With fall comes the change in programs and ministry. We have begun our AWANA year at church, and the Bible school students are back, allowing additional opportunities to get to know and serve the people in our area. While we transition back to this routine, we find it helpful for us to remind ourselves that God has a purpose for every season and every opportunity.

What's new at TBM?

I am enjoying learning and taking on responsibility from the current director of short-term missions, including some prayer e-mails and some organizational efforts. I have been able to update several application documents and policies regarding short-term missions at TBM, which has been interesting for me, but would be very boring for you to read about, so I will not expand upon that here.



This is what Very Interesting Documents look like.

Our hope is to make our short-term mission trips and internships more productive and effective in equipping the people involved. These times of shortterm service can be very helpful for people wanting to learn more about their own role in missions and serve the missionaries on the

field. Our goal is that both parties benefit from these times of service, and that we at the office can facilitate that happening.

I am continuing my work with the training materials, and looking forward to completing rough drafts for the last three courses in the coming months. Please pray for the review process, that we will develop tools that will be of the greatest use to our missionaries. I have also had several encouraging conversations with missionaries about what resources they are using or have developed themselves. We want to maximize these efforts to benefit all of our church planters.

Thank you for praying for the team who went to Trinidad in July. It is encouraging to hear reports from that church. I will soon begin preliminary arrangements for short-term trips taking place in the spring of 2025.

Upcoming Events

We are planning to attend the Southern Utah field conference in October. We hope to reconnect with and encourage several of our missionaries and friends in that area.

Kara is beginning to plan meetings for the international students for this semester, and we look forward to hearing them share about their life and experiences in other cultures.

Please Pray with Us!

- Praise God for His provision for Kara to travel unexpectedly to Virginia this summer!
- Praise God for giving us the strength for each task He gives us to accomplish!
- Pray for continued wisdom for us as we follow God's will and leading for our lives.
- Please pray with us that God would provide clear direction for our housing.
- Please continue to pray for Kara's dad following his wife's passing away.
- Pray for the ongoing and escalating conflict in Israel.
- Pray for the upcoming elections in the United States, that God's will would be done.

Family News

Upon Kara's return in August, a reemphasis on the school studies was picked up with the children. They are all back to "full time" study and school work now. Ariana has changed from studying French to Italian, and has begun her big research paper for the year. Juliana is studying U.S. history and geometry. Cassandra and Grant are studying the age of exploration and memorizing the book of James.

We finished off August (our month with three birthdays!) by celebrating Juliana's 16th. We had a bigger party than usual, which she and Kara planned. She chose



a fancy style dinner with board games. It was fun to see her personality in the planning of the party, and we are so glad to see God continuing to grow her into a young lady who is sensitive to Him.



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

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The house we are renting has not yet sold, for which we are thankful to God that we can continue to live here for the time being. We investigate any other housing opportunities (there are very few!) that become available and pray for wisdom as we consider them. Helpful friends have given their time and expertise to keep our cars running fairly regularly. We are so grateful for the loving community in which God has put us. Thank you for your prayers!

We are continuing to learn the importance of leaving "unsure" things in God's hands, as He is the One who can ensure what is most important. We know that He has a plan for each of us, and allows uncomfortable circumstances in our lives to draw us closer to Him. Please pray that we will find more and more victory in doing that! Thank you all again for your faithful prayers and encouragement!

Serving with you,

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

