

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Hello,

Thank you so much for all your prayers these last few weeks.

The weather has been crazy here in southeast Missouri. We are so thankful for God's protective hand over Missionary Acres. With all the tornado warnings and severe thunderstorms we've experienced recently, the only damage to the homes was a few shingles blown off, which Bryan was able to replace. Praise God!

The heavy rain we experienced for several days last week caused some damage to the roads, and a few basements on the property flooded. However, when we look at our surrounding community and talk to people who lost everything in these storms, we know that it could have been much worse.

The tornado season typically lasts through June, which means we are likely to have more severe weather coming our way in the coming weeks and months. We greatly appreciate your continued prayers.

Missionary Acres Update

Spring has sprung at Missionary Acres! The flowers are blooming, the leaves are coming back, and the grass is growing. It's time to start mowing again, so Bryan spent some time this last month working on the equipment so it's ready to go when needed.

After the storms damaged the roads, a team of residents jumped in to help. The staff ran the tractor with a box blade on it to smooth out the roads, and the residents cleared out ditches. It's such a blessing to see the community come together to accomplish a much-needed task.

We're also thankful to have couples from the SOWER ministry (Servants On Wheels Ever Ready) serving at Missionary Acres. One couple recently left and two more arrived – it's a blessing to have volunteers!

It's been some long nights for Bryan, but praise God, the books for the 2024 fiscal year are officially closed! Now he's wrapping up the reports and the team is getting ready for the Missionary Acres Family Meeting later this month.

Praises

- Marcus is 2 months old and almost 10 pounds – he's growing well and has the social smile figure out. He's definitely a cutie!
- The Raines family came down to work on their future home here at the Acres. They are planning on moving to the Acres later this summer, so please pray that God brings the rest of their support. It'll be such a blessing to have more workers here full-time!
- Owen's two recent appointments in St. Louis went well.
- Our volunteers who are on-site now and will be coming soon – for safety in traveling and while they're working.
- Jayme graduates from College of the Ozarks in less than a month!

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who aren't yet saved.
- Spiritual growth for the family.
- The kids to finish their school year strong.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us.
- Health for the residents and staff at the Acres.
- Wisdom as we begin working with Owen's pediatric care team to plan for his transition to adult care when he turns 22. We still have a few years for this, thankfully!
- Two new residents to move to the Acres in 2025.

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Let's Keep In Touch



We're also working on the ministry website (missionaryacres.com). It was previously hosted on Squarespace, but in order to save money and increase the customization options available, we rebuilt the site on WordPress. While it's currently live with the new host, it's still a work in progress so you'll have to check it out occasionally to see the changes we're making.

One big goal for the site is to create a password protected area for the residents that will house the link to submit online maintenance requests, the resident handbook, and other useful documents. That way, everything is in one central location, making it easier for everyone. We'd appreciate your prayers as we tackle this project in the coming weeks.

Tanner Family Update

Owen recently had a follow-up appointment with his gastroenterology specialist. We are grateful that he is continuing to gain weight following his septic shock incident last year. The physician assisted us in replacing Owen's gastrostomy tube, and due to the positive report, we will now only need to see this specialist annually.

Owen also visited the movement clinic in St. Louis a few weeks ago. During his visit, a repeat x-ray of his hips was performed. Unfortunately, the x-rays revealed femoral anteversion, indicating that his thigh bone is rotated inward. Although it is not a severe case, if his walking gait continues to deteriorate, we may need to consult with the orthopedic team to discuss potential treatment options.

Jayne's college graduation is approaching soon. We will be attending her senior exhibition at the campus at the end of this month, followed by her graduation ceremony in early May. She will start her summer job at the nearby summer camp the Monday following graduation. It will be a blessing to see her more frequently, as she will be home on the weekends throughout the summer. It'll be a joy to attend church together!

The kids are working hard to complete their homeschool requirements for the year. They are eagerly anticipating summer break, although a few will continue with math and reading during the summer months to ensure they don't forget the skills they learned this year.

Thank you for your prayers!

With love,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family