### The Hernandez Family

# From City People to Country Folks





When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

Genesis 19:15-17







### Background Info

- Worked for 16 years in a company that imports and distributes specialty foods
- My roles: accounts manager in sales and merchandising and to train newcomers to the company
- Territory included supermarket chains and Michelin star restaurants in the 5 boroughs in New York City
- Church Treasurer and Deacon





## Itinerary Day started at 5:30am

- Check and answer emails
- Check company's reports and inventory
- Confirm route for the day, watch news/weather
- Take kids to school
- Head to work
- Came back home in the evening





### Background Info

- Bachelor of Arts in Bilingual/Bicultural Elementary Education
- Liberal Studies in Mathematics, Science, and Technology specialized in Math
- Certification in Teaching English as a Second Language
- Pursuing a masters in education
- Church Secretary, AY Director, SS Superintendent, and Children's Class Sabbath School Teacher





### Itinerary

5:00am -7:00am Morning routine

8:00am - 3:15pm Work

3:30pm - 5:00pm Afterschool program

6:00pm - 9:00pm Evening routine





### Kids Itinerary

- Early drop off at 7am

- School Hours 8:15am-2:45pm

- After School Program until 6pm

- Evening Routine, sleep by 8:30pm





### Book Club in 2015

Preparation for the Final Crisis by Fernando Chaij

Uses passages from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy to organize the last day events leading up to the second coming.

The Lord started opening my eyes towards my children's education.



Many who profess to be Christ's followers have an anxious, troubled heart because they are afraid to trust themselves with God. They do not make a complete surrender to Him, for they shrink from the consequences that such a surrender may involve. Unless they do make this surrender they cannot find peace.

The Ministry of Healing, pg 480.3





### Thinking Process Before We Moved

The building where we resided was put on sale

Excuses to stay in the city

- rent somewhere else

- hotel optionspurchase a condoLast quarter of the year

"More and more, as time advances, our people will have to leave the cities. For years we have been instructed that our brethren and sisters, and especially families with children, should plan to leave the cities as the way opens before them to do so. Many will have to labor earnestly to help open the way. Country Living, pg 24.4



## The Lord had made Provision ahead of time!

2017 Visited friends and family in TN

2018 Land was purchased

2019 Camper was purchased 3 weeks prior to move





### Job Dilema

#### Move to TN with

- Perfect job proposal
  - financial stability
  - familiarity with job description
  - background knowledge
  - o confidence

#### Move to TN with

- No job
  - financial insecurity
  - o afraid to the unknown
  - uncertainty
  - worry





### Predicament

Homeschool in the City/Resignation letter

Emails to School Principal

Letters to District Superintendent

Constant HR emails and phone calls

Threatened to revoke my teaching license

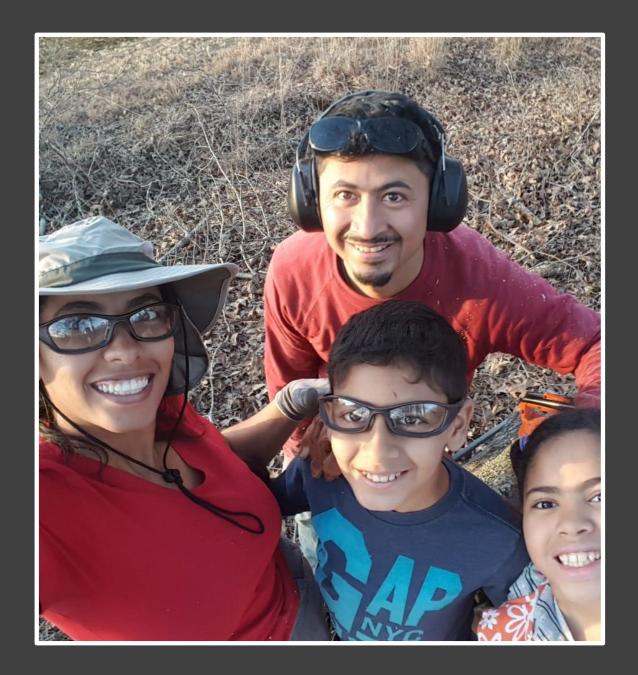


"There are many whose hearts are aching under a load of care because they seek to reach the world's standard. They have chosen its service, accepted its perplexities, adopted its customs. Thus their character is marred and their life made a weariness. The continual worry is wearing out the life forces. Worry is blind and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief." The Ministry of Healing, pg 481.1



After much prayers we took the decision to move to our property, from New Jersey to Tennessee... and this is where our story of country living begins.









### Gardening Experience

Through the Weeds and Briers



















Christ loved to gather the people about Him under the blue heavens, on some grassy hillside, or on the beach beside the lake. Here, surrounded by the works of His own creation, He could turn their thoughts from the artificial to the natural. In the growth and development of nature were revealed the principles of His kingdom. The Ministry of Healing, pg 54.1

















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Prepare your outside work,

Make it fit for yourself in the field;

And afterward build your house.

