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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. Chuck Barbour (Sub-Saharan Africa) shares: *“With the Covid stuff, things are slow right now. Ministry is moving at a snail’s pace, but we are able to give encouragement to believers, and do have a few opportunities to try and share the gospel. We are thankful that God has kept us healthy during this time and are praying we will continue to stay healthy.”*

Jared H. (South Asia). Pray for the 1,014 unreached and unengaged people groups in South Asia that need the Gospel message. Pray for Jared and their team of nationals that are actively trying to share with these groups.

Samuel Stow, 18 yr. old TCK (Americas). Pray for Samuel as he enters his senior year of high school, that it will be a fruitful year, and that he will discover what the Lord has for him after high school.

Pray also for **H.L.** 21 yr. old TCK (North Africa, Middle East) and **A.L.** (North Africa, Middle East).

2. Aidan, 16 yr. old TCK (Sub-Saharan Africa) is going through the normal teen years. Pray that he will continue to stay close to the Lord in his daily life.

Anna Kate H, 9 yr. old TCK (South Asia). Pray for Anna Kate to know the gospel better and for her to grow older and taller. Even though Anna Kate has believed in Jesus, do pray for her to know Jesus better and to follow Him more every day. Pray that God continues to train and equip her for whatever He has for her in the future.

Pray also for **D.A.** (North Africa, Middle East), **B.T.** (Central Asia), **Linda Witherspoon**, retired (Americas) and **John Vernon**, DOM (Cape Girardeau)

3. Pray that **Carol Chatman**, retired (Americas), **Matt Brown** (MD) and **Tim Abanathy**, DOM (SE MO) are filled with blessings from the Lord on their birthday.

4. Pray that **W.H.** (North Africa, Middle East); and **L.M.** (South Asia) will be filled with the confidence of Hebrews 13:6: *“So that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.”*

5. Pray for **Cheryl Stahlman** (Interim MWMU Executive Director, Consultant) to have wisdom as she steps into this new leadership role and the responsibility that comes. Pray that she will honor God in any decisions that are made in the months ahead.

Pray also for **Roger Brumley**, DOM (St. Joseph)

6. Pray for the **Mo WMU Mission Celebration** scheduled for September 10 and 11. Pray that the Lord will be glorified throughout the meeting.

7. Pray for **G.B.** (Europe) that her focus will remain on the Lord and can continue to offer up praise and thanksgiving to God. (Hebrews 13:15)

8. **A. Y.** (Europe). Adam and his wife, Lauren, will be going to missionary orientation in the Fall as they prepare for missionary service in Spain. Pray for their journey as they transition to the field, may their hearts remain focused on Jesus and trust him with all the details.

Pray also for **David Ford**, retired (Americas) and **Don Stelzer**, retired (Sub-Saharan Africa)

9. **Bill Bowers**, retired (Sub-Saharan Africa). Bill shares: *“I have been serving as interim pastor of Norfleet Baptist Church. Pray for me to have wisdom to give good pastoral care and for the church to have a new pastor soon.”*

Pray also for **Dorothy Miller**, retired (Sub-Saharan Africa), **Randy Simmon**, retired (IMB) and **K.D.**, 16 yr. old TCK (South Asia).

10. **Diana Bledsoe** (Sub-Saharan Africa). Pray that she completely depends on the Holy Spirit while ministering to Kenyans. Pray that she won't merely give

29. Pray for **M.I.** (South Asia) as he shares the Gospel with those around him through his compassion and love for the people of his adopted country.

30. **Emmett Barnes**, retired (North Africa, Middle East) asks that we pray that God will use him and LaNell to help the younger members of their churches to understand the implications of our strong Baptist belief in "the priesthood of the believers" and take personal responsibility for the ministry of the churches.

Benjamin Beck (IN). Ben says: *“Pray as we continue to navigate another year through a pandemic. Pray for incoming freshmen which is the largest in the history of Purdue. The sophomore class is being called “Freshmores” because they were challenged this past year with the pandemic impacting their entire freshmen year with less involvement in person. Pray that our ministry will be able to connect with them, and that if they do not know Jesus, they will come to know him.”*

Micaiah, 12 yr. old TCK (Sub-Saharan Africa). Pray that *“...the word is near him, in his mouth and in his heart.”* (Romans 10) Pray for Micaiah as he begins middle school.



MISSIONS CELEBRATION/ 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

September 10-11, 2021

First Baptist Church Lake St. Louis

Nettie Beck (IN). Pray for the Becks' daughter as she is entering her senior year of high school where she is going to be graduating early this Fall then going to serve on mission for the spring semester overseas.

Pray also for **Carmella Swaim** (North Africa, Middle East), **M.L.**, retired (North Africa, Middle East) and **T.H.**, 11 yr. old TCK (East Asia)

25. Timothy Rehmer (MO). He shares: *"We have had three recent baptisms and added two more families to our church planting work. We began weekly Sunday worship services on January 10th of this year to train our planting team and begin to reach out in evangelism. Every other Lord's Day our group gathers for worship, a fellowship meal and then we go out into the neighborhoods around our home to evangelize and hand out tracts. Pray that God will be glorified, and many will be drawn to him through our intentional evangelism Sundays. Pray that many more will come to a saving faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for us to continue to love the lost without abandon in the face of a hardening culture and pray for the Spirit to go before us to soften hard hearts and open minds to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Pray also for **Eliana**, 7 yr. old TCK (Southeast Asia), **Elisabeth**, 3 yr. old TCK (Southeast Asia) and **Alice Porter** (MWMU, Northeast Region).

