

# CAMP CURIOSITIES

Official Newsletter from The Promised Land  
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## PLAN IN MOTION

It's amazing to us to see what the Lord is doing and that the doors are actually opening for us to start our dream! For those that don't know, Mario was called to open a campground, primarily for youth, when HE was just a youth! (Check out our website for more information on that -> [www.promisedlandministry.org](http://www.promisedlandministry.org)) Let us fill you in on what the Lord has done in just the past several months.

Last Summer, while at Camp Victory with our teens, the Lord gave Mario 1 Kings 17:9. When he read that passage, he wondered, "Is the Lord telling me to go start my own camp?". He put his Bible away and carried on with his day, not giving it any more thought. Later that evening, during the service at camp, Bro George Griffis got up behind the pulpit and began to yell, "Get thee to Zarephath. If the Lord is telling you to do something, then do it!" \*Insert jaw drop\* Following that, the preacher, Bro Robbie Morrison preached a message entitled, "Well, I didn't see that coming" and closed his message out with the line, "don't you think it's about time you took a leap of faith?" (Close your mouth, there's more!)

These two incidents got us thinking, is God showing us it's finally time? We began praying more, yet, continued serving at our church while we waited to see what doors would open. It wasn't until this year that things began to line up for us to pursue this dream. Not knowing where to begin, we bought a map on Amazon, hung it in our bedroom and began praying over it. The Carolinas have always been somewhere I've prayed about and wanted to be. We prayed about that area specifically, seeing if God would clarify if that's the location.

We went to a revival meeting, near our home, during the summer and while we were there we met a Pastor from North Carolina. As Mario started talking to him, the pastor made the statement, "I have always wanted a campground in North Carolina. The camps we have nearby are just too expensive." "Wow", we thought. So we continued praying specifically about North Carolina now. My husband randomly got in contact with another pastor from NC who said the same thing the previous one did, "I have always wanted a Christian campground in North Carolina." It seemed like God was directing us to that state now.

We went home and stuck a pin right in North Carolina in the map we had hanging in our room. We considered living outside of Winston Salem but the more we thought about it, we could reach more people if we weren't next to the coast so we put the pin near Asheville, right in the little nook of the state next to Tennessee. I began to look on Google at land that was available and saw a city named Nebo that was right outside of Pisgah National Forest. The Lord brought to memory that that was mentioned in the Bible. Upon looking it up, I found that Mt. Nebo (also know as Pisgah) was the mountain God brought Moses up on to see the promised land. Which just so happens to be the name Mario has always wanted to name his camp. \*Hello God-bumps\* Oh but wait, there's more!

I began praying that God would give me a verse, just like he gave Mario 1 Kings. I figured He wouldn't give me that one because I was in the new testament at the time. So I did my devotions, didn't get anything, and put it away for the day. I pulled out my Sunday School lesson to study and guess what it was.. 1 Kings - Elijah and the widow woman. Maybe you're thinking, get thee to Zarephath sounds good but what does the widow woman have to do with anything? We shared all of this news with my mom, told her we're selling our house, going on the road and starting a camp. She told us, "I want you to live here with me while you travel and don't worry about a thing. I will take care of you guys." This is incredible on it's own but what makes it even more amazing is that my mom is a widow. Isn't it crazy how the Lord works?

For now, we will continue to serve at our church until the Spring. We will sell our home at that time and begin raising support. We have begun working with a realtor (which is an amazing story all of its own) and are going to checkout the area in November. We covet your prayers during this time. We want to follow the Lords leading and do His will. We are excited to see where He leads us.

Thank you for all of your love, prayers and support.

With love,  
Mario, Emily & Evelyn Chadinha



### Prayer Requests:

- The perfect land
- Godly wisdom in ALL decisions
- Wisdom for our realtor
- Selling of our house
- The right replacement at SLBC
- Raising support quickly
- Churches that would be interested in sending their members
- Good contacts for building of the property

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