

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants

Hello,

Recently, Lisa and the kids embarked on a memorable field trip, tracing a stretch of Historic Route 66 from the big city vibes of St. Louis to the heartland charm of Springfield, MO. They cruised past iconic roadside hotels like the restored Wagon Wheel Motel, pulled over for a photo op at the famously oversized rocking chair in Fanning, and dove into a couple of Route 66 museums packed with artifacts and pictures from the Mother Road's glory days.

No straight interstate for them that day—they opted for the slower, story-filled path, chatting, laughing, and soaking in the moments together.

Reflecting on it later, we couldn't help but see the parallel to our own winding journey into missions. For many years, we'd sensed God's gentle nudge toward service, but He didn't hand us a direct map with a straight-shot GPS route all planned out. Instead, He invited us on this scenic path: seasons of patient waiting that forged our reliance on Him, those "random" connections and life experiences that uniquely equipped us for the road ahead, and moments of doubt that ultimately strengthened our grip on His promises. We still recall the mix of excitement and fear when the puzzle pieces aligned and we realized Missionary Acres was the destination He'd prepared all along.

Looking back now, we're in absolute awe of what He's accomplished since that clarifying call. From the early days of settling in and learning the ropes to the steady stream of hands-on projects, resident encouragements, and family growth that's unfolded, every mile has whispered of His goodness.

Sometimes, the scenic route may seem slow, with delays that test our patience and views that tease without revealing the full view. But oh, how we've learned that God's timing is perfect. As Isaiah 55:8-9 assures us, His ways are higher. He turns what feels like a detour into the very adventure that shapes us.

Thank you for joining us on this journey! We couldn't be here without you.

Missionary Acres Update

Bryan spent a lot of time this month preparing for the Missionary Acres Fall Family Meeting. During this meeting, the managers each share a

Praises

- The Partch Family arrived safely
- Ezra's broken finger has healed completely and there are no long-term issues related to it.
- Our homeschooling year is going well, and the kids are jumping back into the routine well.
- A new couple is in the application process to move into Lot 15.
- A woman was able to come to the Acres and teach her Life Book Seminar, which covered topics such as estate planning, health care directives, and more.
- God provided the entire cost of the water system maintenance and repairs. What a blessing it'll be to get that work done this fall!

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who aren't yet saved.
- Spiritual growth for the family.
- Daniel Albright, and his family, as they adjust to life without Patty.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us.
- Health for the residents and staff at the Acres.
- Jeffrey as he prays about college and the next steps in his life after high school in a couple of years.
- Two new residents to move to the Acres in 2025.
- Wisdom in setting priorities for remodels to try to maximize efficiency and get homes ready for residents as soon as possible.

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Let's Keep In Touch



report, and Bryan also shares the current financial reports of Missionary Acres. Before the meeting, Bryan prints out all the information and binds it to send home with each family. That way, they can refer back to it as desired.

We've been blessed with steady progress here at Missionary Acres. A dedicated couple pulled their RV onto the property and stayed for several weeks, rolling up their sleeves alongside the staff to sheetrock, tape, and mud Lot 65. Their expertise and enthusiasm turned what could have been a long, daunting task, into an enjoyable one. The transformation in that house is tremendous, and we can't wait to see this house come alive with paint, flooring, and all the other finishings that are coming soon. Please join us in praying that God would sovereignly bring the perfect first resident to call it home.

Over at Lot 1, the painting is nearly complete, putting the finishing touches on what will soon serve as guest housing for visiting work teams. It's shaping up to be a welcoming home away from home for those who visit the Acres.

Tanner Family Update

Bryan recently made two trips out of state, to Iowa and Indiana, to attend Acres-connected funerals. We're thankful for his safe travel both times.

Ellie got her learner's permit earlier this month, which was an exciting milestone. Since then, she's driven a few times. Please pray for her as she learns the ins and outs of operating a motor vehicle.

One Last Thing

Recently, a team from Baptist Mid-Missions visited Missionary Acres and created a video to support our fundraising efforts. We'd love for you to share this video with anyone who might be interested in our mission. Looking ahead, we're planning a trip out west in May and June 2026 to report back to some of our supporting churches and would greatly enjoy the opportunity to share the vision of this incredible ministry. We are also open to traveling anywhere in the continental U.S. to connect in person. But we would also appreciate your prayers that this video will inspire others to partner with us, even before we have the chance to meet face-to-face.

With love,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/lpukE4hxIE4>