

# TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

## *Serving God's Servants*



Hello Praying Friends,

Happy 2025 from the Tanner Family! We're very excited for the new year and all that it has in store for us. No matter what happens, we're sure thankful we can trust in God's plan for our lives.

Since January tends to be a month of reflection and planning, we wanted to share some of the ways God showed Himself mighty during 2024 and some of the things we're anticipating this year.

### **Some Reflections on 2024**

- But God... we started 2024 with this phrase in our January prayer letter, and it continued to be the theme throughout the entire year. No matter how challenging or uncertain the circumstances were, God was always faithful and showed us His goodness and grace.
- Lot 29 Remodel: This project took a lot longer than anticipated, but the results were amazing. It was a joy to see the Langdons finally able to move out of temporary housing and into their home here at the Acres.
- Owen turned 18: We were once told he might not make it to 18 months, so to have become an adult was an incredible milestone. Of course, he celebrated it in the PICU during the middle of his fight with septic shock, but thankfully, he made it through. And we were granted full guardianship by the local judge. So much to be thankful for in these reflections...
- Spiritual growth: It's a joy to see our kids growing in faith. Two of them got baptized this year and they all are learning more about God and the importance of trusting Him. We're so thankful for the local church we attend here in Missouri!
- Jayme started her senior year of college: Wow – it seems like just yesterday we dropped her off at College of the Ozarks for the first time. And now, she'll be graduating in a few months. Time flies, and this realization really makes us thankful for each moment we have with our kids.
- Technology can be a blessing! It was a joy to connect with our home church back in Washington over the internet for a Wednesday night service. We were able to worship with the dear folks who are two time zones away from us!
- Work groups – hooray! We're always amazed at how much work gets done

### *Praises*

- Jayme was able to be home for three weeks over Christmas break. It's always nice to have everyone together!
- Lisa's pregnancy continues to go well. We're thankful that we'll meet this new blessing soon.
- Sally's dental surgery is done. We shared last year that our daughter's front four teeth came in without enamel, but that surgery couldn't be done until she was 2. Unfortunately, they had to be extracted, but the surgery went well and she's adapting. We're praying that her adult teeth won't have the same problem (if they do, they'll get capped shortly after eruption.)
- We didn't lose power! An early January ice storm happened, and power outages were predicted. Thankfully, we didn't lose power here at the Acres!

### *Prayer Requests*

- Safety for Missionary Acres family members who are still on the road
- 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.
- Sally's healing after dental surgery
- Wisdom when planning for 2025 both at the Acres and as a family

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### *Let's Keep In Touch*



when work groups are here. In 2024 people from around the country came to help with construction projects and maintenance needs. Praise the Lord for each one who served alongside us!

### Anticipating 2025

We know that God has great plans for our family and Missionary Acres in the coming year. And we know that He always knows what is best, even if it doesn't align with what we planned.

So we share this list of things we're anticipating not as though they were set in stone, but with the understanding that God's plans will always trump our own.

- Add a new baby to the family: Lisa is 37 weeks pregnant with Tanner Baby #12! He or she will be here before our next prayer letter goes out (Lord willing).
- Prepare more houses for residents: Historically, since we began serving at Missionary Acres, until 2024, only one house has been completed each year:
  - 2020: Lot 28
  - 2021: Lot 48E
  - 2022: Lot 1
  - 2023: Lot 37
  - 2024: Lot 29 & Lot 68

In 2025, we're praying that we could up this pace and get three homes ready (Lot 70, Lot 15, and Lot 54.) Please pray for this work and for the future residents that'll call the Acres home.

- Declutter and rearrange: With a new baby coming in February and Jayme moving back home (at least temporarily) after graduation in May, we're going to have 14 people in roughly 1800 square feet of space. We're starting to declutter and plan rearrangements now and are praying that God would give us wisdom of how to fit comfortably.
- Continuing to serve: God has shown us over and over again that Missionary Acres is where we're meant to be. We're thankful for the opportunity to serve God's servants here.
- A trip to WA? This one might not happen, but we would love to make a trip to Washington in the fall of 2025. This would allow us to share updates in churches we haven't been in for a couple of years and to introduce family and friends to our new baby. But we will see what the year brings.

We know this wasn't formatted like our usual prayer letter, but we wanted to share! We'll (likely) return to the regular updates next month. However, you may get a quick email from us before then announcing the birth of our baby.

With love,

Bryan & Lisa Tanner & Family