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He Suffers for You!

This past year, I learned the carol *Douce Nuit, Sainte Nuit*, a French version of Silent Night (or more accurately, of the German carol *Stille Nacht*). Here are a couple of the verses (translated to English) that I particularly appreciated in my study:

It is toward us that He rushes,
As a gift without return!
In this world that is ignorant of love,
Where does He today begin His stay?
May He be King forever!

What a welcome for a King!
No shelter, no roof!
In His crib He shivers with cold.
O sinner, without waiting for the cross,
Jesus suffers for You!

What a reminder of the sacrifices Christ made for us, who are “ignorant of love,” before He even went to the cross. What a beautiful picture of His rushing to us, like the Father toward the prodigal son. Whatever is happening in the world around you, we hope that you will take some time this Christmas to consider what God has done for all of us in sending the Son to die for the sins of the world.

TBM Projects

My work with short-term missions continues, as I am taking on more responsibility for the trips for spring break next year. I am organizing two teams that will visit TBM church plants during that time: a team of four to Nevada and a team of five to Utah and Idaho. This includes processing applications and other paperwork as well as communicating with our missionaries in those areas to arrange the details for the trips and organizing team meetings to prepare. The trips will take place during the first week of March. Please pray that the students and missionaries will benefit from these times together.

I am working on finishing first drafts for the last of my assigned courses: Marriage and Family & Biblical Finances. These topics are nuanced by cultural variances, and it is an interesting challenge to present biblical truths in a way that can be applied easily in multiple situations. There are additional challenges regarding the complexity of the program that need to be addressed, as well. We need to consider a significantly simpler approach to training for some fields. Please pray that these efforts will be of use to our missionaries.

Family News

We were able to take the children to the highland festival in September this year, and it was a good family time together,. The children enjoyed marching with the clan and sitting and learning about our family heritage in the clan tent. (Pictures on next page)

Please Pray with Us!

- Praise God for the gift of His Son!
- Praise God for specific answers to prayer!
- Praise God for giving us continued housing!
- Pray for the details regarding our housing to work out according to God’s will.
- Please continue to pray for Kara as she tries to help her dad.
- Pray for the upcoming government transition in our country.
- Pray for ongoing conflicts around the world.

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

In October, our family very much enjoyed being able to visit friends at and on the way to a conference in Mesquite. We visited friends “old” and new at the Grace Place in Ivins, Utah. We also visited with TBM partners in Colorado and Nevada. It is so encouraging to meet with like-minded people who are so faithful in their service.

November brought Thanksgiving celebrations at home and preparation for the Sunday School Christmas program, which Kara organized again this year. The program took place this last Sunday, and it was great to be part of a church family from which members of all ages and different talents were involved. Our family was able to sing and play musical instruments.



Ariana recently got her learning permit for driving, which happened just shortly after Juliana got her official license. So we now have four drivers in the house instead of two! I have included pictures of Ariana’s first drive, and Juliana’s first drive on her own.

Special Prayer

We would like to ask for prayer during what we might call a “season of discouragement,” but is in fact a season in which we are failing to trust God fully. The hymn that says, “though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler, yet.” expresses what we need to remember. Yet even in a season where we reflect on the past fulfillment of God’s promises, and during which we have great praises and evidence of His faithfulness, we find our selves worrying and doubting about His future faithfulness. Please pray for us, that we will be faithful and trust God in the face of opposition, that we will not let the lie of discouragement steal our joy, and that we will rest in His joy and peace as He continues to give us far more than we deserve or need.

Answered Prayer

Thank you for your prayers regarding our housing! The house we are renting was put under contract to be sold several weeks ago. This was a test of our faith, as we still had not found any other place to live. We were praying as a family that the new owners would allow us to stay under terms similar to what we had with the previous owner. Knowing that such a request is not in line with the current housing market, we were unsure what God would do. After several weeks of prayer, the new owner called us and said that they would like us to stay under the same terms as before. This is a significant answer to prayer. We are so grateful that our children are seeing God answer prayers above what we expect.

We have seen God work in the past, and yet still feel apprehension as we look to the “unsurety” of the future. Pray that in the coming year we will learn to better live in the confidence of biblical hope!

Serving with you,

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

