

# TANNERS 2 MISSIONARY ACRES

## *Serving God's Servants*



Greetings from the Ozarks,

Bryan has spent a good bit of time lately preparing for our Fall Family Meeting here at Missionary Acres. Twice a year we gather with the residents so the director and managers can share updates on how the ministry is doing.

As treasurer, Bryan walked everyone through a look at the finances—and once again we were reminded of how faithfully God has provided. As director, he gave a higher-level overview of the last six months: projects completed, volunteer groups who served, infrastructure improvements, and the priorities for the rest of the fiscal year (which runs through March).

The other managers also gave their reports, and Bryan finished with a practical training on scams. Several in our community have already been targeted, and with this problem continuing to grow nationwide, we wanted to help everyone stay alert to the latest tactics scammers are using.

It feels a little hard to believe that after the spring Family Meeting just six months ago, we loaded the van and headed for the Pacific Northwest. Being back up there sparked plenty of conversations with the kids about how different Washington is from Missouri. They agreed the mountains in the Northwest are hard to beat, but when it comes to fall color, Missouri wins. Living in the Evergreen State, we simply never got to see the leaves change the way we do here—and it's become one of the things we especially enjoy about this season in the Ozarks.

### **Missionary Acres Update**

The reconditioning work at Lot 37 is nearly complete. Once that concludes, the team will move on to Lot 35 and work to finish that project as well. Lord willing, the work in both homes will be wrapped in the next month.

After that, focus will shift to some small projects in a couple of homes with residents currently in them, and then we will be back to remodeling one half of the duplex at Lot 47W. That two-bedroom, one-bath space is getting a full bathroom and kitchen remodel, along with new floors and paint throughout.

We were encouraged by a couple who recently visited to see whether Missionary Acres might be a good fit for their retirement years. They are currently moving forward in the application process. Another couple is scheduled to visit next week. Please

### ***Praises***

- God's faithful provision, as seen in the financial report shared at the Fall Family Meeting
- Progress on the remodels at Lot 37 and Lot 35, with more work ahead on Lot 47W
- A couple moving forward in the application process after their recent visit, and another couple scheduled to visit next week
- A sweet time of fellowship at the fall picnic at Sam A. Baker State Park
- Owen's VNS battery lasting nearly six years
- A new adult neurologist for Owen closer to home
- It's a joy to homeschool the children and learn together

### ***Prayer Requests***

- Wisdom and strength for the team as they finish Lot 37 and Lot 35, then begin the remodel at Lot 47W
- That the Lord would send the right residents for each home, in His timing
- Protection and a smooth process for Owen's upcoming VNS battery replacement surgery
- Helpful guidance from the movement specialists for exercises to strengthen Owen's gait
- Grace and endurance as we continue navigating Owen's transition to adult care
- Wisdom for Jeff and Ellie as they seek the Lord's direction after graduation
- Protection from scams, along with continued safety, health, and encouragement for the residents and staff at Missionary Acres

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continue to pray that the Lord would send the right residents for each home, in His perfect timing.

This month the Acres also enjoyed a fall picnic at nearby Sam A. Baker State Park. It was a lovely time of fellowship, and the kids thoroughly enjoyed running around and playing in such a beautiful setting. Picnics like these always remind us of former resident Marji Tatter, who went home to glory in 2022—the year after we moved here. She organized a couple of similar outings to Sam A. Baker, and it is sweet to see those gatherings continue after her heavenly departure. Death is an inevitable part of our ministry to retired pastors, missionaries, and career Christian workers, yet we rejoice in knowing they are in heaven. That knowledge and the hope it brings makes each absence sting a little less.

### **Tanner Family Update**

Owen sees a new adult neurologist next week in Cape Girardeau. The battery in his VNS (vagus nerve stimulator—a small device implanted under the skin that sends mild electrical pulses to the vagus nerve to help reduce seizures) has dropped below 25%, so the neurologist will refer us to a neurosurgeon for a battery replacement. Owen's last battery was placed in late 2020 and has lasted nearly six years, which we are thankful for; his first one did not last nearly as long. Still, every surgery carries risks, and we would appreciate your prayers. We do not yet have a surgery date, but we will let you know when we do.

Later this month Owen also has his final appointment with the movement specialists at Children's Hospital in St. Louis. They are working on referring him to an adult provider. His gait has worsened over the past few months, so we are hoping to learn some exercises and stretches we can do with him at home to strengthen those muscles and help him walk longer distances again.

We are learning that the transition to adult care is a long, drawn-out process. We will be thankful when all his specialists have been successfully transferred and his prescriptions are fully managed by the new team. Even so, we are grateful that his adult providers are not located in St. Louis.

In other family news, we are really enjoying our homeschool year. It is hard to believe we have two seniors—Jeff and Ellie will both graduate in the spring, and they are earnestly praying about what the Lord would have them do next.

We have also been having fun with printed photos. We recently printed several shots from our trip out west and put them in an album with captions, almost scrapbook style. In today's digital world it feels almost rebellious to have physical prints, but we are loving it. The kids have already spent hours studying each photo and recollecting our time together on that trip.

With love,

Bryan, Lisa, and the Tanner Family