

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Hello Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas from the Tanner family at Missionary Acres!

This is the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on God's amazing love and grace toward us, and to share that love with others.

If you have not yet received God's perfect gift of salvation through Jesus, we'd love to share more about it with you. Please reach out and let us know if we can answer any questions, or pray for you during this Christmas season.

Missionary Acres Update

Winterizing has been the focus these past few weeks as temperatures dropped. We've been busy preparing the property for the cold winter months.

This includes:

- Ensuring hoses are removed from faucets and put away for the season
- Turning off the water at the picnic area and winterizing the restrooms there
- Cleaning leaves out of the gutters
- Mulching and burning leaves to ensure they don't clog the ditches and culverts over the winter

While Southeast Missouri doesn't typically get much snow, it does drop below freezing a few times. Preparing now helps us avoid any potential issues for our residents.

We're thankful that Daniel, our full-time volunteer, has been working hard painting at Lot 54. There's still a few other small jobs that Bryan and the rest of the staff will need to complete in the coming weeks, but we pray that this home will soon be ready for a resident so we can officially open the application process.

Christmas is a special time at Missionary Acres. A couple of our older kids helped a group of residents decorate the main office. The lights and wreaths add a festive look to the property and bring joy and cheer.

Praises

- Jayme comes home for three weeks over Christmas! We get to pick her up on Dec. 20th.
- Lisa's pregnancy is going well, and she's been able to manage her gestational diabetes through dietary changes.
- We're just two months away from meeting Tanner Baby #12!
- God's provision and faithfulness throughout this year.
- New residents to Missionary Acres in 2024.
- Spiritual Growth for many of our children this past year.

Prayer Requests

- Continued spiritual growth of our family as we grow and continue to serve the folks at Missionary Acres.
- Safety for Missionary Acres family members who will be traveling for Christmas and New Year's
- The Raines Family as they continue deputation to serve at Missionary Acres. They're praying to reach 75% by July of 2025.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us.
- Health for the residents and staff here at the Acres.
- Traveling mercies as we drive across the state to pick up Jayme (and return her back to college in early January)
- Owen's continued healing – his balance and stamina are still not back to where they were before the septic shock, but we're thankful for his progress.

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Serving at Missionary Acres

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Current Support Level: 69.4%

Let's Keep In Touch



The kids all enjoy piling into the van and driving around the property at night. Many residents decorate their homes and lawns with Christmas lights, and it's so festive!

Tanner Family Update

As missionaries, it can sometimes be challenging to be away from our loved ones during the holidays. We definitely miss our friends and family back in Washington. And the kids miss the snow...

But as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, which is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that we're never alone. God is always with us, and we are grateful for the loving community He has provided for us at Missionary Acres. It truly feels like a second family.

We are also grateful for the technology that allows us to stay connected with our loved ones, even from a distance. FaceTime and texting have been a huge blessing!

As we reflect on 2024 and look towards the new year, we're filled with hope and excitement for what's to come. We know God has great plans for Missionary Acres, and we can't wait to see them unfold.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement.

Love,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family

Post Script: as we close out 2024, and begin to look towards the future in 2025, would you please join us in prayer regarding Lisa's business, Lisa Tanner Writing. Lisa started this venture about nine and half years ago to supplement our income. When we surrendered to full time ministry, her business really helped our family transition into deputation and make the move to Missionary Acres. However, the industry of corporate writing continues to be greatly affected by advancements of AI, and much of Lisa's business has disappeared.

We would ask that you join us in prayer with how to proceed in the future. As most of you know, Lisa's income is part of our support estimate, and as the income from her business continues to decline, so does our support level. We are praying that God would replace that income with additional supporting churches or individuals. This is a difficult ask for us, as our ability to travel and present this ministry in new churches is limited, especially when considering the additional responsibilities that Bryan has acquired this year. But, with God, we know this is not a problem. Please join us in prayer, that God would intervene in this area on our behalf.