

Tanners Missionary Acres

Serving Respected Heroes of the Faith!

1 Timothy 5:17 worthy of double honour

Thank you.

How many times growing up did our moms have to remind us to say thank you. I was told so many times, that now it is almost a reflex to say thank you to someone when they do something nice or help us along the way. And maybe being a reflex is a good thing in some circumstances. But is it heartfelt? In this letter, I want you to know, it is not just a reflex. It truly is heartfelt. Thank you.

Your efforts have made 2023 one of the best years for volunteers at Missionary Acres. Over 100 of you set aside your time – giving up vacation time or volunteering to miss work without pay – to come to Missouri and work to help others. A few of you even visited multiple times throughout the year. Your sacrificial gift of time and talents is what moves the ball on many of the projects here. Without you, many tasks would not have been completed.

In 2023, 12 different groups visited and served at Missionary Acres, with eight groups arriving between the months of July and October. And a lot of work was completed. Some of the projects include: many acres of grass cutting and trimming, new gutters throughout the property, new framing, electrical, plumbing, siding, sheet rock, moving of appliances and equipment, tree trimming and falling, cleaning, organizing, and much more. You may recall from our previous prayer letters that our family was blessed by a church and family from Pennsylvania who came and built our children an amazing new play set with six swings, two slides, and a climbing wall.

Thank you. You and your support completed this work.

Missionary Acres Update

And we still have a lot more to do. At the end of the month, we are expecting an additional family coming to volunteer for a couple of weeks and we have a cabinet maker bringing new kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities in the Lot 29 Remodeling project, donating all his time and labor. This is the same cabinet maker who built and installed the beautiful cabinets in our house last year. He does amazing work, and we are thankful for his willingness to use his skills for the Lord.

Praises

- Upcoming ministry trips to share about our work at Missionary Acres.
- All of the volunteers and work groups who served at the Acres in 2023.
- The new swing set – the kids are burning off lots of energy on it!
- Owen's recent x-rays showed no stuck objects.
- Sally is walking quite well now.
- We'll be able to spend Thanksgiving with Jayme and a couple of family members who are making the trek down from Washington.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- Safety on a quick trip to the Branson, MO area today to get Jayme for Thanksgiving Break.
- Safety for family members who are traveling to MO for Thanksgiving.
- Traveling mercies as we head to Union City, Tennessee this weekend and on our other upcoming ministry trips.
- Wisdom for Owen's care team as they try to come up with solutions for his increased screaming.
- The health and safety of the residents and staff at Missionary Acres.
- The Raines family, who are on deputation to serve here.

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Current Support Level: 64.1%

Let's Keep In Touch



Please continue to pray for the current remodeling project. The family who will eventually move into that house has been living in temporary housing for over a year and a half. We are also working on the lot 65 new construction build that was started in September of 2020. Thanks in large part to the hard work of those who came to Missionary Acres this year, that house does have all the interior walls, most of the electrical rough in, and wastewater lines installed. There is still a lot of work need inside and around the house prior to the residents moving to Missionary Acres. The leadership has set a goal of completing both the lot 29 remodel project and the lot 65 new construction project in 2024.

Once these two projects are complete, we have seven additional empty homes that need assessed and repairs completed – possibly remodeling too – prior to taking new applications, and eventually placing families into these homes. We will continue to rely on your help and the help of others to complete these monumental tasks.

Tanner Family Update

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family. It's been a challenging season, with Owen's health problems and we are so thankful to know that so many people are praying.

Unfortunately, there's not much of an update on Owen. The insurance won't approve the recommended medication until he turns 18 next year, and now some of his specialists are questioning the Pseudobulbar Affect diagnosis. We've got a couple of additional appointments scheduled between now and early next spring, and we trust that God has this all figured out – even though we don't. We can't imagine going through these challenges without His comfort and are very thankful for His goodness to us.

We're also thankful for time with family, especially this time of year. Most of us are heading across the state today to pick up Jayme from college. She gets to spend a week with us. We're going to take a quick ministry trip to Union City, Tennessee and then celebrate Thanksgiving here at the Acres.

The other kids are doing well. Sally is walking more often and enjoys trying to keep up with all of her siblings. Ezra is continuing to add to his vocabulary. And all of them sure like spending time on the swing set. The beautiful fall weather has been a joy – and we're thankful for all of the memories we're making together.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family