

# Missouri Prayerways

May 2021

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.  
let your requests be made known to God” Philippians 4:6*

**TCK** (Third Culture Kids) is a new abbreviation used by the IMB in place of **MK** (missionary kid). The new term highlights the blending of cultures that children of missionaries experience.

1. **Tom Keene**, DOM, (Wayne). Pray Philippians 1: 2: *“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* for Tom today.
2. **Scott Douglas**, (NAMB) and **Melinda Cobb**, retired, (NAMB). Pray Philippians 1:4 for them. *“Always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all.”*
3. Pray for the students of the **Fusion Teams** as they adjust to their new countries and for opportunities to develop relationships with the people.
4. **Jordan Eaves**, (East Asia) and **Debbie Hammer**, DOM spouse, (Blue River, Kansas City). Pray Philippians 3:2 over them. *“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.”*
5. **I.M.** (North Africa, Middle East). Pray Philippians 3:13 for him. *“For God is working in him, giving him the desire and the power to do what pleases God.”*
6. Praise God that reports coming from the churches in the mountains of **Lesotho** reveal new believers coming to Christ and being baptized. In one church the leader led his wife to Christ and baptized her! Discipleship of these new believers continues to take place as well. Praise God that the Basotho believers are not only hearing the truth from God’s Word, but they are also putting it into practice as well. *“But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* (James 1:22 ESV)
7. Thank the Lord for our mothers and the love that they shared with us, as we celebrate them over the coming days. *“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.”* 2 Timothy 1:5.
8. **Allan Pollock**, retired (NAMB), **E.H.**, 7 yr. old TCK, (South Asia) and **Emma**, 4 yr. old TCK (East Asia). Pray that they will be filled with the joy of Lord as they celebrate their day.
9. **M.C.** (North Africa, Middle East), **L.O.** and 12 yr. old TCK, (North Africa, Middle East). Pray that they will be reminded that: *“For they can do everything through Christ, who gives them strength.”* Philippians 4:13.
10. The winters are very cold in the mountains of **Lesotho** and the people use thick blankets instead of coats to keep themselves warm. Life is tough. Most survive on raising cattle or sheep. Stock theft is prevalent and like the old west, stock thieves are sometimes killed by angry mobs seeking justice. Recently a husband of a believer was attacked, beaten, stoned and killed because he was wearing a blanket identical to the one seen on the thief. The thief was later discovered in a nearby village. Pray for the wife of the man who was killed even though he was innocent that she would be able to forgive her husband’s murderers. Pray that God will use this

horrible situation for His good and for His glory that His message of love and forgiveness would be made known to the people of the villages in this area and even further beyond.

**11. S.B.** (East Asia) and **LaNell Barnes**, retired, (North Africa, Middle East). Pray that they will feel Christ's presence in their lives today and know that He will never leave them.

**12. Sherry Bielinski**, retired (Americas). Sherry writes: *"We are well and blessed. Please continue to pray for our fellow missionaries still on the field overseas, that they stay faithful and are used to spread light in the darkness so that God's will be done. Pray for holiness in us, so that the world might see a difference and allow us to share the hope that we have in Jesus."*

Pray also for **Brad Walker**, DOM (Harrison)

**13. L.D.** (South Asia). She writes: *"Please pray for me to abide deep and to live in the presence of our Creator. Pray that I would connect well with my national partners from a distance as we are still in the States. Pray that we can return overseas very soon."*

**James Wilkins**, retired, (Sub Sahara Africa). Pray that he will feel the assurance of *"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."* Philippians 3:14

**14. Glenda Terrill**, retired, (Europe). Glenda says: *"My praise is that my husband and I have been able to get both covid vaccinations (after having COVID in October), so we are looking forward to visiting our son and his family serving in the Middle East in mid-May!"*

**15. Kelly Brittain**, DOM, (West Central). Pray that she will be filled with the joy and strength of the Lord.

**16. Jon Caudle**, retired (NAMB). Pray for Jon as he recovers from surgery that removed his left foot. Pray that his spirit will continue to be strong, that he will rely on the Lord to meet his needs.

Pray also for **K.M.** (South Asia).

**17. Joshua Manning** (NAMB). Joshua shares: *"Our praises far outweigh our troubles. This has been a painful year, yet God has richly blessed us. We house 5 language services in our Community Baptist Church of Noel's building. We have baptized 59 since the start of Covid. We have also faced many challenges and losses. Pastor Nuñez and three other people that worshipped here have passed away with Covid. Pastor Darius has lost a leg related to kidney failure and diabetes and has had to move back with family. My mother-in-law has cancer and adds stress on the family. While these have been devastating events, we know that our God is always faithful."*

**Jeremy N.** (Sub Sahara Africa). Praise the Lord for leadership development training that has been taking place among small groups throughout his country. Pray for national partners to be raised up, trained.

**Laura Gentry**, DOM spouse (Cane Creek/Stoddard). Laura shares: *"My prayer request would be that the Lord would continue helping my husband and I make connections in our neighborhood. We are blessed to live in a multi-ethnic, multi-generational neighborhood. We know many neighbors by name, know if they are churched or unchurched, but our desire is to know more of them and know them on a deeper level; to live in community with them, not just beside them. Please ask that God would open more doors and that our eyes would be open to all the opportunities He gives us."*

**18. Don Combs**, retired (Europe). Don shares: *"Pray that I will be open and sensitive to God's continued leading in my life. I praise the Lord that May will mark two milestones, I turn 65 and I celebrate serving in the ministry for 40 years."*

Pray also for **C.B.** (South Asia).

