



In so many ways, 2020 has turned out differently than any of us could have ever imagined. It might be better to ask what HASN'T

changed instead of asking what has. We'd like to share a little of our year with you.



First, we would treasure your prayers for Sarah's sister, Heather and her children, Rachel, Hunter, and Abby. Tragically, in March, Luke was killed in a car accident. The loss of Luke has been unimaginably difficult. Luke was a wonderful man of God and the way he loved and took care of his family could never be fully described with words. We all miss Luke very much, and as time goes by, that won't change. Please remember this sweet family and Luke's extended family in your prayers.



For a long time, this has been my view of church, sometimes helping with the A/V ministry. Now, after a lot of prayer and seeking counsel, I will be ministering from the other side of the sanctuary. I will continue my role with TBM at the Home Office and be the parttime Pastor at Mitchell E Free. In many ways, this is not a ministry change, but a ministry addition. We are praying that God will use us to minister to this congregation with a heart of love and compassion.



Megan is our second to graduate in the last two consecutive years. This is another change to get used to in our household, with two of the three kids out of the house during the school year. Megan, along with Dylan, is attending Frontier School of the Bible this year. We still get to see them at least once a week because they have been able to continue attending our church in Mitchell, NE. Dylan helps with the worship team by playing guitar and singing and leads a young adults Bible Study in our home. Megan is also helping the worship team by singing. Travis is enjoying his new school. He is involved in cross country, marching band, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



We also moved this year. In May, we sold our home in LaGrange and moved about 40 miles east to Gering, NE. Sarah has been teaching 5th grade for the last 4 1/2 years in Gering and it made the most sense for us to be closer to her work. I travel

to LaGrange a few times each week to do what I need to do at the TBM Home Office. This also has allowed me a couple days a week to be close to our church family for ministry opportunities. Please pray that this house would be a place of ministry and that we would be able to have an impactful relationship with our neighbors.



TBM got a makeover! This summer we had wonderful friends come from western Colorado to help refurbish the outside of the Mission building. Summer of 2019 we replaced half of the windows. During the summer, this couple helped replace the other half of the windows and paint the whole of the outside. We are thankful for the fresh coat of paint and windows, but even more grateful for the partnerships that God has given us in ministry. Please pray for us as we complete small projects around the building to keep the Home Office functioning as it should.



In May, Chuck Mathias took on the role of Executive Director for TBM. Chuck has been around the office for the last few years, and most recently has been transitioning into his new role. Chuck served as the Assistant Director and has switched roles with Ron Thompson, our previous Director, who will now serve as the Assistant Director. We have also welcomed Nathaniel and Kara McRae to the Home Office in June. Nathaniel will be assisting with the development of our International Training Program, a cross-cultural tool to assist church planters with training church and ministry leaders.

What to Pray For

As you have probably experienced in your life, many of our 2020 plans were cancelled or altered. We continue to trek forward. The most urgent area of prayer is the safety of our church planters and the people they are ministering to. The TBM family has experienced a wide array of effects related to COVID including travel restrictions and sadly, COVID related sickness and death within the churches. Thank you for your prayers and know that we are praying for you as well.

Love to you all,

Ben and Sarah

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