

TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

Serving God's Servants



Dear Prayer Partners,

What do you do when the free floorplan drawing software you've been using switches to a monthly subscription, and the free alternatives you try don't have the features you need?

You make your own!

That's exactly what Bryan did this month. With the help from an AI tool, he built a simple custom app that lets him create clear 2D floor layouts with measurements, window and door placements, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, and more.

He's never built a computer app before, but the need was real: we want to keep costs low at the Acres and avoid stacking up extra subscriptions. The new tool is already proving useful for planning, record-keeping, and sharing visuals when we advertise open homes. Earlier this week Bryan used it to draw out the floor plan for our newest build on Lot 65, and he'll tackle Lot 71 next. It's a small but encouraging glimpse of how practical tools can support the work here.

Missionary Acres Update

We're thankful to report that the parsonage remodel for Evangel Baptist Church (the on-site church) is complete. Please join us in praying that the Lord would provide the right pastor for this congregation; they have been without one for several years.

The team has now turned its attention to Lot 37, with the goal of having it completely ready for a new resident by the end of September.

We've also been blessed by some excellent teen work groups. They accomplished a great deal of mowing, trimming, and stick pickup, and they ran the pressure washers to keep mold off the buildings, which is something we deal with regularly here in southeast Missouri. Their hard work helps the Acres look really nice.

Meanwhile, Lisa and the kids have been scanning old scrapbooks that document the early history of Missionary Acres. Some of the writing is already starting to fade (especially in the books from the 1960s and 70s), so we're hoping a digital copy will help preserve these irreplaceable records. It's been fun to see what the property used to look like and get a glimpse of life in the early days of the Acres.

On a more challenging note, some recent work uncovered a problem with the restrooms by the picnic shelter. The sewer lines have deteriorated, so the team closed the restrooms for safety and sanitary reasons. Major renovation or full replacement will be needed because the plumbing is under the concrete slab. The work will be substantial (likely requiring the building to be taken down and rebuilt). The team is evaluating the best path forward and expects

Praises

- Owen's recent GI appointment went well, and we found a new primary-care doctor as we transition away from pediatric providers now that he is in his 20s
- The homeschool year is off to a good start
- The kids are learning to play new instruments
- The parsonage remodel is finished

Prayer Requests

- Marcus's upcoming ENT appointment and possible surgery
- Wisdom for Jeff and Ellie as they seek God's will for life after high school
- A resident here at the Acres who will have surgery early next week—please pray for healing and for the health of all our dear residents
- The Evangel Baptist Church (on-site at Missionary Acres) would soon find the right pastor.
- The Lord to send the right residents for the empty houses (Lot 15 and Lot 65 are ready)
- Wisdom for Bryan and Lisa while homeschooling
- Wisdom as we begin researching doctors for Owen's transition to adult care next year.
- Additional staff and full-time volunteers at the Acres
- Continued safety, health, and encouragement for residents and staff at Missionary Acres.

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Let's Keep In Touch



the restrooms to remain closed at least through the end of the year. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we tackle this unexpected project.

On a brighter note, Bryan completed a walkthrough video of the new build on Lot 65 this month. You can watch it here if you'd like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qT2FjIVEXW4&t=5s>. We're so pleased with how this beautiful house turned out. The driveway still needs to be finished (planned for September), but the house itself is ready. Lot 15 is also ready for occupancy. Please pray that God would send the right residents for these homes in His timing.

Tanner Family Update

Our homeschool year is underway! This year's lineup includes two seniors, a freshman, an eighth grader, a seventh grader, a sixth grader, a fourth grader, a second grader, a kindergartener, and a preschooler.

In addition to everyone's individualized studies, we work through unit studies as a family. We're starting with National Parks, which is especially fun after our recent visit to Glacier. As part of this unit we took a trip to the St. Louis Arch this month (a first for us after five years here). Several of the older kids rode the elevator to the top and thoroughly enjoyed the view.

For each unit study the kids choose from a "project menu" of options that let them dig deeper and share what they've learned in ways that fit their skills and interests. It's encouraging to watch them engage with the topics creatively and fun to see what they make.

National Parks won't be our only unit study this year. We'll also study animals, Daniel Boone, the water cycle, cartography (mapmaking), and Ancient Rome, plus a couple of other topics. It looks like a year full of educational exploration!

Band is a new addition to our school this year. Our middle and high school students each chose an instrument and are using online lessons to learn the basics:

- Jeffrey – trumpet
- Ellie – flute
- Sydney – glockenspiel
- Simon – alto sax
- Brynna – clarinet

Several are already producing recognizable music, which is a joy. We're looking forward to worshiping the Lord together through music and have a goal of playing a Christmas hymn as a group by December.

Jeff and Ellie, our seniors, are also beginning career exploration and thinking about life after high school. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord's direction in this season of transition.

Another family update and prayer request: our son Marcus has severely enlarged tonsils and has been referred to an ENT in St. Louis for sleep apnea. Removal of his tonsils and adenoids is likely in the near future. We're praying the procedure will help improve his sleep, and in turn give Lisa and Bryan a bit more rest too.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and partnership. We are grateful for you and regularly lift you before the Lord.

With love, Bryan, Lisa, and the Tanner Family