

# Tanners Missionary Acres



Serving Respected  
Heroes of the Faith!

Bryan & Lisa  
Jayme, Owen, Jeffrey, Ellie, Sydney,  
Simon, Brynna, Bryson, Tyler, Ezra, & Sally



Dear Pastor,

My name is Bryan Tanner. My wife Lisa and I are missionaries currently serving on the field at Missionary Acres near Silva, Missouri. We are sent by Chewelah Baptist Church in Chewelah, Washington.

God called us to serve the respected heroes of the faith who now reside at the Acres. These retired missionaries, pastors, and career Christian workers dedicated their lives to serving God. They trusted Him to provide for their needs. Future security was not their primary focus as they spread the Gospel around the world.

However, after retiring from their ministries, these servants found themselves in financial need. That's where Missionary Acres comes in. This Baptist Mid-Missions owned retirement community provides safe, affordable housing for like-minded believers who faithfully served the Lord.

After partially completing deputation, we arrived on-site in 2021 and jumped in to provide much needed help. Together with the other staff members we maintain over 30 homes, complete remodeling projects, and build additional houses for new residents.

We also care for 63 acres of property and minister to the residents who call the Acres home. In addition, we serve in a local Baptist church in Piedmont, Missouri.

God has uniquely prepared our family this ministry. He has equipped us with the knowledge, skills, and experience to care for the residents and property. It is our desire to reach full support soon, so we can focus more of our time and energy on effectively serving here.

We are currently looking for the churches that God is calling to partner with us. We would appreciate the privilege and opportunity to share God's work at Missionary Acres with your congregation.

For additional information about my family and our ministry, please visit our website: [tanners2ma.com](http://tanners2ma.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Christ,



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## Biographical Sketch

**Name:** Bryan Tanner

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Born in Richland, Washington, on October 15, 1983, Bryan asked Jesus to save him during Vacation Bible School the summer before third grade. He continued going to church and growing spiritually, until he moved to Kansas and then Texas with his father. In his new home environment, Bryan grew away from the Lord. He continued backsliding, even after moving back to Washington State to live with his mother in middle school. After high school graduation Bryan enlisted in the Navy. The Lord got ahold of his heart again during a church service in Lemon Grove, California. He rededicated his life to serving God and began to read the Bible and learn as much as he could.

After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Bryan began his college education. He graduated from Bellevue Community College with an associate degree and continued his education at Washington State University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management and operations.

Bryan is married to Lisa Tanner of Valley, Washington. They were married on March 13, 2003. They have 11 children; Jayme, Owen, Jeffrey, Ellie, Sydney, Simon, Brynna, Bryson, Tyler, Ezra, and Sally.

Bryan and Lisa have known for over a decade that God wanted them in full-time service in some way. They continued growing in their Christian walk and serving faithfully in their local church while waiting on God to direct. After listening to Ron Hemsworth present the field of Missionary Acres twice at his home church, Bryan's heart was moved. He took a survey trip shortly after and knew this was the ministry God had been equipping his family to serve in.

Bryan has a variety of work experiences, uniquely preparing him to serve at Missionary Acres. In the Navy, he was an Aviation Electrician's Mate. Additionally, he has worked in the quick lube industry, and worked his way up to a manager position in the telecom industry. Bryan is currently a service writer for a small auto repair shop. Throughout his life he has worked on many construction projects. These skills will be used for God at Missionary Acres. Bryan and his family will help with maintenance, construction, organization, and provide much needed general labor. Additionally, they will encourage the respected heroes of the faith who live on the Acres and be serving in a local church to reach the lost people of the Ozarks.



## 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 11 children, Jayme, Owen, Jeffrey, Ellie, Sydney, Simon, Brynna, Bryson, Tyler, Ezra, and Sally.

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 the ministry of Missionary Acres presented 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. The family is also serving in a local church in Piedmont, MO.





## **Pastor Dan Cleghorn's Recommendation Letter**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my joy to recommend Bryan and Lisa Tanner as missionaries to Missionary Acres. Bryan and Lisa have been members of our church for over eleven years and have served in various ministries. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in the Lord and yield their lives in service to God. The church has also recognized God's call on their lives, licensing Bryan to the gospel ministry.

I highly recommend them to you as servants of God who are prepared to serve the retired saints at Missionary Acres. The need for workers there is great, and Bryan and Lisa are equipped to assist with those needs. Bryan and Lisa are ready to go now, but are waiting on God's financial provision. Will you please consider scheduling them for meetings and supporting them?

We, their sending church, look forward to seeing them on God's mission field. I believe God is going to use Brother Tanner in a special way for His cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. God bless.

