

September 2026

Missouri PrayerWays

"Prayer succeeds when all else fails." **E. M. Bounds**

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, Global=Assigned to a larger area than one region.

IMB has begun implementing a new method of listing each of their missionaries in the Missions Mosaic and Open Windows. All Level 3 missionaries are now listed only by their *pseudonyms instead of initials. Level 1 and emeritus missionaries are now listed with only their first name and last initial. I am not privy to all the pseudonyms, so I will continue to use some initials. I will also be using full names for our emeritus missionaries.

September 1: *Chase Tozer, Global, asks prayer for seven new churches that have just started in the Middle East that are currently making disciples despite missiles passing overhead. He also asks prayer for a small team of global church planting trainers (South Asian nationals) that are currently impacting a dozen different nations. Pray for their son, *Jayden, as he prepares to meet the challenges of college life in the states next year////Chuck Barbour, Retired, SSAP, writes, "Please pray that I will be faithful to love God with all my heart and be a faithful witness each day"//Ask the Lord to show **DOM Robert Feeler, Twin Rivers Association**, how to relate well to every age group in his community.

September 2: *Jude Parsons, CAP, writes, "Please pray for me to balance responsibilities well as I begin a new season of work opportunities (also, praise the Lord for these new opportunities!)"//Pray that **B. T., CAP; Linda Witherspoon, Retired, AMP; and TCK Everett S., 11, EURO**, will trust the Lord to see them through the ups and downs of life//The parents of **TCK *Grace Tozer, 14, ASAP**, asks you to pray that she will develop deep friendships with "the right types of girls" during this her eighth grade year, be able to read the Bible through this year, and that she will be protected as she plays football/soccer and basketball this school year while having a right attitude and exemplifying Christ on the field/court//**DOM John Vernon, Cape Girardeau Association**, writes, "I have been serving as the Transitional Pastor for the Cape County Cowboy Church for the past year. Join us in praying as we actively search for a new lead pastor and as we also complete a major remodel of the facilities. Additionally, our association's camp, Peaceful Valley Camp, is planning to build a new dining hall at the end of this year's camp season. We would appreciate prayer as we raise funds and organize volunteers for the construction."

September 3: Ask the Father to show **Lauren C., EURO; Jeremy S., EURO; Dani Jo S., SSAP; and Carol Chatman, Retired, AMP**, how His faithfulness lifts them above the circumstances.

September 4: The parents of **TCK Clara K., 6, EURO**, write, "Please pray for good friends in Kindergarten."

September 5: Lesotho: Pray for Jake, Ginger, and Timber Goss as they come stateside this month. Pray for a smooth medical clearance to return to Lesotho in December.

September 6: Continue to lift up **Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief** as they go far and wide to provide relief and share the gospel with persons affected by a wide range of disasters. (More information available at www.mobaptist.org under Disaster Relief.)

September 7: *Jennie Wheeler, EURO, writes, "After many years of serving in various countries and learning different languages, it has become much more difficult to learn yet another. Please pray that I will remain dedicated to continue learning the language of our host country and boldly taking risks to make relationships, including in a nearby hospital. May the Lord bring an awakening in our community"//Ask the Lord to provide **Jacob Miller, NAMB**, with patience to wait on God's timing//Pray for **DOM Keith Brumfield, Shoal Creek Association**, as he faces the challenge of returning to employment at the police department so that he can have insurance and is now serving the association part-time. He is trusting the Lord to show him that if he needs to serve the association full-time, he will find a way to get insurance coverage.

September 8: Pray that **Adam Y., EURO; David Ford, Retired, AMP; Don Stelzer, Retired, SSAP; Pat Rankin, NAMB; and Ezekiel Ruboneka, NAMB,** can always hear the Lord's still small voice and obey.

September 9: **Bill Bowers, Retired, SSAP,** writes, "Please pray for me as I manage mobility issues that this will not interfere with ministry"//Ask the Father to provide for all the needs of **Dorothy Miller, Retired, SSAP; and Randy Simmon, Retired, IMB,** both physically and spiritually//**DOM John Rhodes, Mid-Lakes Association** writes, "I would ask that you pray that I can effectively minister to, encourage, and equip the churches of Mid-Lakes Baptist Association in growing as they reach their communities for Christ."

September 10: Pray for **Diana B., SSAP,** and her family as they settle back into life in Kenya after being in the states on a three-year assignment. Ask the Lord to guide them in finding a church home and seeking the Lord for the ministry opportunities ahead. Join Diana in praising the Lord for having hot tap water for the first time in their years of living overseas//Pray that **Peggy Mulkey, Retired, AMP, and Julie Sundeen, Retired, NAMB,** will always be ready to share the Good News with their neighbors.

September 11: Ask the Lord to give ***Janna Comfort, ASAP, and Kurtis Parker, NAMB,** an extra measure of wisdom as they navigate daily challenges.

September 12: Pray that **Michael Shockley, Retired, IMB,** will be surrounded by loved ones on his birthday today//**DOM Keith Vawter, Wright/Douglas/Ozark Association,** asks prayer for their mission trip to Ghana, in January, to be a blessing.

September 13: ***Wally Thompson, APR,** writes, "We will be on Stateside Assignment this fall, so please pray that it would be a time of refreshing in the Lord, and that I would grow in finding joy in the Lord alone."

