



Biographical Sketch

Name: Lisa Tanner

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Born in Spokane, Washington, on January 22, 1984, Lisa Tanner grew up on a farm near Chewelah, Washington. She asked Jesus to save her at the end of her senior year in high school and began attending church regularly while in college. After graduating from college, Lisa found herself in a small church in the middle of the state, where she really began growing in her Christian faith. She was baptized there and began serving in the church. Over the years, she's taught a variety of youth Sunday School classes and helped in Vacation Bible Schools.

Lisa had known from a young age she wanted to teach, so she pursued this path after high school. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and reading, with a minor in special education. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in elementary reading and literacy.

She taught high school special education in a self-contained classroom for two years and in a middle grade resource room for a year. Lisa then transitioned to teaching in a Parent Partnership Program, overseeing public school students receiving instruction at home. After four years there, Lisa left teaching to focus on homeschooling her own children.

In 2015, Lisa launched a freelance writing and virtual assistant business. Since then, she's published articles and blog posts for a variety of clients, assisted clients with administrative and accounting tasks, written an early reading curriculum, created a course to encourage busy moms to build routines and tame the chaos, and grown her own blogs.

Lisa is married to Bryan Tanner of Chewelah, Washington. They were married on March 13, 2003. They have nine children, Jayme, Owen, Jeffrey, Ellie, Sydney, Simon, Brynna, Bryson, and Tyler.

Lisa and Bryan have felt God's call into full-time service for over a decade, but until recently no doors seemed opened. Then, God orchestrated to have Ron Hemsworth share the ministry of Missionary Acres in their home church. Lisa knew it was the perfect place for their entire family to serve as they minister to the residents and put their unique skillset to work maintaining the property. She is also looking forward to helping in the children's ministries of the on-site church, Evangel Baptist.