26. Pray for **McKenzie Ostertag**, 18 yr. old TCK (Americas). Pray for McKenzie as she starts her Senior year this year and seeks direction from God in choosing a university to attend next year.

Pray also for **L.F.**, 21 yr. old TCK (North Africa, Middle East). Pray that she will recognize her need to stay close to Jesus and to His direction.

27. Pray for **F.I.**, 16 yr. old TCK (South Asia) as she deals with cultural and language differences every day and be willing to share her faith when given an opportunity.

28. Pray for Lucas Hettinger, (MO) that he will remember that God will supply all his needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 19)

her opinions but give answers rooted in Scripture. Pray that she loves her family well.

Peggy Mulkey retired (Americas) requests prayer that they will have many opportunities to minister to family that they have not lived near for years. Pray that the family will see Jesus through the Mulkey's lives.

Pray also for **James Back**, retired (AK, OR) and **Julie Sundeen**, retired (MO).

11. Lesotho. Praise God!! Ginger's Bible Study, in particular, seems to be going very well. The women have been responsive and are even sharing with Ginger ways in which they are standing up against the culture of ancestor worship. In addition, the contacts made in this Bible study have allowed the team to build a relationship with a pastor and his family, which has opened the door not only to work with them but also to engage in some new ministry in the city of Mafeteng.

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

12. Pray for **Michael Shockley**, retired (IMB), **A.D.**, 22 yr. old TCK (Europe) and **Rodney Hammer**, DOM (BR/KC). Pray that on their birthday they will be reminded that every good thing and every perfect gift is from above and from the Father of Lights. (James 1:17)

13. Pray for **L.B.** (Southeast Asia), to be reminded that as when we draw near to God, God draws near to us. (James 4:8)

14. Alan Locke (Sub-Sahara Africa) asks for prayers that the Lord can bring an end to COVID-19 and its effects on daily lives. Schools are starting to open again which helps their children return to a better learning experience.

Easton, 12 yr. old TCK (Guinea, West Africa). Pray that fall 2021 would be a beneficial semester at school while the family is stateside, that he adapts well to his first experience in the English system and that he grows in knowledge and learning skills; and pray that his walk with the Lord continues to grow as he learns how to abide in Christ personally this year.

Heide, pseudonym (North Africa, Middle East) shares: *“Pray for my family as we settle into a new role and location. Pray we will adjust quickly to a new dialect, and that we would lead colleagues well in this exciting and challenging season. Pray for me as I connect with my new neighbors, that they would not only continue to be friendly but that they will be open to hearing the Good News. Pray that I would be bold, wise and gentle and loving as I share it.”*

Pray also for **Janet Graves** (Europe), **M.R.**, 7 yr. old TCK (Southeast Asia) and **Melissa Festervand**, DOM spouse (Fellowship).

15. Laverne Gregory, retired (Americas). Pray that he will remember the words from I Peter 2:5 *“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

16. Jo (South Asia) has not been able to return to her country and is working on a counseling degree that will be merged into her ministry opportunities when she returns. Pray that she will increase in all that is needed to serve the Lord in her country.

Caroline Frealy, 7 yr. old TCK (Americas). Caroline’s mom says that she is a fun, smart, and incredibly active first grader who just lost her first tooth. Pray for Caroline to continue growing in her ability to communicate in Spanish, as well as in grace and stature and favor with God and man.

Pray also for **M.S.** (Southeast Asia) and **Bob Burton** (MO)

17. Elyssa, 13 yr. old TCK (East Asia). Pray that she will grow in wisdom and stature through the good grace of the Lord.

18. M.S. (SEA) shares: *“During September, we will be with 103 adults and 54 kids at Field Personnel Orientation in Virginia for seven weeks of training before they scatter to the nations. Today, will you join us in thanking God for calling them and for Southern Baptist churches who remain committed to supporting them as they take the gospel to the unreached places?”*

19. Pray for **John Wakefield**, retired (East Asia), **Maddox**, 7 yr. old TCK (Southeast Asia) and **Jim Myers**, retired (ID) that they will be blessed greatly by the love of friends and family on their special day.

20. Pray for **T.K.** (East Asia) and **J.O.** (South Asia) that they will remember that they are part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession that they will proclaim the excellencies for Him who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. (I Peter 2:9)

21. Pray for **Alex Montgomery** (Americas). Pray that he will proclaim the goodness of the Lord to those around him.

22. Pray for **Don Brake**, retired (Americas), **E.H.**, 12 yr. old TCK (North Africa, Middle East) and **Richard Lourcey**, DOM (Pleasant Grove). Pray that they will be reminded of God’s greater love for them. *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

23. Pray for **Bobbi Inman**, retired (Sub-Sahara Africa), **Jason Zellmer** (MO) and **R.H.**, 10 yr. old TCK (North Africa, Middle East). Pray that they will not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving will let their requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

24. Chloe Ramsey, pseudonym (Central Asia). She shares: *“We are opening up a bit here too, as is everyone, but our “third wave” is massive. We all contracted Covid - for me and my husband it was bad (low oxygen, etc.) but God walked us through, and we are up and going. Our son had a milder form, thankfully! Praise: Surviving Covid. He was with us and guided us physically and mentally! Request: as we finish our first term, we have a lot to do! We have a big language test coming up and need His grace and guidance with planning our Stateside assignment.”*