

# THE MONTAÑOS



**WE HAD OUR FIRST PRAYER SERVICE AFTER THE PURCHASE**

## WE ARE IN A NEW CHAPTER OF MINISTRY

### Dear Prayer Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from the Montaña family! We are grateful for your continued prayers and faithful support. We are excited to share some wonderful news from Hermosillo, Sonora, and we trust that your churches and ministries have also experienced a fruitful season for the Lord.

This is one of the most exciting updates I have ever had the privilege to share. Our ministry here in Hermosillo has witnessed a miracle of God's provision and

grace as we move forward into the next phase of the ministry.

For many years, we have been saving in hopes of purchasing property. For almost 17 years, we have carried the vision of establishing a local church campus that would include a Bible college and a Christian school. By God's grace, we already have a Bible Institute and a Christian school, but we have never had a place of our own because we have always rented facilities. After many years of holding on to the vision and faithfully saving, we decided to step out by faith.

The property that captured our hearts was far beyond what we could afford. We went to pray on the property and asked the Lord that, if it was His will, He would provide the means for us to purchase it. When you look at land worth over one million dollars and offer almost half of that amount, you can understand why they laughed at me. At first, the owner did not even want to discuss the possibility of selling the property to us.

We began looking at other properties farther outside the city that were within our price range. But without us even saying a word, God began providing in miraculous ways. We experienced things we had only read about missionaries experiencing in the past. God placed our ministry on the hearts of many people, and individuals

began giving toward the future of our church. It has been such a blessing to watch God's timing come together.

In January, we made an offer to purchase the property for \$700,000. At that time, we already had \$400,000 saved toward the purchase. How we would obtain the remaining amount was a matter of faith, but I wanted to try one more time. I eventually spoke directly with the owner and discovered that he was going through a divorce. I offered to help him with his marriage and also tried to lead him to Christ. God worked in the owner's heart, and he decided to move forward with the sale of the property.

We are so thankful for the many of you who responded to the videos I shared about this opportunity. Thank you so much to every one of you who prayed and gave sacrificially. You have made all of this possible. Words cannot fully express how grateful we are for those who stood beside us during this season of need. Your investment will bear lasting fruit as we are now able to reach more people and do even more for the Lord.

Through the offerings we received, we were able to purchase the property, and we are now making payments on the remaining balance. After taxes and closing expenses, we currently owe only \$200,000. We will be making monthly payments, and we are thankful that we will not be paying

**MAGGIE AND I HOLDING THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY AFTER PURCHASE**



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any interest. Since this was our first property purchase, we were surprised by the high taxes and fees involved. We paid approximately \$93,000 in taxes and related expenses. Even so, we are deeply thankful that God allowed us to purchase the property.

Please continue to pray for us during the month of June. We will be making our official move to the property, and before we can fully move in, we need to install a transformer in order to connect electricity to the building. We have been working nonstop to repair and prepare the property so that we can begin using it as a church. The exciting part is that, for the first time, we are investing in a place we can truly call our own. Even though the burdens are heavy, it feels different when you know you are building something for the future of the ministry.

Most of our calendar has changed because of the work required on the property, which had been unused for over five years. We have canceled many extra activities so we can focus on cleaning, repairing, and preparing everything for the move. The official purchase of the property took place on April 10th, and our payments will be due

on the 10th of every month. Please pray that God would help us do much with the little we currently have. Each month, our goal is to make the payment and then use whatever remains to continue improving the property. We still need to build offices, classrooms, and an auditorium.

Once again, I want to express how thankful I am for your prayers and sacrificial giving. Thank you for standing with us as we continue serving the Lord here in Hermosillo.

#### Prayer Requests:

**1. Ongoing Improvements:** Please pray for us as we continue working on the property. We will be making improvements on a monthly basis as the Lord provides.

**2. Updated Technology:** If anyone has older Mac computers that are no longer being used, we would be grateful to put them to good use in our ministry. Even if they need repairs or updates, we can still adapt them for church and ministry work.



**PROPERTY THAT WE BOUGHT**



**INSIDE ONE OF THE BUILDINGS**

Thank you for standing with us in ministry!

In Christ,  
**The Montaña Family**



**CHILDREN RUNNING IN BUILDING, FIRST TIME VISIT**



**OPENING THE GATE FOR THE FIRST TIME**



**INSTALLING A WATER SYSTEM**



**CLEANING THE GROUNDS**