

# The McRae Chronicle

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## **Busy Summer**

Our summer schedule has been over for several weeks now, but it still feels like it shouldn't be fall yet. Although it may not look like it, our schedule change tells us that fall is here. We don't get much fall weather out here (we go straight to winter), or lots of colors (we have few trees), but we had a few cooler days this week. It will be back in the 90's, though, before the snow begins. However, as we begin to adjust to the fall schedule, we want to be sure to let you all know how summer went. We are so grateful for your prayers for us during that busy season!

## **Rocky Railroad VBS**

We had a great time helping organize our Vacation Bible School, with our steam locomotive theme. We led opening sessions and the song times. We studied how God's power affects our lives, and were able to clearly share the gospel. We were able to have over 40 children come, including several from the community outside the church, which was a great opportunity in a small town.



## **Twin Peaks Bible Camp**

After VBS in June, we spent time at Twin Peaks Bible Camp, near Grand Junction, CO, as the missions speaker. This was particularly special because we were able to serve alongside the Mathias family, who, as our ministry partners at home, have become something of our ministry family.

It was a great week getting to know the campers, speaking to them in the meetings, and having conversations in between. It was a week of hard ministry, made so very much worth it by the opportunity to invest in lives. It was a great end to the week to have some of the campers trust Christ on the last day.

## **A Fortnight in the Midwest**

After a quick 3-day turnaround at home after camp, we were on our way to Michigan and Ohio to catch up with people there. It was so nice to visit with people there, from church, work, family.

We were able to give an update at Jenison Bible Church, and had several opportunities to get together with supporters and friends. We got to share about our ministry and what God has been doing here in LaGrange. We also were able to do some fun things like going to the beach at Lake Michigan, swimming with friends, and having birthday celebrations. It was a tiring trip but also an encouraging one. Our hearts were encouraged by fellow believers, and we were excited to return to Wyoming and continue working where He has called us.

For more information about our mission and project, visit:

[https://tentmakersbiblemission.org/?tbn\\_missionaries=nathaniel-and-kara-mcrae-2](https://tentmakersbiblemission.org/?tbn_missionaries=nathaniel-and-kara-mcrae-2)

## Spinning Back Up Again



The children enjoying the lake in Michigan, a luxury we do not have out on the dry plains.

We got home and immediately began preparing for the school year to begin. It was hectic, but we got the necessary preparation done. The children are excited about their new books and studies, and school has started out very positively. We will be having our third night of AWANA this week, and are excited about the students and leaders who come each week. This ministry is so multi-faceted for us because we get to know the children and get to minister to them, but we also have a ministry to the college students who are training in ministry as they work alongside us.

The students are back at FSB, too, and we are looking for opportunities to connect with them more this year. Nathaniel will be spending time in Chuck's classes, and we will try to be more present at meals and events. We are eager to be more intentional in ministering to the students this year. Nathaniel had an opportunity to speak in a Sunday night chapel recently, which went very well.

One big change this year is that I (Nathaniel) will not be driving bus for the school district. I began driving this fall, and realized again how much it impeded on our time and efforts. We were beginning discussions about exiting the job for scheduling reasons, perhaps in the not too distant future. The school board helped us with that decision by requiring government oversight and reporting with which I was not comfortable. So after just a few weeks, I turned in my notice to end my employment with them. I really will miss the children on the bus, but we are confident this was the right decision to make. While this is not that way we wanted it to go, we are excited about having more time to invest in ministry. Already, I have been able to accomplish significantly more at TBM because of the change. It has also been good for our family time, and being available for other people when needed. We are excited to see how God will provide for the loss of income, too. He is so faithful to give everything we need, even when we do not recognize it.

All the upheaval in our nation has even reached our little county in Wyoming, which has me doing a lot of thinking. Something I have been reminded of as we respond everything we are seeing in our nation is this: We have no need of fear, even if things are "legitimately" scary. We have hope. We can trust our God, who is so much more faithful than we can comprehend. Whatever it is that God is doing in your area, in your life, we pray that you will grow through it. Learn to let go of our plans and rest in God's. It doesn't mean it won't be uncomfortable, or even hurt, but the place of pain is often where we learn better to trust our God. Please let us know how we can pray for you!

Until next time,

Nathaniel, Kara  
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### **Please Pray with Us!**

- Praise God for chances we had to minister throughout the summer!
- Praise God for His unchanging faithfulness!
- Praise God for all the opportunities coming up this fall!
- Pray with us that we will be faithful to recognize God's gifts and opportunities to serve.

### **Contact Info**

We would love to hear how you are doing and what the Lord has been doing in your lives.

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