

Tanners Missionary Acres

Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!

1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour

Hello,

We want to start by thanking everyone who prayed during the electrical outage at the end of January. It was awesome to see how fast God began to work things out.

As soon as we sent out the special email request for prayer, we immediately started getting encouraging messages sent back to us, along with the reassurance that people were praying on our behalf. And we were able to watch God respond to your prayers almost instantly.

Within thirty minutes, our local utility, Black River Electric Coop, had trucks across the highway working on an issue. Our Director, Ron Hemsworth, noticed the team working on the lines and decided to go over and encourage them. At this point, the teams had been working for 30-plus hours, including two cold nights, with very little rest.

They were able to talk a little bit, and we were told that the crews intended to make two back-to-back repairs near our property before moving on. However, since there was a crew right there, Director Hemsworth asked them if they could come over and turn our power on as well. The staff had noted the day before that the main fuse/switch for most of the property failed during the storm and was open.

The utility team was unaware of our problem, but they did look it up on their laptop and confirmed we had reported it. Since they were so close, they said they could come over and look after completing the two repairs they were already working on. About another half an hour later, they came over, replaced a small part of the fuse/switch, and the whole property had power again.

This was such an amazing answer to prayer!

The property was only with our power for about 35 hours, but that did include two nights. Having moved here from northeastern Washington and going through outages that lasted weeks, not days, we know that this time without power was not that long.

However, since Missionary Acres is a retirement community, and many homes do not have alternative sources of heat, we were very concerned about the possibility of going a third night with no electricity.

Thankfully, the entire property is not on the same power circuit from the utility. Our house, the well house, office, church, and a couple of other small buildings at the front of the property are on a separate line. In this case, that other line was repaired quicker. Thus, we had power within 10 hours of the start of the outage. More importantly, the well house had power, which means the whole property was still supplied with water. The church also opened the fellowship hall and kitchen to the residents, who shared a meal and played games the

Praises

- Sally is growing well and regularly sleeps about four hours at a time.
- Owen's new wheelchair was approved by the insurance and is being ordered.
- Owen's sleep med adjustment has been made, and he's sleeping almost through the night again.
- The snow has melted, and the temperatures warmed, so everyone can get outside more. Being able to spend time in God's creation is such a blessing!
- Bryan has recovered from his bronchitis.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- Leon Williams' family after his homegoing.
- The health and safety of the dear saints here at Missionary Acres.
- Wisdom as we navigate the process of applying for guardianship for Owen.
- Owen's insurance to approve a new canopy for his enclosed bed in a timely manner.
- Additional staff members to join the Missionary Acres team, especially those with construction experience.
- To fill the 2023 schedule with work groups.
- To get the two families who are currently in temporary housing settled in their homes.

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second night of the outage.

We are so thankful for God's provision throughout this situation. It turns out this was the most significant outage (in terms of the number of customers) that our utility has ever had in its history. And, unless I am mistaken, they were able to get many of them back online within a few more days. Praise God.

Missionary Acres Update

Unfortunately, another one of the residents went home to be with his dear Savior earlier this month. And while we're thankful that Mr. Leon Williams is now in Heaven, his passing leaves sadness here on earth. Please pray for his family during this time, especially his daughter Lynne Moon, who is on staff here.

Bryan has spent much of his time working on one of the current remodeling projects over the past month. This project was going to be a "quick flip," but similar to how our house turned out, it was one unexpected find after another. Since we spent well over a year in temporary housing, we know how frustrating it can be to not be in your own space. There are currently two families at Missionary Acres in that situation, so please pray that they can get into their homes as soon as possible.

Since the restructuring process has brought changes to many procedures, the director has been working hard on administrative tasks with the manager, fixing up the office, and revamping many of the administration processes here at the Acres. While this work needs completing, it leaves much of the remodeling tasks on Bryan's shoulders. And unfortunately, he doesn't have the experience to do many of the required tasks on his own. Thankfully YouTube has some great tutorials! But this skill gap means that progress is slow. Praise God, residents are also helping some too.

We pray that God would call additional skilled staff members to serve at Missionary Acres. Additional staff would allow us to better serve the residents and complete projects quicker. We also request prayer for workgroups to come in 2023. That way, we can get these two precious families into their homes quickly and finish the new house that's been in progress for a while.

Tanner Family Update

Adding a new baby to the family always brings an adjustment period. However, now that Sally is six weeks old, a "new normal" is slowly being established. Lisa and the kids have gotten back into the homeschooling groove, and Lisa's back to her full client load in her freelance writing business. It was amazing to see how God provided for all our needs while she took a couple of weeks off. He is so good!

In other news, a new Angelman Syndrome Clinic has opened at Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. We're working on getting Owen scheduled for an appointment there. It'll be such a blessing to meet with a neurologist who has experience with this rare disorder.

And we just got a phone call from the medical equipment company we've been working with. They informed us that the insurance approved Owen's wheelchair, so the order has been placed. Unfortunately, we don't yet have a delivery date, but we are very thankful that his larger chair is coming soon!

Thank you so much for all your prayers, encouragement, and support. We greatly appreciate you.

~ Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family