

# TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

## *Serving God's Servants*



Greetings from Missionary Acres!

As we step into the spring season, our hearts are full of gratitude for your faithful prayers and support that make this ministry possible. We praise the Lord for sustaining us and for the ways He continues to use this place as a haven for retired missionaries, pastors, and career Christian workers.

This month, our family is preparing for another season of travel—we'll be reporting back to supporting churches and share the ongoing work at Missionary Acres.

With a family this large, people are often curious about the logistics of hitting the road together, so we wanted to share a quick "behind-the-scenes" look.

On April 24, we'll load up our faithful 15-passenger van and the trailer we pull behind it and head back to the Pacific Northwest. The journey will take us up through Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota (three new states for us!), where we look forward to visiting dear friends, checking out a college for our oldest teens, and even staying in a unique old school building that's been converted into a retreat center (what an adventure that will be for the kids!).

We're so thankful for the reliable vehicle that allows us to travel together. Over the years, we've learned a lot about making long days in the van manageable. Here are some of the things we do:

- Plan movement breaks every few hours—we look for playgrounds close to the highway, rest stops with plenty of room, or even big stores to walk around in. Everyone gets out, uses the bathroom, and moves their body.
- Try to turn miles into memories—we sing hymns together, listen to audio books, discuss the scenery, and play car games to try to make the miles fly.
- Focus on the Lord—we've learned that our attitude matters so much along the road. We make it a point to pray often, and dish out extra measures of grace and patience along the way.
- Pack wisely—our first few trips we took too much. A few times, we packed too little. We're learning to hit the "sweet spot" and bring along enough of what we need without taking too much space. We're thankful for washers and dryers along the way, and we always remind ourselves, there's plenty of Walmart's along the way if we discover we forgot something important.

The Lord has been so good to provide what we need, and we're grateful

### *Praises*

- A new resident moved to Missionary Acres! What a blessing.
- Our homeschooling year is wrapping up, and the children have all worked hard this year.
- We leave next week for our trip back to the Pacific Northwest and have a full schedule for our time away from Missionary Acres.
- Logistics are starting to come together for all the stops and stays along the route.
- Good Schedule of Volunteers in 2026.
- God continues to bless here at Missionary Acres.

### *Prayer Requests*

- Salvation for our children and ongoing spiritual growth for our entire family.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us here at the Acres and during our travels.
- Safety for staff and volunteers as various projects continue around the property.
- As mowing season approaches, safety for everyone who helps cut the grass here.
- Denise to get settled here at the Acres.
- Safety for our family during our upcoming trip.

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### *Let's Keep In Touch*



for the opportunity to strengthen old friendships and make new ones while telling others about the blessing of Missionary Acres. Please pray for safety on the roads, open hearts in the churches we visit, and that our large-family adventures would be a testimony of God's faithfulness.

### **Missionary Acres Update**

We rejoice that a new resident, Denise Greenacer, has arrived safely at the Acres. Denise and her late husband served as missionaries to the Philippines. Please pray for her as she settles into her new home and adjusts to life here among the Missionary Acres family.

Remodeling has begun on the parsonage for Evangel Baptist Church, the on-site church here at Missionary Acres. The church continues to pray for the Lord to send a new pastor, and we felt it was time to prepare the home for the one God will call. The Missionary Acres staff have been cheerfully helping with the work.

We also praise the Lord for the completion of the new laundry mat! This will make it much easier for staff to clean houses and prepare them for guests, and it will be a great blessing for visiting groups as well.

With spring in full swing, the mowing and trimming season has begun—many hours each week are devoted to keeping the grounds beautiful. In addition, Bryan has been hard at work preparing end-of-year reports for the home office (our fiscal year ended in March) and getting everything ready for the upcoming Missionary Acres Family Meeting. Bryan is compiling all the manager reports, preparing the slide deck, and printing materials for the residents as he gears up to lead this meeting. It's keeping him busy with some late nights!

As we prepare to be away for a couple of months on deputation, the team has been working on handing off tasks and creating clear protocols and step-by-step processes so things can run smoothly in our absence. Bryan plans to Zoom into meetings while we're gone and will stay heavily involved with office coordination, paying bills, updating QuickBooks, and making sure everything continues to move forward. We're thankful for a faithful team that serves with such willing hearts.

### **Tanner Family Update**

School is in full swing as we push to finish before our upcoming trip to the Pacific Northwest next month. We're in the midst of an engaging unit study on genealogy and only a couple of lessons away from wrapping up our year-long exploration of modern world history. The kids are also working hard to finish their individual math and language lessons, among other things.

Owen had an appointment with his neurologist in St. Louis this past week. It was a blessing to get him checked out before we travel.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. We couldn't do what we do without you standing with us. May the Lord bless you richly as you serve Him.

~Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family