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## **International Students**

This fall, we have been hosting meetings at TBM for Bible international School students, during which they can share about ministry in their home country. We scheduled meetings with students from Africa and Asia this semester, and plan to continue next semester with other students from Chad, several South American countries. and Canada. This is a great opportunity for the other Bible school students to learn firsthand about missions around the world. There is so much that we can learn from each other!







## Field Conference

In October, we attended TBM's Southern Utah Field Conference. It was a day of getting to hear from all the missionaries in southern Utah and the Las Vegas area. It is great to see one of the church plants that is growing and getting ready to graduate from TBM. The church in Las Vegas is growing and starting a second church plant. It's encouragement to see the faithfulness of these servants in fields. Because conference was in Southern Utah, our family was able to visit the Grand Canyon while there.

## Plans for 2023

As my class at the Bible School is coming to its conclusion, we are looking forward to what comes next. It has been a great time of study, and I will miss the discussion with the students. We enjoy building those relationships with them.

In the spring, I will be taking a trip to visit our missionaries in Trinidad. I will be going with a team of students from FSB, and I am looking forward to seeing another field first hand. There has been intentional training of national leadership there, and I am eager to discuss what they are doing with the church leadership. I expect it will be a good time of exchanging ideas and mutual learning. Our team's primary goal is to encourage the believers in the city, as they have been discouraged and many have not been able to meet together consistently. Please pray that our team will be effective, and for all the preparations between now and March.



I would really like to schedule another international trip next year, but that remains to be seen. We will continue to look at those possibilities, as we hope to begin getting the curriculum we've been writing out on the field. We'll let you know as those plans progress!

#### Dear, Dear, DEER!

We had a run in with some deer. Three of them decided to become obstacles for Kara, and while we aren't sure if she hit ALL of them, we know she didn't MISS all of them. She now knows that this is not the best way to get extra venison. Everyone was fine (except for the deer), but our van is missing some pieces. We are so thankful that we have the other car to use. While it is inconvenient, we have been a "one car family" before, and



can get by short term. We will need to have a second vehicle soon, but several people have offered the use of their vehicles in the meantime, which has been so very helpful. Please pray that we will know how best to spend our money (whether to repair or replace?) and that we will trust God to bring us the right solution at the right time.

# **Family News**

The older girls continue to study French with our study group, and we have enjoyed having our friend from Chad join us often. We so appreciate his input as a native French speaker, and his patience with our many mistakes as we learn.

The three younger children attended a karate class for a week in the summer, and were able to review what they learned when their teacher came to visit this fall. They have enjoyed learning the different forms and moves, alongside Bible verses and Scriptural principles.

While we have been here, God has built a family all around us. It is such a blessing to watch as God places people in our path. A lot of that family was over at our house for

The children were so excited as they told us this was the first time they had ever seen a real, live palm tree!

Thanksgiving this year. There were 20 people in all. It was a great time!

We are looking forward to a quiet Christmas. We will be staying and enjoying the family time. We have several fun activities planned, but we're trying not to stay super busy. We wish you all a joyful Christmas with your families as we celebrate the Savior of the world!

Serving with you,

Nathaniel, Kara, Juliana, Ariana, Cassandra, and Grant M<sup>c</sup>Rae



**Please Pray with Us!** 

- Praise God for safety for the family in the car accident!
- Praise God for the things we can learn from our brothers in other cultures!
- Praise God for the opportunities He continues to provide to serve Him!
- Pray with us that we will be able to get a functional second vehicle soon.
- Pray with us that the team to Trinidad will be prepared for the trip spiritually, financially, logistically, etc.
- Pray with us that our support level would rise to the point that we can dedicate our time fully to ministry.

#### **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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