

Being part of a community where there is laughter, sharing, truth, love, visits, food and gifts fills our hearts to help manage life's challenges. Fellowship in healthy churches is like that and fills our hearts to go to people who don't know Jesus. People outside the faith are usually quite embedded in other ideas and dependencies and it requires thought and effort, prayer and sacrifice for them to come to Jesus.



Traditional style, by hand, and lots of chemicals

Years ago I began making friends with farmers at the weekly market. These were people who hold my respect. Sandy teases that I can never do the market quickly because I have to talk to everybody. But these are solid, hard working, practical, fun people. How can you not talk to them? I have visited some on their farms to get to know them. We converse about life and faith issues as relevant. We have seen some significant answers to prayers for their needs. We connect across cultures - Canadian and Latino, city and country. This connection is growing.

When Covid shut stuff down I put my hand to the plough physically to develop our 3 acre finca to take care of coming economic needs. I took over after a local farmer had poured the poisons to it and began a process of soil restoration, planting and building. I sold a motorbike and an old BMW, bought a tractor and a pickup, planted trees, put in contours, ponds, building sites and took courses in organic agriculture. I found out how to detoxify the soils and build them back to living healthy productivity. I'm surprised how many locals are turning to organic farming. Some have serious larger scale operations. Others like me are planting for small scale, less intensive, sustainable permaculture.

A vibrant community is forming that opens new doors for visits, sharing stuff and making new friends. I'm taking it slowly and prayerfully to interweave myself into this social fabric. I've decided to apply for citizenship in Costa Rica after all and the next few years are critical. There could be real distress as support ends or a new economy can be developed along with deepening



Grandson Xavier on the finca



Organic Agriculture class pic

relationships, new disciples and continuing ministry. I'm working hard for the better scenario, building social acceptance with the community. (1 Thes. 4:11,12) Along with visiting others to acquire and share organic materials, plants and and knowledge I have also helped a few with photobiomodulation (near infrared lights for relieving pain and for healing. It really is amazing how pain relief opens hearts along with sharing mulberry plantings, home made jam and not least, words of faith and encouragement.

Pray for the resources and finances for construction on the finca. We need to build to get the project sustainable or rather get it

sustaining us. Our purpose is to continue a life work in making disciples using the Through the Bible project to support it. Greatly reduced mission income has slowed this while the many critical needs that make it urgent have increased. To restate what it is, the DNA school teaches through the Bible chronologically combined with the dynamic of disciple multiplication that is proven in some of the hardest fields in the World. The way the studies frame a Biblical Worldview is very helpful to living out the faith for missionaries and their disciples who definitely do not live in Christian cultures and for those living in post-Christian culture the tool is invaluable.

My uncle who was an early missionary in Quebec once told me, "Sometimes the Lord wants to work in us more than through us." Regarding being forced to put the development of the through the Bible discipling tool in low gear I have to consider this may be what is happening. To be clear, God doesn't need us. He loves us and by His grace He has let us see amazing miracles of transformation of lives and communities. To paraphrase scripture I've been meditating on, our lives are utterly wasted and lost without Him yet we walk by His grace and only believe. Let's pray to be faithful, to love and forgive one another as we work for the night is coming when man can work no more.



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