September 14: ***Heidi S., NAME,** writes, "Pray that we will lead well through a time of transition and that we will boldly share the gospel"//Ask the Father to guide **Alan Locke, Retired, SSAP; Shawn Hughes, NAMB; and Melissa Festervand, DOM Spouse, Fellowship Association,** as they make important decisions regarding their families//**TCK E. S., 17, SSAP,** writes, "Please pray, as we go back to Guinea after our eight months stateside, that my time playing soccer with the Guineans will be used for God's glory and that I will be a light and testimony of His grace to those around me. Pray that I invest well during my last two years there."

September 15: Pray that **Laverne Gregory, Retired, AMP, and Joshua Hartley, NAMB,** will put on the full armor of God each and every day.

September 16: The parents of **TCK Caroline F., 12, AMP,** write, "Please pray Caroline will assimilate all she has learned about God and will call out to Jesus alone for salvation and eternal life"//Ask the Lord to grant **Bob Burton, Retired, NAMB, and TCK Silas, S., 8, EURO,** favorable friendships in which they can thrive.

September 17: Lesotho: Continue to pray for a suitable home to become available for Walter and Mary Norvell, in the city of Roma, so they will be close to the 10,000 students on the National University of Lesotho and will be able to minister to them well.

September 18: ***Alex Romero, NAME,** writes, "We are new team leaders... Pray that we would care for our team well and also help them thrive in their positions. Pray that I will be able to think forward as well as being present with the people we serve"//**Jane T., SSAP,** writes, "I would appreciate prayer for the ladies at the prison that we visit and share Bible stories with. They diligently ask that we pray for their children and the family members who care for them. Pray that the time spent in prison will increase their knowledge of the Lord and their faith will grow. Also, pray for the pastor, his wife and the ladies from a village outside of Lusaka where they feed over 200 impoverished children from villages nearby every Friday. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide the necessary funds to purchase the food and supplies. We are blessed to help with the feeding and share Bible stories every other week! Lastly, pray that I balance well my responsibilities of logistics, ministry and being a loving wife."

September 19: Ask the Lord to provide ***Shayla B., SSAP,** lasting friendships that produce fruit//**Mark (John) Wakefield, Retired APR,** and his wife, Nita, have been traveling this summer to places where they lived while on the mission field and asks for prayer for their health and continued plans to visit their kids and grandkids in Europe later this year. He also asks prayer for the relationships they have built and are building during their travels//The parents of **TCK *Asher**

Barrington, 12, APR, write, "Please pray for him as he begins a new season of starting middle school in 6th grade. Pray for him to mature and grow into a kind, Christ-honoring young man. Pray for Asher to be confident in who God created him to be and to step into this new season with boldness of his faith. Pray for Asher to build a solid group of friends that encourage one another and point each other to Jesus."

September 20: Pray that **T. K., CAP; J. R., ASAP; and David Stahlman, NAMB**, will prioritize daily time in the Word//**Baden Groves, NAMB**, asks prayer during times of uncertainty due to unexpected job changes while buying a house. Pray that Baden and his wife will always feel the Lord's presence throughout the ups and downs of life and that He will use this time to draw them closer to Him.

September 21: Bailey K., EURO, writes, "Please pray for me as we begin homeschooling this fall, which will mean a big transition to balance work, ministry, and homeschooling"//Ask the Father to show **Alex M., AMP**, where God is at work in his neighborhood.

September 22: *Heather M., EURO, writes, "Pray for us as we adjust to a new city and new team after seven years in another city where the team dissolved recently. Pray that we could get settled in well and make meaningful connections with new neighbors and friends here"//Pray that **Matt Bartig, NAMB, and DOM Richard Lourcey, Pleasant Grove Association**, can prioritize self-care and family time, despite their busy ministry schedules.

September 23: Ask the Father to protect the hearts of **D. C., APR; Bobbi Inman, Retired, SSAP; and Nathaniel Brown, NAMB**, as they experience circumstances beyond their control.

September 24: *Zoe Ramsey, CAP, asks prayer for their ability to abide in Him as they look to adding a new village to their ministry and wisdom to make that choice. She also asks prayer as she puts more emphasis on reaching out to her neighbors//***Christy P., Retiring, NAME**, writes, "Pray that the treatment of my heart issue will be blessed and I will be healed, and that our lives in our new home will be a light to the many we are already talking to about the Lord"//Pray that **Mary Lou L., Retired, NAME, and TCK T. H., 16, APR**, will live boldly live out their faith.

September 25: Ask the Lord to give **S. G., APR, and M. R., ASAP**, a great amount of mercy and grace to pour over their neighbors//The parents of **TCKs Eliana W., 12, and Elisabeth W., 8, APR**, write, "Please pray that Eliana and Elisabeth would both find a godly Thai friend so they could encourage each other in their faith and love for God and others."

September 26: Lesotho: Stan and Angie Burleson write, "Pray for a young boy (about 14) who is taking care of six other children in the home. The mother is in South Africa and has remarried so she will not be returning."

September 27: Lift up **Charles Ackmann, NAMB, and TCK *Skye Comfort, 21, ASAP**, as they celebrate their accomplishments on their special day.

September 28: Pray about the opportunity to join Missouri Baptist Convention Leadership on one of the five trips planned for 2027 to West Africa, Malawi, and Burundi. (Information is available at www.mobaptist.org under Missions Mobilization.)

September 29: Pray for ***James Comfort, ASAP, and Mark Fincher, NAMB**, to focus on God's will for their lives.

September 30: Ask the Father to disclose His day-to-day purpose to **Emmett Barnes, Retired, NAME, and Ben Beck, NAMB**, as they seek to be obedient to His will//Lift up **TCK Micaiah B., 17, SSAP**, as he attends Rosslyn Academy this year after recently returning with his parents to Kenya after a three-year assignment in the states.

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