

# TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

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Dear Praying Friends,

God's creation is amazing. Missionary Acres was in the path of totality for the recent solar eclipse, and it was sure a blessing to put on the special glasses and watch it from our front yard.

Earlier that day, we gathered with the residents and other staff members and enjoyed a picnic. We're so thankful for the community God has put together here at the Acres. What a joy it is to spend time with these dear folks who spent their lives telling others about Jesus.

## **Missionary Acres Update**

Spring is a busy season here in southeast Missouri! The Missionary Acres Residents Association has its Spring Yard Sale coming up in early May. The setup and teardown for these biannual sales is a lot of work, but it's a wonderful way to minister to the community and share tracts with those who come to shop.

The older kids typically pitch in to help get things ready after school is over for the day. We anticipate them doing it again this time around and have been praying about other ways to get the whole family more involved here at the Acres. While the kids can't help much with the construction aspect, there are a lot of other things that need done, especially around the grounds. From trash duty (the property is right on the highway, so we unfortunately get a lot of litter) to getting big rocks out of the roads, we've brainstormed several kid-friendly opportunities around here.

In other news, the Lot 29 remodel project is almost done! The to-do list has shrunk to less than a page, and each day brings it closer to completion. The team has been painting the exterior doors, touching up paint around the house, and beginning the clean-up process.

Next on the list is to focus on the new building project. Everyone says new builds go faster than remodels, so we'll see if they're right! Our current projection calculates about ten months of work remaining on this project. However, this would be if we focused on the house exclusively. And we know that this is not always possible as we have many other responsibilities around the property. Please pray for the staff as we switch gears, and specifically that God would bring the right help at the needed time to complete this project quickly.

## *Praises*

- Just a few tasks remain on the Lot 29 remodel project!
- Owen has had several good nights, allowing us all to get some much-needed rest.
- We were able to see the eclipse here at the Acres. God's creation is awesome!
- We get to share Missionary Acres with a new church in Arkansas during their mission conference in May.
- We have an appointment this week with an attorney to get Owen's guardianship paperwork completed and filed.

## *Prayer Requests*

- Salvation for our children who are not yet saved.
- Owen's health and that the guardianship process would go smoothly in the next six weeks.
- The health and safety of the residents and staff at Missionary Acres. Many more are traveling this month, so we're praying for their safety on the road.
- The Raines family, who are currently on deputation to join the Missionary Acres team.
- For volunteer groups coming down in 2024 (and beyond!)
- For people to surrender to God's call to ministry, both internationally and domestically.
- For the churches across the US that are without pastors.

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## *Let's Keep In Touch*



## **Tanner Family Update**

Now that it's the middle of April, the end of the school year is in sight. The kids are thrilled that summer break is coming right up. Jayme finishes her junior year of college next month, and then rolls right into her final summer work program. This time next year, we'll be gearing up for her graduation. Praise God, Jayme is on track to graduate completely debt free. Please continue to pray for Jayme as she seeks God's will for the coming years after college.

Owen's recent med change has made a difference. He's not screaming as often and is sleeping through the night more often than not. This means everyone in the house is getting more sleep, which we're very thankful for! Some nights are still rough, but they're a lot easier to handle when there are some good nights in between.

We have another appointment scheduled with an attorney later this week to get his guardianship paperwork filed. We'd appreciate your prayers that everything goes smoothly and that there are no delays on the judicial side of that request.

In early May, we'll be having a phone meeting with an Angelman Syndrome behavior specialist in Virginia. We're praying that he might have some insight and ideas for us to share with Owen's local care team. Then in June, we'll head over to Kansas City for his annual appointment at the Angelman Syndrome Clinic.

Connecting with doctors who are familiar with this rare condition is always a blessing, so we're thankful that those opportunities are coming up.

Bryan had a couple of opportunities to preach this past month, and the whole family was able to be a part of a service in our home church – Chewelah Baptist Church – in Washington via some fancy technology. Everything seemed to work flawlessly, and it was so encouraging to us to be able to see all the folks from back home. Sometimes as Christians we lament the negative side effects of technology and what it has the potential to bring into a home. What a thrill it was to use that same technology to worship with folks two time zones away. Something that would have seemed impossible only a few years ago. Praise God for His provision.

In May we also have the opportunity to present our ministry to a church in Arkansas. It's during Jayme's week off between school and work, so she'll be able to join us. Traveling with the whole family doesn't happen very often anymore, so we're looking forward to it!

We're so thankful for how God orchestrates things. His timing is incredible.

Thank you for your prayers,

~ Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family