

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Hello Friends,

Last week, I woke up in a strange city to find my car had been broken into the night before. Praise God, the person who did it, didn't break a window. Instead, they broke the door latch. Much cheaper and easier to replace. They did however damage the lock cylinder in such a way that it will never work properly again. But with a little persuasion, I was able to make it turn and start the engine.

I worked in the auto industry for a number of years, I am fairly handy with mechanical things, and – much to the annoyance of my parents growing up and the electronics school I attended while in the Navy – I ask a lot of questions and try to understand the work being done. I ask "why" a lot. On this trip, it paid off.

Yes, my car was broken into. But I had an odd peace about it, like I knew God was in control. By the way, He is. This didn't take Him by surprise. It did me, and I was delayed in getting to where I needed to be that day, but that is okay. I survived the minor inconvenience of being a little late to a conference.

To be sure, there was a time in my life when I would have been very angry. But God has been working on me. I haven't arrived yet. I could still do better, but in a way, this challenge was a victory in my life.

But why did I say my odd personality paid off in this situation? Well, once the police had the information they needed, I was able to bend and pry on the lock cylinder enough to get it to turn. It needs replaced still, but I was able to drive around for a couple of days and eventually back home. I could probably do this repair myself, but re-keying the lock cylinder so that I don't have two sets of keys, is a little more complicated, so I'll let the repair shop do that.

Once the car was drivable again, I was able to get to a nearby parts store, purchase a door handle assembly, and then disassemble the door enough to replace the broken parts. I had to bend some metal on the door, but all and all, it is more or less fixed – the paint still needs touched up, but I'll worry about that when... okay, I'll probably just ignore that the rest of the time I own the car – and I am driving again with a working door.

Not the day I had planned. But it was still a good day. And a odd reminder that God prepares us all for His service. Had my past been a little different, I might

Praises

- Owen gained back the weight he lost while in the hospital.
- Though his car was broken into and damaged, Bryan made it back safely from a conference in Kansas City.
- A new family has recently been approved to move to Missionary Acres.
- We've had some wonderful volunteers in the past few weeks, and more are scheduled to arrive later this month. The extra help is a huge blessing!
- The Hemsworths made their move safely and are getting settled in Iowa.

Prayer Requests

- God's direction to be clear in Jayme's life as she finishes her final year of college and begins making plans for after graduation.
- For Lisa and Tanner baby #12, who will join the family in February, 2025. Unfortunately, pregnancy carpal tunnel has struck again, and it's worse at night, which makes getting enough sleep harder.
- Recovery for some Missionary Acres residents who recently had health procedures or illnesses.
- Safety on the roads for several residents who are traveling this fall.
- The Raines family, who are currently on deputation to serve at Missionary Acres.
- Our son, Jeffrey, as he seeks direction and clarity from God about his future.
- Salvation for some of our younger kiddos, and spiritual growth for those who are saved.
- Owen to continue regaining balance and strength.

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have been stuck in a parking lot with no idea of what to do next. Or, I may have had to have my vehicle towed and rented a another one. Praise God, He prepares us for the challenges that lie ahead.

Missionary Acres Update

The past couple of weeks have been occupied with the semi-annual yard sale the residents host here at Missionary Acres. This year, the staff helped a little more than normal due to some of the residents having medical needs and lifting restrictions. Thankfully, all are doing well, but some could use your prayers as they are recovering from different ailments.

As mentioned above, Bryan took a trip to a pastors' conference last week. It was a good conference, and he really enjoyed his time fellowshiping with the friends he has made there over the years.

We are very excited to announce a new family has recently been approved to move to Missionary Acres. Please pray for the staff as we complete some final touches on the house they will be moving into. A big thank you to Daniel – a full-time volunteer – for all the work he has done in this house. Now our greatest need is to have carpet installed. Please pray that the contractor we normally use would get back with us soon on prices and an installation date.

Tanner Family Update

Lisa and the older kids prepared a taco dinner for the residents and some volunteers last week, and it was such a fun evening of fellowship. Everyone shared their story of service, and it was a joy to hear how God has worked in so many different ways among these dear folks.

We're also thankful for, and excited about, the spiritual growth happening in several of our kids. What a blessing it is to see them desiring to be active in church and building their own personal relationship with the Lord and Savior.

Our son, Jeffrey, feels that God is calling him into foreign missions. We'd appreciate your prayers for him as he seeks clarity and wisdom. He's currently a sophomore in high school, so we're praying that God helps us use his last few years of homeschooling to prepare him well for the challenges of Bible college and beyond.

Owen had another follow-up appointment with his GI team. We're thankful to report that he has gained back all the weight he lost during his hospital stay, and more. The doctor commented how much healthier he looks. He still isn't back to 100% in terms of strength and balance, but he is improving. And, Praise God, his Pica still hasn't returned. He's been eating foreign objects since he was three, so this has been such a blessing. He's recently started looking at books and flipping the pages, instead of ripping them and putting them in his mouth. What rejoicing there was in our home the first time that happened! God is so good.

Thank you so much for your prayers,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family