

Tanners Missionary Acres

Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!

1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

~ Luke 6:12

Have you ever just needed to get away and pray? Growing up in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, with the cool fresh air, it was nice sometimes to go into the backcountry away from all the noise of life and just pray.

Over the past few weeks, we've felt like we have done just that. We didn't leave Missionary Acres, and we certainly could not walk into the mountains of our youth. Still, we took some time off from other responsibilities and spent a lot of time resting, recovering, praying, and thanking God for His goodness toward us.

Tanner Family Update

Typically, we start our prayer letters off with a Missionary Acres update, but this past month, Bryan spent much of his time at home. Praise God, the newest family member, Sally Joanna, arrived safely on December 29th. Everything went well, and Lisa and our new baby were able to come home on the 30th.

Unfortunately, right after getting home, Bryan and some of the children came down with what the doctors are assuming is the flu. Praise God, the sickness was quick for most of the family. However, Bryan also contracted bronchitis – probably a direct result of the coughing the flu brought on – and is still struggling to recover from that. Again, we are praising God though, because most of the children did not get sick, and although Lisa did, her illness was short-lived. And Sally never caught it, which was a huge blessing!

We were also blessed to have our oldest daughter, Jayme, home from college for most of the time when Bryan was sick. She was an excellent source of help around the house and with the other kids.

And one of the resident couples was able to drive Jayme back to campus for us. It usually takes Bryan about nine to ten hours to drive her there and get back. We had a lot of offers to help get her back, and it was a real blessing for us not to have to make the trip with a newborn.

Jayme originally planned on being home for only one week before Christmas due to her work schedule, but God had other plans. The college decided last minute that they needed to complete some construction in the area she usually works, closing her workstation and allowing her to spend more time with us. We are praising God for orchestrating everything to allow that to happen. Jayme was also ecstatic to be here when her new sister was born.

Thank You

We want to thank each and every one of you for praying for Lisa and the new baby over the past many months. Having a new child so far from home for the first time brought new challenges. But God is good. God blessed this

Praises

- Lisa's delivery went well and Sally Joanna joined the family on 12-29.
- The kids are adjusting well to their new baby sister. They adore her.
- God's provisions for our family while Lisa took two weeks off from her business around Sally's birth.
- Jayme made it safely back to campus and has started the spring semester.
- Homeschooling has started back up and we're beginning to get back into the swing of things.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- Bryan's complete recovery from bronchitis.
- The health and safety of the dear saints here at Missionary Acres.
- Wisdom as we navigate the process of applying for guardianship for Owen. He turns 17 in May, and we need to get started with this paperwork so everything is finalized before he turns 18 next year.
- Owen's insurance to approve his larger wheelchair and bed canopy in a timely manner.
- Much work to be done here at the Acres so the families in temporary housing can get settled into their homes.
- Safety and traveling mercies for the churches and individuals planning work trips down to the Acres this year.

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pregnancy and delivery, and in many ways, it was one of her best pregnancies, and it ended without another c-section. We do not take this for granted. We are very grateful and want to thank all of you who prayed on our behalf.

We also want to thank everyone for the kind Christmas gifts and cards. It is so wonderful to know how loved we are by so many people. Some have also sent some beautiful gifts for Sally; she sends along a thank you.

Missionary Acres Update

Right before Christmas, the staff outsourced some tree removal on the property. We needed to remove trees from two separate lots. In both cases, the trees were reaching over the houses, causing damage to the roofs. One of the lots was ours.

The worst of the trees was hanging over about three-quarters of the house. When they took that one down, they asked that we evacuate the home "just in case." Praise God, all the trees came out without surprises or damage. We do have a few stumps that will need to be burned, ground down, or otherwise removed, but the crew was able to pull most of the stumps while removing the trees.

Not much has been completed around the Acres over the past few weeks. This is because all the staff took time off around the Christmas and New Year holidays. However, everyone is back to work again, and we should have more progress to report on next month.

Tuesday morning, the staff helped a neighbor with a concrete pour. The weather was lovely (nearly 60 degrees by noon), and the job went smoothly. Our neighbor also brought in some other folks from around the community to assist, so there were plenty of helping hands. What a blessing it is to be able to help those around us. And it was good to get to know more people from the area.

Please pray for Director Ron Hemsworth and Ken Moon. They will be working with Administrator Dave Ferguson on some administrative projects in the coming weeks as the transition to the new Missionary Acres constitution continues. During this time, Bryan will continue focusing on the remodeling projects.

Specifically, we are trying to complete Lot 37. Bryan installed the last of the electrical in both bathrooms and is hanging the drywall this week. Hopefully, he can start putting mud on the walls before the week ends.

That is all for this update, but since we have some room, here are a couple of pictures of Sally.

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family

