

# The McRae Chronicle

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## **Braces, Baptisms, & a Birthday**

There have been several significant events in our family lately, so we want to take some extra space to share about them this summer, along with pictures.

The children love to hike among the bluffs behind our house. In the header, you can see them with some friends hiking along a ridge.

Juliana had the pleasure of recently getting braces on her teeth. The process includes an expander for the roof of her mouth, and braces on her top and bottom teeth. She has the expander and the top braces, but hasn't gotten the bottom braces yet. The process will take about two years. We are hopeful that these procedures will ease some of the mouth pain and dental trouble she has been having.



Arian and Cassandra made the decision to be baptized this spring. They both gave clear salvation testimonies and expressed the desire to grow in their obedience to the Lord. It was an exciting step to watch them take. We are so proud of them and the growth we see in them.



With two more drivers now (Juliana & Arian), life keeps changing. The children have gone into town a few times without Dad or Mom, which is an odd feeling. They have been very helpful, picking up things that we need, or just going to spend time with friends or as siblings. We are excited for them as they take on more responsibilities and grow closer to maturity.

Grant turned twelve years old in May. He is continuing to grow in his interests and enjoys engineering all sorts of creations with LEGO and other elements. He is finishing sixth grade and realizing that this has been his last year in many of the children's ministries at church.

### **Please Pray with Us!**

- Praise God for some rain He sent lately!
- Praise God for young people pursuing missions and ministry!
- Praise God for growth in our children, both physical and spiritual.
- Praise God that Kara's dad's house sold!
- Please continue to pray for us as we raise our children.
- Pray for us in our roles at TBM.
- Pray for our trip in July, that we will be able to schedule everything needed.
- Pray for our vehicle needs.



## **Seasons of Ministry**



Kara has enjoyed investing in the ladies studying at Frontier School of the Bible. She has been leading devotionals with groups of them and visiting the dormitories throughout the school year for the last few years. Quite a few of the ladies she grew close with graduated this year. It is exciting to see them head off in all the directions God has called, but Kara will miss meeting with “her girls.”

Kara was also able to help with a Ladies’ Retreat this spring at church. Now that AWANA is over, our attention moved to VBS, which just finished this past week.

At TBM, Nathaniel is now the Director of Short Term Missions as well as the Assistant Director of International Training. This additional responsibility will include planning short-term trips and overseeing any interns on TBM fields. We have two new interns beginning over the summer and fall. Kara will continue to help out as needed around the home office. Nathaniel also has been given the TBM newsletter and prayer calendar to publish every few months, along with a weekly prayer e-mail.

## **A Journey in July**

We are in the process of planning a trip to Michigan in the latter half of July. We would like to see as many of you from that area as we can. Please let us know if you are available during that time!

## **Repair or Replace?**

We have had several rounds of car trouble lately. Please pray that we will have wisdom as we decide when to repair and when to shop for something new. We know God will provide exactly what is needed in His timing.

Serving with you,

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



## **P.S. . . . and a Baby**

As we get ready to send this update out, we have confirmed that we are indeed expecting a baby in December. Please pray for Kara’s health and the baby’s, as we have had complications in the past. And despite our not expecting it, praise God for this wonderful blessing!!

### **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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