

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Where's the Tanner Family?

That's a question we've heard a lot lately! After a busy winter at Missionary Acres, we packed up and headed west for our spring deputation and reporting trip to the Pacific Northwest. The journey took us from Missouri up through Illinois and Wisconsin, with Bryan able to present our ministry and preach the Sunday morning service in Gilbert, Minnesota. We spent a couple of days in Fargo checking out a college for a couple of our teens before pushing on to Washington.

The drive itself was a highlight as the scenery shifted dramatically from the flat farmlands of the Midwest to the majestic Rocky Mountains. (The locals may call Missouri's hills "mountains," but we know better!) We arrived in the northeast corner of the state on May 1st and have been based at Lisa's parents' home ever since. They live in a beautiful valley surrounded by the Blue Mountain range, and the views here are absolutely gorgeous.

These past couple of weeks have been full of joyful reunions with family and friends, along with good opportunities at our sending church in Chewelah. Bryan has already preached a Wednesday night service, taught Sunday School, and brought a Sunday morning message. We're looking forward to giving a full ministry update there on Wednesday, May 20th. Later this month we'll head to Lynden to share a Sunday with one of our supporting churches, and we'll be back in Chewelah for their 25th anniversary celebration at the end of the month.

June will be our busiest travel month yet. Lord willing, we'll be at churches in Salem, Oregon; Pocatello, Idaho; and two different towns in northwest Montana before starting our trek back to Missionary Acres on June 29th. Thank you for praying for safe travels and fruitful meetings as we report back on what the Lord is doing at the Acres!

Missionary Acres Update

Even while we're on the road, Bryan has stayed heavily involved in the day-to-day operations back in Missouri. As bookkeeper, he receives scanned documents from an on-site team member via a shared drive and keeps everything current in QuickBooks. He's also making sure all the bills are paid on time. One fun "remote miracle" was when he was able to connect to the office printer from a hotel room in Billings, Montana, generate the monthly water bills for our residents, and have them waiting for the on-site team to distribute in the morning!

As director, Bryan continues to lead the team through Zoom meetings twice a week. It's been a blessing to see how smoothly everything continues even

Praises

- God's protection on the road and good meetings already held
- Faithful on-site team members at the Acres
- Sweet family time and memories with grandparents and cousins
- The privilege of being at our sending church again
- Technology that makes remote work possible
- A special thanks to all our faithful prayer warriors

Prayer Requests

- Safety and fruitfulness as we continue traveling and sharing the ministry in May and June
- Wisdom for our teens as they consider college options
- Continued smooth operations at Missionary Acres
- Safety for the Illinois work team replacing the roof
- Additional work teams to come to Missionary Acres this year
- New retirees to move to Missionary Acres
- Comfort for Bryan's family as they prepare for the funeral of Grandpa
- Good health and energy for the whole family (especially Owen)
- Opportunities to encourage and be encouraged by our churches

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Let's Keep In Touch



with us away. We are so thankful for the faithful team the Lord has assembled at the Acres.

Back on site, the Missionary Acres Residents Association (MARA) just wrapped up their big spring yard sale—always a great time of teamwork and fellowship. We're now gearing up for summer picnic season and are especially looking forward to being home in time for the annual Fourth of July BBQ and fireworks. (We'll miss the Memorial Day gathering, but we'll be celebrating from afar!)

A church in Illinois is sending a work group to the Acres next week to replace a roof on one of the houses. We'd appreciate prayers for their safety.

Tanner Family Update

We are so grateful to be staying with Lisa's parents during this trip. It's been a joy to be surrounded by family—much of Bryan's side also lives nearby, so we've been able to enjoy time with both sides from this wonderful "home base." The kids have had a blast getting to know their cousins better. They've already spent hours playing together, and it's been special to watch those cousin relationships growing and deepening.

A highlight was spending Mother's Day weekend with both of our moms for the first time in several years—what a sweet treat that was! The slower pace has given the kids plenty of time to make memories with their grandparents. A badminton net in the yard has been a big hit, with many evenings filled with laughter as we teach the younger ones and chase birdies with the teens. The little ones have also loved going fishing from a boat on the lake with Grandma and Grandpa, coming home with great catches and even better stories.

Along with the joys, we've had a difficult moment as well. Bryan's paternal grandfather recently passed away, and there will be a funeral for him in Idaho in the coming weeks. While loss is never easy, we are so thankful the Lord timed our trip so we could be here to support family. Please pray for Bryan's family as they walk through the many details that accompany grief.

We're also rejoicing over how well Owen has traveled. On the way to Washington he got sick in the car, which immediately brought back memories of his sepsis episode a couple of years ago. Our first instinct was to turn around and head home, but after prayer and observation, it was clear he just had an upset stomach. We praise the Lord there have been no repeat episodes, and we didn't give in to fear and miss this wonderful trip. We'd appreciate your prayers for continued health while we're away from our normal medical providers in Missouri.

Owen's neurologist team in St. Louis coordinated with a pharmacy here in Spokane, making it easy to pick up his medications locally. We're hoping the transition back to Missouri in early July goes just as smoothly. At the end of the month, we'll celebrate Owen's 20th birthday with an extended family gathering—a happy milestone we once weren't sure he would reach. We're thankful for every year the Lord gives us with this special son.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership in this ministry! We'll keep you updated as we finish our time in the Northwest and head back to Missouri.

~Serving Christ together, Bryan, Lisa, and the Tanner Family