

The McRae Chronicle

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We Are Here!

Where to begin? At the beginning of July, we made our official, full move to Wyoming to start working with Tentmakers Bible Mission. We cannot say enough how grateful we are to all who helped with that transition. Without you, I'm not sure we would have made it! From trailers and trucks being lent to us, going away parties, travel care packages for the children, meals and help cleaning before we left, to a new house with full pantry and fridge, air mattresses ready for us to use, vehicles being provided, and so many gifts. We were given gift cards that covered our first two grocery trips, and so many cards and notes of encouragement. It means so much to know that we have your prayers behind us!

Before we knew it, we were trying to unpack and settle in. The first few weeks were a bit of a blur, trying to get jobs started and find our place. We didn't sit still for too long! By our third week, we were leading music in church! While initially overwhelming, the busy start helped us to plunge into involvement, which was good for us.

Life in Wyoming

We have been enjoying a very different set of wildlife out here. Instead of stray cats and squirrels, with the occasional raccoon or opossum, we now regularly see mule deer, turkeys, vultures, and rabbits, with the occasional snake, coyote, or porcupine. And still stray cats.

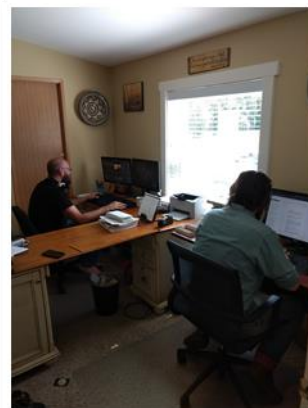
Internet has been a bigger struggle than we expected, but we are hoping to resolve it soon. After video calling with people in third world villages, we assumed that Wyoming would be covered, but we were sorely mistaken! There is limited internet access where we are because "there is a hill in the

way." Having to drive 15 minutes to send an e-mail has been frustrating, but we are glad we have that option. There is a company that is planning to cover our area soon, and we look forward to being able to stay in better touch via e-mail/facebook.

After a VERY dry summer, we got some much needed moisture in the form of snow on Sept. 8th! That week it started at 90 degrees, and then two days later, we had snow! This is the fun of weather in Wyoming! (It is now back to 90 degrees.)

Ministry

July was spent waiting on various job interviews, which gave extra time to spend at TBM.



Chuck and Nathaniel working in their office at TBM

It was exciting to make progress on several documents during that time, even helping to finish up a "first draft" for one! Things will now be moving a little more slowly at TBM for Nathaniel as he is focusing on setting up his tentmaking jobs and working on raising more support.

We have also taken on the AWANA clubs, which has been an exciting opportunity to serve the children in our church and community. The previous directors had been serving for many years, and, while we are thankful for all the work they did, we are glad to give them some time to rest. This is an exciting new ministry for us, but we are starting to figure it all out.

In September, TBM had their annual board meetings and candidate school where we welcomed three new couples to the TBM family. During those three days, we were able to have some sweet fellowship with our



TBM 35th Anniversary Banquet

TBM family. Kara assisted with prepping for meals for everyone and helping to serve the meals. Also during this time, TBM had their 35th Anniversary Banquet. Our family was able to do a special music number, which was fun.

Nathaniel has gotten a job for the school district driving a school bus. He is also working for a company called Zambeezi that makes lip balm and soaps from products brought over from Zambia. Both of these jobs are helping to supplement our support right now until we can continue support raising.

We have been able to see God do some really amazing things since we have been out here. One of those things is our support level. We came out here with only 15% of our support when we were hoping to be at 50%. Although we didn't have what we needed, God still did above what we could ask or think. For two months, additional gifts brought our support level up to 45%!! What a great God we serve! He knows just what we need.

We have been realizing that after two months here, and being very involved, we expect ourselves to be fully adjusted and at 100% production. That is, of course, not reality, and we have had to remind ourselves that it has still only been a few weeks. Little moments sneak up on us, where we are frustrated with our lack of progress or with a new/different circumstance and our ineptness at dealing with it. And of course, we still miss our people from back in Michigan, so that comes up, too.

All in all, we are excited to be here, and we are looking forward to our ministries here. We ask that you pray with us that our support level will rise, so that Nathaniel is able to devote more time to TBM work. But for now, we want to thank you for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, and continual support for God's ministry here in Wyoming. Please let us know if there is anything about which we can be praying for you. Thank you, again!

Nathaniel, Kara
Juliana, Ariana, Cassandra
Grant M^cRae



Please Pray with Us!

- Praise God we arrived in Wyoming safely!
- Praise God for friends who helped us and made sure we had everything we need!
- Pray for our support level to rise. Currently at 18%.
- Pray for a four-wheel drive vehicle for us for winter.
- Pray for our attitudes and actions as we continue to adjust and transition to our new life.

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