

Tanners Missionary Acres

Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!

1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour

Hello,

Thanksgiving may only be one day a year. But as Christians, we should have a heart of thanksgiving every day.

The Bible is full of examples of people giving thanks. The book of Psalms is full of verses that sound very familiar. I'll use one example: Psalm 136:1 *"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."*

I would be lying if I said I didn't forget this from time to time. Life is difficult. There are seasons of joy and seasons of sorrow. But through every hilltop and every valley, God is still with us. We would do well to remember that He is good. His mercy will last forever. And so we should give thanks.

Psalm 30:4 says, *"Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."* Of course, I can't sing a song through a letter, but we can give thanks as we reflect on God's goodness to us this year. I want to recreate something our sending church in Chewelah does each year. At the mid-week service before Thanksgiving, we would have a Praise and Pie Fellowship where we would all gather together, eat way too much pie, and go around the tables naming some praises from the year.

So here are some of the things from 2022 that we are thankful for:

Salvation. That Jesus Christ would willingly go to the cross, suffer in ways we cannot fully understand, bare the weight of all of the sins of the world on Himself, and die in our place. He was buried and three days later rose from the grave as victor over death. He endured that so we who would call upon His name, would be freed from the penalty of our own sin, be saved from eternal separation in the lake of fire, and instead spend eternity in heaven with Him.

Family. We have a big family. Next month we plan on welcoming our 11th child into our home. God has blessed us with wonderful children. And we don't take that for granted.

Church. We have been fortunate enough to be blessed in every church we have ever visited. God placed us exactly where we needed to be in each season of our life. From the churches we grew up in, to the one we now call home, and every one in between. We have been blessed by the wonderful folks in each and every one.

The folks at Missionary Acres. It's said there are over 500 years of ministry experience currently at Missionary Acres. I haven't personally added it all up, but to be sure the folks here have served the Lord faithfully for years. We are so thankful to be able to serve our God by serving them.

All of you! Philippians 1:3-5 *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"*

Praises

- Owen has an appointment in St. Louis this week to get his new g-tube installed! He also sees the neurologist that day.
- Jayme made it home for Thanksgiving and we get to enjoy a week with her.
- Lisa's last ultrasound showed the baby was growing well and everything is looking good at this point.
- Owen gets further evaluated for a new wheelchair at a clinic in early December.
- Bryson recovered well after getting his tonsils and adenoids out.
- The kids enjoyed playing in the snow last week.

Prayer Requests

- For the final few weeks of Lisa's pregnancy and the newest Tanner baby.
- For salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- For safety as we travel to St. Louis twice in the coming month for Owen's appointments.
- For our oldest daughter, Jayme, as she heads back to college next week to finish the semester before Christmas break.
- For the health and safety of the dear saints here at Missionary Acres. Many residents will be traveling during this holiday season so please pray for their safety.
- We are doing a medication change with Owen to try to help him sleep better, and it'll be six weeks before we're up to the full-dose.

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Let's Keep In Touch



We wouldn't be here without all of the support from folks around the country praying for us, and sacrificing for us. It does not go unnoticed. As a family we often pray for all of you too. As the economy changes, budgets get tighter, and luxuries are sacrificed, we thank those who have put their time and effort into our success. I don't like talking about it, but it does take money to keep a family on the mission field. It takes even more prayer. And we are thankful for each of you that takes time out of your busy schedule to pray for us.

Moving into our house. It took longer than we thought, but we made it. Praise God, we are settled, and are able to focus our attention on the work at Missionary Acres.

Missionary Acres Update

A lot of the work at Missionary Acres is completed by volunteer groups. Don't get me wrong, the staff does a lot when it comes to the day-to-day operations, but for building homes, or even larger remodeling projects, it is the volunteers who really push things forward.

We were blessed with many groups this year. And though we pray we would have even more next year, we are so thankful for the work that was completed in 2022.

Here's one example: We are building a new home for the Galvan family. Since we rely on volunteers so much, the progress might seem slow at times. But this house was a simple footer in January. Now it has a shingled roof! The foundation walls, concrete slab pour, floor, walls, trusses, and even the roof were all projects completed with the help of volunteer groups. Praise God!

Tanner Family Update

And now something our children are thankful for this past year. We asked each one to share something to include, and here's what they said:

Jayme: "That college is going well, grades are good, and I work with amazing people."

Owen: Owen doesn't talk. As such, he couldn't tell us what to include. But he does seem happy to have his own room again, a quiet place to go when the rest of the house gets a little loud or hectic.

Jeffrey: "Moving into this house."

Ellie: "That we get to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas in this house, and that we will have a new brother or sister before the end of the year."

Sydney: "We have shelves full of books to read."

Simon: "Living at Missionary Acres."

Brynna: "That we're having a new sibling soon and for my friends at church."

Bryson: "That Jayme is home for Thanksgiving and we get to see her again at Christmas!"

Tyler: "For all of the toys to play with." (he was full of joy when we got to unpack boxes with toys he hadn't seen since we moved!)

Ezra: "Daddy!"

Thank you,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family