

The McRae Chronicle

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Family News

As we are writing this newsletter, we are snowed in due to a blizzard that hit southern Wyoming this weekend. We were snowed in for 6 days, and when we did finally get out, our van got stuck in the snow and mud, which was a whole new adventure! Oh the joys of country living! We are so grateful to those who provided vehicles, shovels, meals, and a place to stay when we couldn't get to/from our house!



The children have been adjusting to their new life beautifully. They are making a lot of new friends. Juliana is loving youth group, and all the children are involved in a homeschool group here in LaGrange that meets every week. They love that interaction. School has looked a little different out here. Because of Kara's work at Zambeezi,

sometimes school work is done there or TBM while other times, it is done at home.

We had a bit of a scare in our family when Cassandra hurt herself playing on some barrels (pictured in the header). She opened a huge gash/hole in her forehead, and there was lots of blood. (We'll spare you pictures.) After the possibility of skin grafts and extensive surgery, the doctors were able to stitch it up without any of that. It took 30 stitches in two layers. We are so grateful that she is healing now, and she is quite excited to have a scar. It was a great encouragement to get texts and messages from so many who were praying for her and us. The children (and their parents!) were a little traumatized by the event, but we are all recovering now, and reminding her to take a break from rollerblades and rough play for a while. God continues to provide for us, as the money we were looking to spend on a vehicle was ready to use for medical bills. Not how we planned it, but God knew what we would need.

Reading and Writing at TBM

At the beginning of the year, Nathaniel and Chuck set some goals for the work at TBM. Nathaniel is currently working on three courses of study: Genesis, Colossians, and Christian Living. The *Genesis* study will focus on Theology Proper, as well as studies of man, angels, and sin. *Christian Living* is largely topical, using Galatians as a starting point and drawing largely on the Epistles and teachings of Jesus. *Colossians* will focus particularly on Christology.

The research is also fascinating, studying not only Bible for these courses, but books on anthropology, missiology, and communication. Reading and discussing these things is so refreshing and thrilling, as they are the topics that so often occupied my mind, and I am learning there are whole sets of terms and definitions by people who have studied so far beyond my independent musings.

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https://tentmakersbiblemission.org/?tbm_missionaries=nathaniel-and-kara-mcrae-2

Time Flies When You're Busy

When life is the busiest, it often needs the most reflection, yet also yields the least time for it. This means that we have had to be very intentional in making time for conversations, family time, etc., as we have been very busy. God has blessed us with many opportunities to work to provide for us and for ministries where we can be a blessing to others.

Kara has taken on a large portion of the work at Zambeezi, and is enjoying exercising her gifts for organization and administration. This has freed Nathaniel up to spend more time at TBM, which has been good.



At church, AWANA has kept us both busy, even adjusting to change in location due to burst plumbing after our big freeze. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and leaders. AWANA has been a stretching ministry for us, but God is teaching us a lot through it. We also enjoy

leading music once a month or doing special music as a family, and we will be organizing VBS this summer.

Nathaniel is enjoying bus driving in the aspect of interacting with the children, as well as enjoying the scenery of sunrises and soaring Bald Eagles. The driving and working for bureaucracy of government, not so much. Nevertheless, it has been a thrill to have regular opportunities to share the gospel, and almost daily chances to teach about respect, kindness, and obedience, as well as state capitals, animal classifications, and many songs that we sing together. My goal is that they learn more (in quality if not quantity) on the bus than they do in school.

Plans for Summer

To our disappointment, all plans to cover our area for internet have failed to provide coverage at our home. We have accepted it for the time being. While there are a few options that may become available to pursue in the future, we will have to wait and see.

We are trying to schedule several trips for summer. We hope to take a trip to the Midwest in June after VBS. There is a possibility of speaking at a camp in July, and there are shorter trips that we would like to make, if possible. The international trips will most likely have to wait until fall or later, due to the many travel restrictions.

Thank you again for all your faithful support. It keeps us going knowing that so many of you are involved in and standing behind our ministry. Once we have our summer plans scheduled, we will be sure to let you all know. We look forward to seeing many of you in whose area we will be. Until then, we always love to call or write!

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



Please Pray with Us!

- Praise God for chances to minister in every situation He puts us!
- Praise God for family He is building for us here!
- Pray for our support level to rise. Praise God that we are up to 20%!
- Praise God for always providing all we need!
- Pray for a four-wheel drive vehicle for us.
- Pray for healing for Cassandra's head, and all the children's hearts after a scary time.

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