

# Tanners Missionary Acres

*Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!*

*1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour*

Hello Prayer Warriors,

It happened again.

Bryan and Simon drove to Wichita, Kansas, for the first Sunday in July to fill the pulpit for a pastor who had surgery and could not preach. Praise God the surgery went well, and the pastor seems to be doing well as he recovers. However, on the way to Wichita, we had a tire separate, this time on our Suburban. It was definitely a bit discouraging, especially since we just went through this on the van.

But praise God, we were able to get the tires replaced, and again other than a little bit of time, nothing was lost. The visit was wonderful, and we hope to return with the whole family in the future.

## **Missionary Acres Update**

Missionary Acres has had four different work teams, and an individual over the past four weeks. They got so much done, and we're thanking God for the progress!

Two of the teams were teen/youth groups and they accomplished a lot of grounds work. They took care of a lot of grass trimming in areas where the mowers can't go easily. They also pressure washed almost every home on the property. The houses look so nice with all the dirt and gunk washed off.

Other workers helped replace broken screen porches, rebuild deck stairs, insulate an attic, and more. One group even had a young plumber who worked with a staff member to complete the plumbing in the new house that's getting built.

We still have a few additional groups scheduled to come in 2023, which is a huge blessing. The plan is for them to run the electrical in the new home and hopefully install the siding. It's an exciting time with all the work getting accomplished!

This month, Bryan spent most of his time working on the remodel project. He completed some small electrical work around the home, assisted another staff member in hanging sheet rock, and accomplished some other small tasks. There's still much to be done before the family can move in, but each little job brings them one step closer!

Praise God, all this work has been done without any major injuries. A few people got stung, and Bryan had a trailer pin his arm to a vehicle he was trying to hook up to. Thankfully, it wasn't broken, and his arm is healing nicely. And while he had some downtime as he recovered, Bryan was able to troubleshoot an electrical problem on the backhoe. Our son, Jeffrey provided some assistance and arm power, and we're happy to report that it's up and running again!

## *Praises*

- Jayme gets to spend the second half of the summer working in the college's museum
- Sally learned to crawl and is already trying to pull to stand
- Owen's new medication has improved his sleep on many nights
- We're gearing up to resume homeschooling next month
- Work teams accomplished so much around the Acres this past month
- A new individual joined our support team after finding us online
- Bryan and Simon had a safe trip to Wichita and back

## *Prayer Requests*

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved
- Wisdom about turning a bunk bed into a new enclosed bed for Owen since a new canopy for his existing bed wasn't approved by the insurance
- Wisdom as we continue the guardianship process for Owen
- Safety while working during the hot summer
- The health and safety of the dear saints at Missionary Acres
- Additional staff members to join the Missionary Acres team
- More work groups to schedule (and the ones that are scheduled to arrive without any problems)
- To complete the remodel project for the Langdon family so they can move out of temporary housing

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**Current Support Level: 62.6%**

## Let's Keep In Touch



## Tanner Family Update

We want to thank everyone who has taken the time to pray over our family over these past few years. We have seen many mountains moved and prayers answered as we entered full-time ministerial work serving at Missionary Acres. Your prayers have helped us along the way and we're so thankful for you.

This month, we have what feels like an urgent prayer request.

As some of you know, we are not 100% fully funded through our supporters like most missionaries. We did something a little different to expedite our arrival to the Acres and reduce the time we had to spend on deputation.

Lisa has been operating a freelance writing business since 2015. Through it, God has faithfully supplied our family with a steady stream of income for the past eight years. And since it'd been so reliable, we got approved to use that income for over half of our monthly support.

Unfortunately, this year brought some significant, unexpected shifts to the industry. Between the economic downturn and the explosion of artificial intelligence (AI) in the writing space, business has slowed tremendously. For the past several months, Lisa's income has only been half of what we've anticipated. And though she'll continue searching for clients, we do not suspect the business will return to previous levels anytime soon.

As a result, after seeking counsel from our mission board and others, we've decided the best long-term solution is to raise additional funds and rely less on the business.

You might notice that our support level is now at 62.6%. This new support level reflects about a \$1500 loss per month in our projected income, which is half of the money Lisa's business has been providing. This is not an increase in the funds we need each month.

I want to pause here and say, praise God; we had some money saved for emergencies, and thus far, we've been able to pay every bill (even the unexpected ones like tires for two vehicles) and put food on the table. Lord willing, we'll be able to cover several more months worth of expenses.

God has been very good to our family, and we aren't going to panic or stop trusting Him now. What we are doing is seeking wisdom and prayer.

So here is the big ask: **please pray for us as we turn some of our attention to raising additional support.** We plan to stay here at the Acres and have Bryan continue working on-site several days a week while embarking on this endeavor. There's so much to be done around here.

But in the short-term, Bryan will spend part of his time researching potential partners and reaching out to new churches in order to schedule meetings. *If you know of any potential contacts, please let us know. Cold-calling isn't as effective as a warm connection.*

Returning to part-time deputation isn't easy for us, as part of the reason we relied on Lisa's income so much is the difficulty of traveling with a large family, especially with Owen. He doesn't do well with all the change.

However, we still believe it is God's will for us to serve at Missionary Acres and, to borrow a phrase from a dear friend, "If God ordered it, He's going to pay for it." We look forward to seeing how God orchestrates a solution to this situation.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers for our family and this ministry!

~ Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family