends and that his SAT testing will not get cancelled. Pray that his flight to the states will not get cancelled as he has a summer job this summer. He and his dad and brother have been spending time together challenging each to be "men after God's own heart". Pray that he would truly desire this.

**May 28:** **Jennifer Ford, EURO**, writes, "Pray for a new church plant that is growing slowly but it's easy to get discouraged with the slowness of the work. Pray for us to be dependent on Christ and His power and trust in His timing"//Pray that **Jamie Ruede, Retired, AMP, and Laveta Thompson, Retired, AMP**, will be able to encourage young people with a heart for missions.

**May 29:** **Anita Groner, DOM Spouse, Bethel Association**, writes, "I would appreciate prayers for our oldest granddaughter who is going through a divorce. She has a young son. Our youngest granddaughter is expecting her first baby on July 1st. Please pray for the safe delivery of a healthy baby."

**May 30:** Ask the Lord to provide **Fran (Nita) Wakefield, Retired, APR, and Dorthy Simmons, Retired, NAMB**, with a multitude of mission-minded friends.

**May 31:** Pray that **K. C., ASAP**, will balance ministry time and family time//The parents of **TCK T. E., 5, SSAP**, write, ""Pray that she will continue growing in the Malagasy language and make good friends. Also pray that she will know Jesus Christ the Lord."

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