

Victory Report from Venezuela!

Greetings to everyone,

We would like to share this victory report with you. God is ever faithful and mindful of us and He asks us to just TRUST HIM! As many of you know, we found a finca (property, about 30 acres), several months ago and during our time in the States (this past spring), the Lord blessed us to raise \$21,000 USD, to purchase this property. However, upon returning, the broker had raised the price then after waiting for several weeks he agreed upon his original price, \$21,000 USD. But, this process (raising and lowering the price) occurred several times.

On September 8th, we called Mr. Osio, (the broker for the property), to inquire about the paper work and he told us yet a different price, in the end the final price was **\$29,000 USD**. At this point Mark and I believed the Lord had a better plan for us. Although, at first, we felt somewhat embarrassed, we thought, how can we tell our supporters back home that this property did not work out, but we reminded ourselves that this is God's work and HE is in control and we left it in the Lord's Hand.

Three Weeks ago on Thursday, September 8 we looked in the paper and found a finca that appeared interesting and called and got an appointment to see it Monday September 12.

On September 15 we walked the *entire* property, made an offer, which they accepted, and Praise God we **closed** on September 30!!!

This finca sits on about 60 acres, and there are fruit trees in abundance!!! Name any tropical fruit and this land most likely has it *and* not only has it but in abundance!!! For example, 300 lime trees, 20 grapefruit trees, 50 mandarin orange trees, 50 juice orange trees, plenty of banana and plantain trees, 500 pineapple plants and the list goes on and on and on!!!!!!! Papaya, mango, yucca, pear trees, white potato, corn, squash, sweet pepper and more! It has fruit not available in the States and Mark and I are even trying to find English names for them. ☺

And best of all, the price was \$17,300 USD! Look at God!

Prior to looking at any property we discussed raising chickens and rabbits, not only as a food source, but also for use as income for Casa de La Esperanza (House of Hope). The owner of this finca already had chickens and rabbits (the other finca did not) and agreed to sell the rabbits (all 300) for an additional \$700.00 USD and *gave* us the chickens.

This finca is situated in the mountains with two small rivers running through it, supplying fresh mountain spring water!! So, the water is free as well as the electricity. There are 2 houses on the property and several corrals, including the two that house the rabbits and chickens.

Mr. Osio, raising the price of the other finca, may have meant it for evil, but God meant it for Good. "And we know that all things work together for good..." About six weeks ago I told Mark when this ordeal is over we will have a great testimony of God's goodness and His faithfulness.

We praise God for his guidance. This property is great!!! And what's more, the land is ready for construction we have very little prep in order to begin building the campus for Casa de La Esperanza. Needless to say we are thrilled.

We certainly appreciate all your prayers and support you have given us. We praise God for the 60 acre miracle! Please visit our website to view pictures, www.afcm1.org click on the link House of Hope Property.

Current Ministry Needs

The current needs for the ministry: **A dependable car**, laptop computer, projector and monthly support. For the car we would actually need the money to buy one here. For a dependable used car we are looking at \$8,000 US dollars. Unfortunately, the truck we have has broken down several times, and just yesterday the transmission went out. So, this is an urgent need.

In service for our King,
Mark & Linda

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love. Goethe