

The McRae Chronicle

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FORTITUDINE

Our clan motto is *fortitudine*, “with strength.” A clanswoman recently reminded our children that we can stand patiently in the hot sun with strength, and the lesson is true for us adults, too. We have had some surprises lately in our lives, and ones that we would call unpleasant, unasked for, even undesirable. But our God gives us such experiences to grow us, expecting us to stand “with strength” as we learn to lean on His strength alone. Be encouraged that no matter what you are facing, God is the strength in which we advance through it all. Let’s pray for each other, that we will grow in our instinct to do so.

Speaking of the Clan MacRae, Nathaniel has recently been asked to be a bit more involved in some highland festivals. Please pray that we will find opportunity to share the gospel with those in our clan society and at the different festivals.



Las Vegas Team

TBM

Nathaniel has finished the first drafts of the courses assigned to him! Please pray that they will be able to be finished in a way to be of use to our missionaries.

Starting this spring, Nathaniel will also officially become the Director of Short Term Missions at TBM. His time of training is complete, and we are excited to see what the Lord is going to do with this new position. These trips this spring have gotten us excited about how we can serve our missionaries through short-term missions.

Spring Break Trips

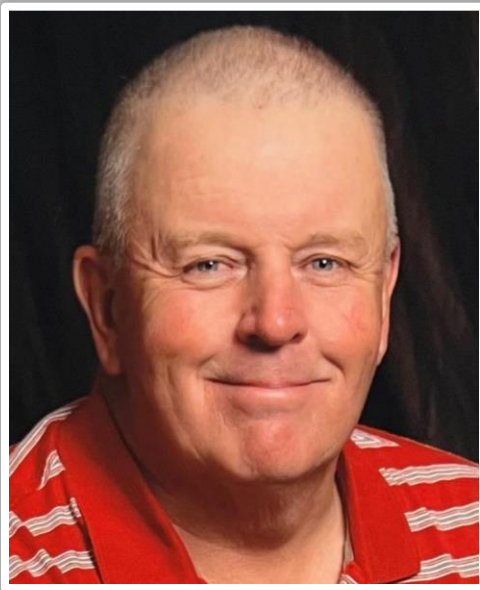
The spring break teams to Nevada and Idaho have gone and returned, with good reports. A special privilege Nathaniel had was to accompany the team to Idaho and Utah. In addition, Juliana was able to fill an empty seat and join the team, as well. It was such an encouragement to see the work of four different church plants in the Idaho/Utah area pastored by TBM church planters. Pray for both teams, as the students process all that they learned and saw. Pray that God will continue to send workers to these fields that have so many needs.



Idaho/Utah Team

For more information about our mission and project or to read past newsletters, visit:
https://tentmakersbiblemission.org/?tmb_missionaries=nathaniel-and-kara-mcrae-2

Family News



Kara's dad, Keith Zirkle

Our family news this time is a bit more than usual and of a different sort than we prefer. On January 25, we received word that Kara's father had passed away unexpectedly. This meant an emergency trip to Virginia, a twenty-four hour drive through the night. The service was uplifting, and the gospel was very clearly presented, for which we praise the Lord. The emotional blow is a heavy one, as Kara is feeling the loss of both parents. While we were there, we were able to help plan the service and work with Kara's brother on other arrangements. This is a difficult adjustment for our family, but God is good, and He knows our sorrows.

We planned to return to Virginia in March to help with cleaning some properties prior to the sale of Kara's dad's house, but those plans changed. Two days before we intended to leave for Virginia, we received word that Nathaniel's grandmother had passed away in Michigan. So we rearranged travel plans to be in Michigan for her service. This was another good service, and significant encouragement from time spent catching up with siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. After the funeral we continued to Virginia to spend time helping there as well.



Nathaniel's grandmother,
Dorothy Glidewell

As Easter approaches, it is an immense comfort to know that we will see these loved ones again. The resurrection of Christ is a provable historical fact, and that truth gives us complete confidence in the future resurrection for all of us.

We so appreciate all the prayers you have made on our behalf. The many gifts and encouraging notes have been a huge support for us, and made the unexpected travel these last months possible. Please let us know how we can serve you, as well.

Serving with you,

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



Please Pray with Us!

- **Praise God for His strength during trying times!**
- **Praise God for His promise of the resurrection!**
- **Pray for us as we grieve our loved ones.**
- **Please continue to pray for the settling of Kara's dad's estate.**
- **Please continue to pray for us as we raise our children.**
- **Pray for our government and the turmoil all around us.**
- **Pray for us that we will have wisdom in responding to the trials that God brings our way.**

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