

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Hello,

As the Christmas season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on God's faithfulness throughout 2025. What a year it has been here at Missionary Acres! Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose arrival we celebrate this season. His perfect gift reminds us daily of God's incredible love and the hope we have in Him.

Looking back over this year, we're amazed at how God has worked both in our ministry and family life. From welcoming our precious Marcus in February to completing several major housing projects at the Acres, we've seen God's hand moving in remarkable ways.

2025 Reflections: A Year of Growth and Change

This year brought significant developments to Missionary Acres:

- **Housing Projects:** We completed renovations of Lot 15 and 47E, spruced up Lot 54 and Lot 70 (which became our family's new home with much-needed basement storm shelter), and made substantial progress on Lots 65 and 66. We also converted our former home (Lot 1) into guest housing for volunteer teams.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** With the help of dedicated volunteers, we replaced aging culverts, upgraded sewer lines, installed new septic tanks, and completed critical maintenance on our water system. These essential but often unseen projects ensure Missionary Acres can continue for years to come.
- **New Families:** We welcomed the Raines family to our staff in July after they completed deputation, adding much-needed hands to our team. The Partch family also joined our team this fall as associate missionaries (a.k.a. full-time on-site volunteers).
- **Community Events:** From our Fourth of July celebration by the lake to the Christmas Banquet, our community has grown closer through shared experiences.
- **Website Improvements:** We rebuilt the ministry website, making it more accessible and adding a resident portal for maintenance requests and other resources.

Amid the joys, we also experienced sorrows with the passing of dear Patty Albright and Susan Mowen and saying goodbye to other residents who needed

Praises

- Missionary Acres is looking amazing. Our wonderful volunteers helped the staff accomplish so much throughout 2025!
- The Vahle family received BMM approval to move into Lot 15. It'll be exciting to have new residents here at the Acres!
- God continues to provide for our every need; we are so thankful for His goodness to our family.
- We're beginning to plan our next trip to Washington, in the spring of 2026.
- Tyler recently poked his eye with a stick and ended up with a large corneal abrasion. Thankfully, this has healed remarkably quickly and well, and he is almost pain free now.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who aren't yet saved and spiritual growth for the family.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us.
- Safety and wisdom as the staff tackle Lots 65 and 66.
- Future residents for the houses – if you know of a retiring Pastor or Missionary who is looking for affordable housing, please let us know!
- God's will to be done with the upcoming Angelman Syndrome clinical trial. We are still waiting to hear if Owen will be accepted into this.
- Safety for staff and residents who will be traveling for Christmas.

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Let's Keep In Touch



to relocate. These moments reminded us of the precious but temporary nature of this life and strengthened our hope in Christ's promise of eternal life.

Tanner Family Update

Our family has experienced our own set of milestones this year:

- Bryan officially took on the role of Director at Missionary Acres in February
- Marcus joined our family in February, and he's brought so much joy
- Jayme graduated from College of the Ozarks in May, completed a summer job at a local camp, and launched her graphic design business
- Jeffrey spent two weeks as a counselor-in-training at a local Christian camp and gained some valuable work skills and experience
- Our move to Lot 70 provided much-needed space and shelter when the tornadoes occur
- Brynna completed her orthodontic treatment and now just wears a retainer, and Simon got his braces and Herbst appliance put on
- Owen continued to gain strength after last year's health challenges
- Several children reached educational milestones in our family's homeschool journey, and we took several memorable field trips
- Ellie got her learner's permit and is learning to drive, and Jeffrey continues to practice new driving skills as he gains confidence and experience.

Thank you so much for joining us on this journey, we couldn't be here without you. We are so excited to see what God does here at Missionary Acres in 2026.

We are praying that you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family