**19.** Pray for the **Basotho team** as they remain spread out across the United States, South Africa and Lesotho. Pray for God's timing for them to be reunited in Lesotho in service together among the Basotho.

**Janice Brake retired (Americas).** Pray that she can remember that "Yes, she should rejoice, and we will share her joy." Philippians 2:18.

**20. Bill Cox, DOM, (South Central).** Bill and his association will be implementing a revitalization process in the churches in the coming months, pray that the churches adapt well, and much praise is given to God.

**21. Ron Winstead, retired, (East Asia).** Pray for Ron as he is facing health issues as well as working at downsizing to an assisted living facility.

**MariaLee Watson, (Thailand).** MariaLee asks: *"Pray that we would be able to get Thai visas soon for our whole family. And in the next few months our family of six, ages 6-1 would be able to transition well to life in Thailand."*

**Jacob, 17 yr. old TCK, (Europe).** Jacob attends Black Forest Academy. Pray that he finishes well and takes advantage of the time to study for final exams. Pray also that he will continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ, and that he and his dormmates will encourage one another in this way. We thank God for the godly educational atmosphere provided through other missionaries serving at Black Forest Academy.

**Jennifer Hagen, (Southeast Asia), J.H., (Americas), M.B., (Americas) and Nathan, 21 yr. old TCK (Southeast Asia).** Pray: *"Then they will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard their hearts and minds as they live in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:7

**22. Michael H. (Southeast Asia).** Michael asks that we pray that he will have relief from Sciatica pain that he has had since February, and that he will not need surgery and that he will be able to rejoice during pain and that he will draw closer to the Father, and his wife, Deborah, will have endurance, patience, grace and rest from the extra responsibilities. Pray also for a group of 15 young Vietnamese professionals that have recently made decisions to learn more about Jesus and are studying the Old Testament. Ask our Father to open their hearts to His love and be willing to follow Him with their whole heart.

**23. Joan Frisby, retired (NAMB).** Pray. *"Always offering prayer with joy in our every prayer for her."* Philippians 1:4.

**24. J.B., (North Africa, Middle East).** Pray that she will find peace and strength through her close relationship with Jesus.

**25. Don Smith, retired (Americas).** Pray for Don who is facing serious health issues with his aortic valve. He asks prayer also for the ongoing situation in Venezuela. Pray the people and the lack of basics like food, water and gas.

**Hudson Ford, 12 yr. old TCK (Europe).** Pray that he and his siblings will have a smooth transition to their State side assignment this summer, as well as with a possible move upon return to the field.

**Caelyn, 16 yr. old TCK (Europe).** Pray she will continue to put her faith and trust in God each day and she will see how God is working in and through her.

**Mark Carter, DOM, (Crossroads).** Pray for the churches as they begin coming out of the pandemic and toward 'normal' schedules and ministries. The pastors and church staff have worked extra hard this past year. Pray

that they are renewed spiritually, emotionally and physically. May families who have gotten out of the habit of going to church be convicted to return not only to worship but also to serve.

Pray also for **F.E.**, 7 yr. old TCK (South Asia) and **E.M.** 12 yr. old TCK, (North Africa, Middle East).

**26. Sherry Walker**, DOM spouse (Harrison), **S.H.**, 10 yr. old TCK (Americas). Pray that they will be filled with blessings and great joy on this day.

**27. Jasmine**, 2 yr. old TCK (Madagascar). Please pray for Jasmine to adjust well to the birth of her baby sister who will be born around her birthday. Pray she will feel loved and secure.

**K.M.**, (North Africa, Middle East), **Amy Purl**, retired (Europe), **Justin Offutt**, (NAMB), **I.I.**, 12 yr. old TCK, (South Asia) and **Haven**, 15 yr. old TCK, (Sub Sahara Africa). Pray *"They will Always be full of joy in the Lord. Say it again—rejoice!"* Philippians 4:4.

**28. Jennifer Ford**, (Europe). Pray for Jen and her family as they are preparing for a six-month stateside assignment. Pray that they can continue to train up more leaders and prepare their IMB team to continue the work while they are gone. Pray also for wisdom to decide if they should move to a new area in Spain. That decision will affect their children's schooling and many other things.

Pray also for **Jamie Ruede**, retired (Americas), **Laveta Thompson**, retired, (Americas).

**29. Zach Hagen**, 19 yr. old TCK, (Philippines). Pray as Zach tackles his first summer job in the United States, that he would connect well with his coworkers and be used by God in mighty ways this summer in the workplace.

Pray also for **Anita Groner**, DOM spouse (Bethel).

**30. Fran (Nita) Wakefield**, retired, (East Asia). Pray: *"They will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything they can understand. His peace will guard their hearts and minds as they live in Christ Jesus."*

**31. Jonathan Bundrick**, (Sub Sahara Africa) and **Ben Hess**, retired (NAMB). Pray: *"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."* Philippians 4:8

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