

# Tanners Missionary Acres

*Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!*

*1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour*

Greetings from Southeast Missouri,

As fall begins to settle over the landscape, we're constantly awed at God's creativity. In Washington, we were surrounded by evergreens. While we enjoyed the subtle colors that this season brought to the landscape, it wasn't anything like the vibrant colors in Missouri. Bright oranges, fiery reds, and sunny yellows dot the trees here and create a breathtaking view.

This fall, we're also realizing that our kids adapted more quickly than we have to the different climate. They've already pulled out their sweaters and frequently let us know how cold it is outside.

No matter the temperature, we're thankful that Missionary Acres is starting to feel more like home.

## **Missionary Acres Update**

Several projects are always "in the works" here at the Acres. Here's a quick peek of some of the things the staff and volunteer work groups were able to accomplish:

- Removing a portion of old, broken sidewalk from the main walking path around the lake
- Preparing the area for new sidewalk, which Lord willing, will be poured before our next letter comes out
- Hanging sheetrock in the remodel project
- Completing a back porch rebuild
- Beginning the installation of siding at the new house
- Wiring at the new house

It's definitely been a busy month, and we're so thankful for all of the volunteers that have helped recently.

Bryan was recently appointed Building & Grounds Manager at Missionary Acres. However, due to his part-time deputation schedule the implementation of his responsibilities in this role will come at a future date. Please pray for us as Bryan plans and prepares to assume this role.

## **Tanner Family Update**

Thank you so much for all your prayers regarding our son, Owen.

## *Praises*

- Bryan has been able to schedule a few more meetings, and we'll be sharing our ministry in new churches at least once a month from November through February.
- Sally slept through the night once recently! (We're always thankful for sleep!)
- The Children's Hospital ER in St. Louis was able to replace Owen's leaky g-tube.

## *Prayer Requests*

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved
- Lisa and the kids are taking a quick trip this Friday to help Jayme move into a dorm that was just recently constructed
- Insurance to approve the new medication for Owen's potential pseudobulbar affect
- That the medication would help with Owen's random screaming
- To schedule more ministry presentations in the coming weeks
- The health and safety of the residents and staff at Missionary Acres
- The Raines family, who are currently on deputation to serve here
- Safety for work teams as they travel here and back home

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## *Let's Keep In Touch*



Last month, we shared how he's taken to screaming. We went to his doctor, and he ran some standard tests, and nothing was out of the ordinary. However, this doctor suspected that Owen is dealing with pseudobulbar affect (PBA). This is a condition that people with any neurological disorder can experience.

Its primary symptom is frequent, involuntary and uncontrolled outbursts of either crying/screaming, or laughter. If this is what's causing Owen's screaming, there is a medication that can help. The doctor put in an order for it in late September, and we're still waiting for the insurance to approve it. We've called to check up on it, and it sounds like the process is getting closer to completion. We're praying that he will be able to get started on it by the end of this week.

The doctor said if it was pseudobulbar affect, the medication would help within a few weeks. If it isn't, they'll have to do more testing to try to get to the bottom of what is causing Owen's screaming.

This past month, we also had an unexpected trip to the ER with Owen. We were trying to replace his g-tube, and it got stuck. We were able to get it back down, but unfortunately his GI doctor was out of the office and didn't have another opening for several weeks, so his staff told us to go to the Emergency Room.

The ER doc was also unable to remove the tube, but thankfully they consulted with surgery and a surgeon was able to use a local anesthetic cream to numb the area, got the old one out, and the new one inserted.

The drive up to children's hospital in St. Louis isn't always fun, but we're thankful for the excellent care they provide.

In other news, Lisa and the kids took a fun field trip to Liberty Days at the Stars and Stripes Museum in Bloomfield (about an hour southeast of the Acres). The kids were able to try cutting wood with a two-person saw, learn about the history of the Stars and Stripes military newspaper, throw tomahawks and knives, and participate in some other educational activities. They also toured a WWII style barracks.

It's important for our family to make time for fun and learning, even amidst the chaos of Owen's medical challenges. God has blessed us with moments of joy and peace, and we are grateful for the support and prayers of our community as we navigate this journey to find answers and solutions for Owen.

Even when we don't understand everything that's happening, we're thankful that God has a plan for each of us. We trust in His timing and purpose, and continue to rely on Him each day as we face new challenges and victories.

Thank you for your continued prayers,

Bryan & Lisa & Family