Tanners Missionary Acres

Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!

1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour

Merry Christmas!

This month, the kids have been learning how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. As we study the traditions and customs from around the world, one thing has become clear – Christmas is indeed a special holiday.

It's when we're reminded of the most precious gift ever bestowed upon mankind – the birth of Jesus Christ. Despite its commercialization, the Christmas season gives us a wonderful opportunity to share the good news with others.

One way we're doing that is by helping with a Christmas Eve nursing home service through our local church that one of the Missionary Acres residents organized. Bryan and Jeff will be sharing some scripture during it. We're praying that God uses this opportunity to bring the message of hope and joy to the people there.

The gift of God truly is the reason for the season. And though we know most of you have already accepted Christ as your savior, if you haven't, please reach out. We'd love to share with you from the Bible how you can have your sins forgiven and be saved.

Missionary Acres Update

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at the Acres. Well, except there's no snow. The kids are a little sad about that.

But around the property, bright lights are shining, and decorations are being hung. The annual Country Christmas Church Tour was last weekend, and we had fun caravanning around the area to several historical churches with the other staff members and some residents.

The churches were decked out for Christmas, and each one had people sharing treats with the visitors. One church even had a camel – the kids were thrilled to see it!

Praises

- Upcoming ministry trips to share about our work at Missionary Acres.
- Safe travels for Lisa's family who came down from Washington to spend Thanksgiving with us.
- Sally turns 1 at the end of the month. The last year has flown by, but the time taught us to trust God even more, and we're so thankful for Him!
- Jayme has a three week break from college.
- The kids were able to participate in a Christmas program at church.
- Owen has a new bed that his Grandpa and Dad built.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- Safety on a quick trip to College of the Ozarks this weekend to get Jayme for Christmas Break.
- Traveling mercies as we head to churches in Arkansas and Tennessee in January and <u>February</u>
- Owen's health.
- The health and safety of the residents and staff at Missionary Acres.
- The Raines family, who are on deputation to serve here.
- For volunteer groups coming down next year.
- To schedule more meetings in 2024.

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Current Support Level: 60.0%

Let's Keep In Touch



On a less festive note, Bryan's been working hard to get the backhoe up and running again. He replaced the block heater recently and discovered that the water pump was bad. That too had to be removed and taken in to be rebuilt. He work the past couple of days to get that re-installed and the engine up and running again so that the staff can start making repairs on a broken waste water line this week.

Other projects around the Acres continued as well. The staff mulched leaves, worked on drywall, floor leveling, and has even started painting in the remodel house project.

Tanner Family Update

It was a blessing to have Lisa's Mom and Stepdad join us for Thanksgiving this year! They stayed until early December and made it back to Washington just before a ton of snow fell on the I-80 highway in Wyoming. We're so thankful for their safe travels!

While they were here, Bryan and Lisa's Stepdad made Owen a new bed. It's not enclosed like the one he had before, but it is solid and safe. And he seems to like it!

Owen's health is still not great. It's hard to explain, but he's just not himself, and we are out of ideas as to what could be causing it. We appreciate your continued prayers for him!

We're heading across the state on Friday to pick up Jayme. She gets to stay with us for three weeks, and we're looking forward to celebrating Christmas together. When she heads back for the second half of her junior year, she'll be working in the college's museum again. She enjoyed her time at that workstation over the summer.

Some of the kids were able to participate in our local church's Christmas program this past Sunday. They joined other kids to sing songs, recite scripture, and share some truths from God's word. It was a blessing to see them.

We're so thankful for the friends the kids made this year – being in a church with plenty of other kids is a new experience for us, but it's been so good for our family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bryan & Lisa & Family