

From our new location in the Ozark Mountains, Arkansas

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# Our Latest! Our Next Chapter

It's been a long wait, but praise God who is always on time. We are very excited about a new chapter in our ministy that God is beginning. As many of you know, we have been searching for property for a number of years. We have looked in Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennesee, and several other places. But as of April of 2020, we now have country property in northern Arkansas. Nestled in the Ozark mountains, the property is beautiful, spacious, and ready to be worked. There's a stream running through the property, and it has plenty of trees for firewood. There is a total of 80 acres, of which we have already purchased 26 acres with a cabin on it. As for the remaining 54 acres, we have made a down payment on it, and we will be raising funds to finish purchasing it. This is a new chapter for us, and I am thankful that God has brought us this far and given us testimonies along the way.

As we move into this next chapter, the dominating thought I have is being a faithful witness of God. You see, our story is being written by the Father; we are only witnesses in it. But in order for us to bear a faithful testimony of the Author, we must be in total harmony with Him. Jesus said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 5:19. In other words, whatever the Father revealed to the Son, that is what the Son did. This is how Jesus bore witness of the truth, and so must we. Just as Jesus did, we must discern and do the perfect will of God.

But how can we discern the plans that God has for us? Can we be assured that we are in complete harmony with Him? We must know His word, for it is the written will of God. But although you may know what the Bible says, that doesn't mean that you will discern the voice of the Shepherd on every occasion. Something more is needed. Paul said, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself." Eph. 1:9. Notice that God was faithful to reveal the "mystery of his will" to the early disciples, but how did He do it? The Bible says,

# "... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **But God hath** revealed them unto us by his Spirit ..." 1 Cor. 2:9, 10.

Praise God for giving us His spirit to agree with His written word. No longer do we have to be in darkness concerning the hidden counsels of God. For the spirit reveals to us the very plans and purposes of God, yet it is up to us to discern those plans. And as we discern them, we organize and plan accordingly.



From the Desk of **Demario Carter**, Director, The Counsel of Prophecy



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Ephesians 1:9

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Currently, my family and I live in this cabin. The fifh wheel serves as an office.



This property is waiting to be developed into the School of the Prophets.



Natural beauty is not lacking on this property in the Arkansas Ozarks.

Now although we may organize and plan in accordance to God's will, we still cannot see the end from the beginning. However, we must have a roadmap to that mysterious destination that only God can guide us to. The Bible says,

"A man's heart deviseth [plans] his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." Proverbs 16:9.

Yes, it is our part to organize and plan, but it is God's part to lead the way. So with that in mind, I think it is appropriate for us to share with you our vision and mission and to explain our roadmap to reach our vision and mission.

### **Our Vision and Mission**

We are evangelistic in nature. Our work centers on upholding the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. But this upholding is not merely in preaching; rather, we uphold the truth in practice by being health reformed missionaries. The Bible says, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31. Yes, we believe in the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and we believe this truth touches both the mind and body of the one who believes. Therefore, our vision is simply to see the full restoration of anyone who surrenders to Jesus, and our mission is to teach every student of Christ how to discern and submit to the perfect will of God.

As far as how we are to accomplish our mission, and consequently fulfill our vision, we have always had in mind the goal of operating a modern *School of the Prophets*. This hasn't changed. The servant of the Lord says concerning the youth that,

"They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ." *Gospel Workers*, 210.

These thoughts have always underlined our ministry. And although we have been limited in our capacity to implement such education, we have never lost sight of this goal. In the ancient *Schools of the Prophets*, there was employed a work-study program that fostered a well-rounded education. Inspirations says,

"The pupils of these schools sustained themselves by their own labor in tilling the soil or in some mechanical employment." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 593.

"Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, 179.

So it is with such inspiration that we embark upon this all important task of operating a *School of the Prophets* training campground where the basic principles of agriculture, evangelism, media production, and other manual labors are taught.

In conjunction with our *School of the Prophets*, we plan to implement a ministry of healing in which we minister to the health needs of those in our community. It is clear in inspiration that the medical ministry must be united with the gospel ministry. Health reform is as essential to gospel work as the hand is important to the body. Therefore, we desire a health haven for the sick to resort to in order to recover health and learn a lifestyle approach to wellness.

In addition to our ministry of healing, we will also implement a ministry of mercy for the poor and needy widows, orphans, and aged within the household of faith. God has a special care for His weak and vulnerable children, and so should we. The Bible says,

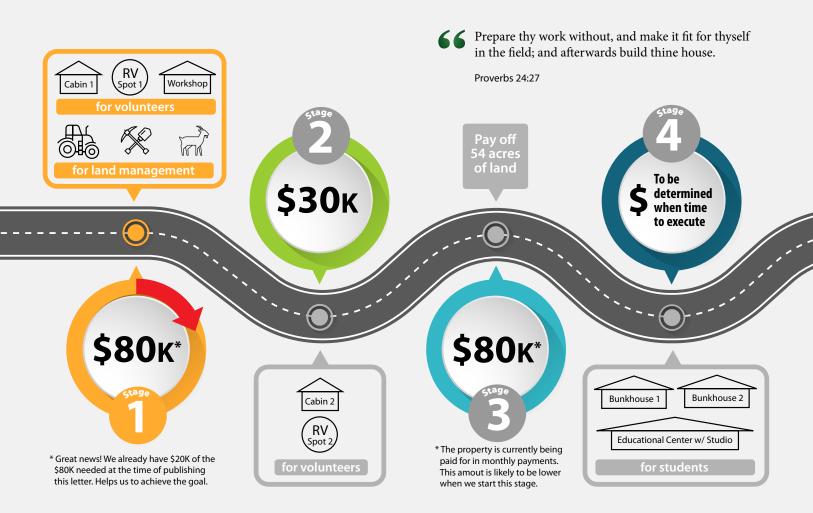
"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

"As the members of a true family care for one another, ministering to the sick, supporting the weak, teaching the ignorant, training the inexperienced, so is 'the household of faith' to care for its needy and helpless ones. Upon no consideration are these to be passed by." *The Ministry of Healing*, 201.

This is a glimpse of our vision and mission. And now that we have an outpost from which to better implement the plan, we are ready for the next destination of our road trip.

## Our Roadmap

The building up of the campground is a priority, and this will be done in four stages. Each stage will take time to accomplish, but we must move forward as the pillar of cloud leads the way. And although some of the stages may intermingle, here is an outline of each stage.





Our first stage will cost \$80,000 and we already have the first \$20,000 in place.

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## **Our Appeal**

When Moses was in the mount with God, he received the charge to gather freewill offerings from the children of Israel for the purpose of building a sanctuary for God. Moses, after receiving the plans of the sanctuary and its services, made an appeal to the people to bring their offerings on their own freewill. The response to that appeal was amazing. You can read it in Exodus 36:3-6. The children of Israel were so excited to act there part in supporting God's work, that they willingly gave much more than what was initially needed. Consequently, they were told to cease their offerings. This is a lesson for us today. The Bible says,

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.

In light of the above plans we have for the ministry, we follow Moses' example in making an appeal for your support of the work.

You can donate today by clicking on your prefered way:





You can also mail a check/money order\* to:

The Counsel of Prophecy PO Box 222 Evening Shade, AR 72532 \*Please mark as **building project** if using Paypal or check. Unspecified donations will be used where needed.

I know there are various voices calling for your support today, and they all may be doing a wonderful work for God. Therefore, I want to especially thank you if you consider supporting us.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Demario Carter