

# TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

*Serving God's Servants*



Thank you. Praise God.

We have had a lot of folks reach out to us – some of whom we've never met – to let us know they are praying for our family. It's always amazing to see the love of Christ shine through in times of need.

This past month has been a time of need for our family, and y'all came through amazingly. The prayer alone, has been a tremendous blessing to our family. But that wasn't all – many others prepared and delivered meals, helped with unexpected finances, shuttled our children to church, and many other practical things. For all of this, we say thank you and praise God.

Saying thank you doesn't seem like enough. But please know that we are so thankful for everything that everyone has done on our behalf. We are so blessed to have community of friends that care for and love our family as you all do.

We also want to praise God. The events of this past month are never something we'd want to have happen. But God – my two favorite words – has shown himself to us repeatedly through it all.

One of my favorite songs is by Ron Hamilton, "Rejoice in the Lord," which begins with the lyrics, "God never moves without purpose or plan..." This is a very true statement. And we have found ourselves saying "Praise God" over and over again.

First, we were in North Little Rock when we realized Owen needed to go to an ER. Normally, we would be at home at Missionary Acres, and we would have driven Owen to Farmington, or to the children's hospital in St. Louis, which are one to two hours away, respectively.

Yet Arkansas Children's Hospital was about ten minutes from our hotel and was a much higher rated hospital – maybe the highest rated one Owen has ever been too – and honestly it was good to have a new set of eyes on Owen. God took us down to Jacksonville for Camp Meetings, right when he knew Owen would need a great hospital. Praise God.

Hospital visits are difficult, but when you are four hours from home,

## *Praises*

- Owen survived septic shock. We thought we were losing him several times, but God saw him through.
- Owen is now back in St. Louis, and his GI system appears to be working better. He is on a clear liquid diet until they get the seizures figured out.
- For all the people at the Acres, in our church, and in the community who jumped in and helped our family.
- God has supplied all our needs throughout this time.
- We were granted emergency guardianship for Owen.

## *Prayer Requests*

- Owen is back in the PICU in St. Louis due to seizure activity. The team is monitoring and making med changes trying to keep him more stable.
- Jayme was with us in Little Rock for camp meetings the week Owen got sick. Leaving to go back to college for summer work was hard on her.
- The other kids are missing Mom – with Lisa, Sally, and Owen gone for a month now, it's getting harder on them.
- Wisdom on logistics. Lisa and Sally are currently staying at the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis, about 20 minutes from the hospital. They try to make it home as often as possible or meet the family in Farmington for short visits.
- Lisa's parents, Sheryl and Steve drove down from Washington and have been with us for nearly a month. We know they need to return to their farm duties back home soon, but we're thankful for their help.
- Lisa's sister and brother-in-law back in Washington who are currently feeding chickens and watering the garden for Sheryl and Steve, allowing them to be here.

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they get expensive. We have great insurance for Owen. But insurance doesn't pay for the other expenses such as lodging, meals, and all the gas it takes to drive back and forth.

But we were visiting the area because we were at Camp Meetings. The church covered many nights for all of us. We also had saved up a bunch of 'points' from the hotel chain we normally use when traveling. We were able to cash those out, and Lisa's parents paid for a night in a hotel for us as well. About the time we were trying to make a new plan for lodging, a room opened at the Ronald McDonald House across the street from the hospital. Praise God.

After the Camp Meetings, Lisa and I drove the kids home, and Lisa drove back to Arkansas the next day. Thankfully, her parents drove down from Washington State and made it to Little Rock the day before we left to drive the rest of the kids home. Because of this, Owen was able to have family visit him every day, even though we had to leave for a day. Praise God.

Lisa's parents have been wonderful driving back and forth between Missouri and Arkansas as needed to sit with Owen at the hospital or be in Missouri to help watch the rest of the kids when Bryan has needed to be with Lisa and Owen in Arkansas. Praise God.

Owen turned 18 on May 31st. As such, we needed to go to court to be officially declared Owen's guardians due to his disability. Normally this happens after the child turns 18. But because Owen was in the PICU, our lawyer was able to work with the judge in our county and arrange for a court date a couple of days prior to Owen's birthday. Then on the 31st, the judge signed orders granting us emergency guardianship for the next 90 days, so we'll have time to get the rest of the process for regular guardianship done after Owen is home. Praise God.

And then there are the meals. Folks from all over the Silva area blessed our family with so many delicious meals. It was such a relief to know that even when we were in Little Rock, the kids were eating well. We still have some meals in the freezer that we plan on using the first week Owen is back home. Praise God.

Owen was able to be moved back to Missouri. Once the hospital in Arkansas was confident he was recovering from the sepsis, they began to focus on getting him well enough to travel back to Missouri and back to his normal doctors. A lot must happen for such a move to take place. One big requirement was that the insurance company had to approve it. And since Owen was out of state and was traveling back to his regular doctors, it was approved! We were told it was a very rare occurrence. Praise God.

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It is nice to all be in the same state again. Though Owen is still two hours a way, that is not too far for a day trip and back!

And Owen has a lot of recovery still in his immediate future. God willing, Owen will continue to get better and come home soon. We do not know exactly when, but that is okay.

We have been blessed so much over the past month. God has worked to move mountains. Things have happened just when they needed to, and not before. I cannot imagine wanting anything more. God is so good.

Again, we want to say thank you to everyone, and praise God for His provision this past month.

**Missionary Acres Update**

We missed a lot at the Acres this month. Our scheduled trip to Arkansas, plus the unscheduled part, kept us away a bit more than we would have liked. However, there were still plenty of activities at the Acres over the past month.

We had a teen group of young ladies that came to visit and volunteer for a week. The Raines' family – <https://www.facebook.com/share/bxVifwGFNM7uEmUu/?mibextid=LQQJ4d> – was also able to make a visit to Missionary Acres for two weeks. The family jumped in and did a lot of work around the property, some small tasks, and some larger projects. It is always a blessing to have them visit. Please continue to pray for this family as they are on deputation raising support to come to Missionary Acres full time as staff. Praise God.

We also had our normal planning meeting with our BMM Field Administrator Dave Ferguson and Pastor Troy Crain. They have been making trips to Missionary Acres about three to four times each year for the past few years. It is always a busy couple of days when they are on site, with long meetings and future planning for the Acres. Thankfully, Bryan was able to still attend these meetings, even with Owen in the hospital. Praise God.

This week we have a teen group from Grand Rapids, MI and next week we have a returning group from Monee, IL. Many projects will be touched over the next two weeks. Please pray for safety, good weather, and God's blessing on all that is done here at Missionary Acres.

Thanks for your prayers,

Bryan & Lisa & Family

P.S. Sorry for the long letter, we will try to get back to normal next month!