... "Faithful Men" with responsibilities that would limit them from a "full-time" schedule. I feel like this is the best, most dedicated group of students I have ever been able to work with.

<u>Seminary Construction Progress</u> – There has been no progress since my last letter. Our lack of progress is simply due to lack of funds. As we sit, there has been a little over \$50,000 put into the project. \$20,000 of these funds are from personal loans we took out, approximately another \$25,000 was raised from individual supporters, and the balance came from the churches in Mexico and a handful of churches in the United States.

The property we purchased was larger than I had originally planned. In fact, the property is over double the square footage of the original plan. This amount was the minimum we could buy from this owner, he actually wanted us to buy five times the land. Although we got an excellent price per square foot, this still lead to higher costs all around.

After seeking the Lord's will for the past several months and talking with multiple counselors, I believe it is the Lord's will for us to sell half of our original land purchase. I should be able to sell this half and recoup about \$35,000.00 when you count the improvements we have already made. These funds would allow us to liquidate the loans and finish the first building for the Seminary. That building could be used right away. If a buyer wants to purchase the whole property, I would consider that as an option as well and purchase a smaller but finished building that could be adapted for the Seminary.

The only other option that I see as even possible, would be for me to leave the field for considerable time and raise the funds to finish the current project. I don't feel that is the correct path for us currently. There are too many on-going ministry projects to take into consideration.

If you want to discuss this further, please call or e-mail me.

I apologize for the length of this letter, but I hope you can see why it was necessary.

Prayer Requests: Health, Strength, Spiritual power, More laborers, Wisdom and Direction.

Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing!

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PS: Please pray for our sending pastor Bro. Charley O'Daniel, his wife Trela and our home church. He has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently exploring treatment options. As far a I understand he has a rare form of melanoma that has spread to several organs.