Sincerely for Christ,

Dan Cleghorn  
Pastor

January 30, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I have known Bryan Tanner for many years and I remember when he received Christ as his Saviour. Bryan was also a student in my Sunday School class. However, I really got to know Bryan and Lisa when they returned to the community to raise their family. I served with Bryan at numerous church work days and I always appreciate his willingness to help and his "get-r-done" attitude. I served with Bryan for several years as a deacon and he has shown excellent leadership as chairman. Bryan has a sincere love for the Word of God and the church is blessed every time Bryan is called upon to preach or teach.

It is with my highest recommendation that you consider inviting Bryan and Lisa to your church to share their future ministry at Missionary Acres.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Killmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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## Bryan Tanner – Abridged Doctrinal Statement

For a copy of my full doctrinal statement, please contact me at [tanners2ma@gmail.com](mailto:tanners2ma@gmail.com).

### The Scriptures

The Bible is the complete and final Word of God. The Bible consists of 66 books that were written by 40 different authors over a period of two thousand years. Although each author did put their own personality into the text, all scripture is inspired by the Holy Ghost and there are no contradictions or errors in the Bible.

Every letter in the Bible was designed by God (Matthew 5:18). Because the Bible is God's own word, God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16), it is without contradiction, infallible and without error. (John 17:17). The Bible is complete and needs no additions, nor subtractions. (Revelation 22:18-19)

### The Godhead

There is only one God. However, God manifests himself in three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is found in the very first verse of the Bible: Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." God is also referenced in the last verse of the Bible, Revelation 22:21, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Deuteronomy 6:4 gives an example of the tri-unity of God. The LORD (Yahovah) our God (Elohiym, plural) is one LORD (Jehovah, the one true God). As does 1 John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

### Creation

God created the heaven and the earth in six literal 24-hour periods (Genesis 1&2; Exodus 20:10). All creation was created by the word of God (Psalm 33:6-9).

### Man

Man is created in the likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6). God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him, making man a living soul (Genesis 2:7). Man has three parts (1 Thessalonians 5:23), the body/flesh (the physical, Galatians 2:20), the soul (our inner nature, Proverbs 4:23), and the spirit (our life/the eternal part of man, James 2:26).

Man was given free will in the garden in Eden. Adam was told he could eat of every tree of the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). However, Adam choose to disobey God. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they knew they had sinned. The Bible says that, "their eyes were opened" (Genesis 3:6-7).

Because of the fall of man, sin entered into man, and everyone is born a sinner separated from God (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12-21). Man has only two choices:

1. Accept Christ and receive Salvation and spend eternity with Him (Matthew 25:31-34; Revelation 21)
2. Reject Christ and face eternal separation from God and spend eternity in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:31-32, 41; Revelation 20:11-15)

## Sin

Sin is anything contrary to the character of God (1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 John 3:4). At the end of creation there was no sin. At the end of the sixth day of creation, God called the creation "very good" (Genesis 1:31)

Sin originated in Satan (Ezekiel 28:15). Satan must have sinned after the completion of creation, as Satan is a created being, but before the temptation of Eve. The exact time is not known, nor is the time between the end of creation and the fall of man.

Satan tempted man in the garden in Eden and man choose to sin (Genesis 3). This is the origin of sin in man. Because of Adam's sin, sin entered into the human race (Romans 5:12).

## Remedy of Sin

Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8-21) is the remedy for sin. His righteousness is imputed to all believers (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through Jesus we can fellowship with God (Hebrews 4:14-16). The Holy Spirit can give victory over sin (1 John 5:4-5)

Salvation is a gift (Ephesians 2:8) from God that can be accepted or rejected (John 3:18). Salvation brings a total change in an individual (2 Corinthians 5:17) as well as to their eternal destination (John 10:28–29). To be saved, man must acknowledge they are a sinner (Romans 3:23), repent of their sins, and call upon the Lord. Those who are saved put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and the finished work that He completed on the cross as a perfect sacrifice in place of our sin (Romans 10:9-10).

## Eternity

Man will spend eternity in one of two places, Heaven or Hell.

At the moment of physical death, the spirit of the believer goes to the place the Lord is preparing for His followers (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8). At the point of the Rapture, all believers who are alive are taken to Heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Hell is a temporary holding place of torment for all those who have rejected Christ until after the Great White Throne Judgement, when death and Hell are cast into the lake of fire for all of eternity (Psalm 9:17; Matthew 25:31-33 & 40; Revelation 20:14).

## Ecclesiology

The church is all believers in the dispensation of grace of that have accepted Jesus as their Savior. Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18). The church – the body of Christ – is removed from Earth at the rapture of the saints prior to the tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17). A local New Testament Church is a group of believers, who have been baptized by immersion, that come together for the purpose of serving God and doing His will (Acts 2).

## Separation

As individuals, believers should live a life that is separate from the ways of the world. We should live our lives daily as a living sacrifice unto the Lord (Romans 12:1–2; 16:17; 2 Corinthians 6:14).

The church is to be separate from the world. The church should not bring things of the world into it to try to attract the world. The church should depart from those who do not hold the same doctrine. (Romans 16:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:14; 2 John 7-11)



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