Proverbs 24:27





## House Building Project



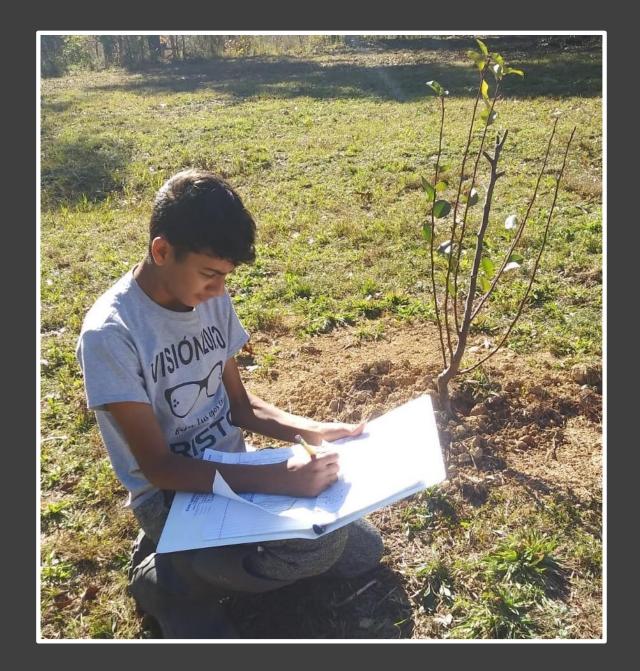






The Holy Scriptures are the perfect standard of truth, and as such should be given the highest place in education. To obtain an education worthy of the name, we must receive a knowledge of God, the Creator, and of Christ, the Redeemer, as they are revealed in the sacred word. Education, pg 17.1

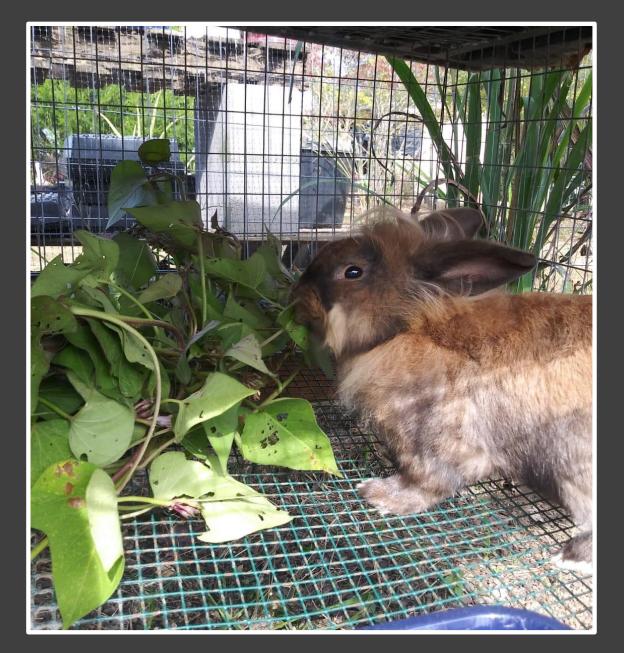
### Homeschooling





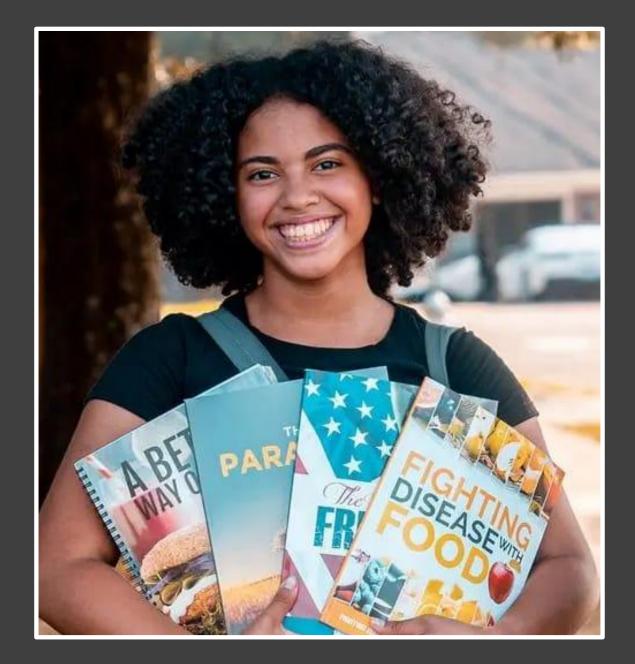
















### Homeschooling

It is the work of true education to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought. Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation. Education, pg 17.2





During His ministry Jesus lived to a great degree an outdoor life. His journeys from place to place were made on foot, and much of His teaching was given in the open air. In training His disciples He often withdrew from the confusion of the city to the quiet of the fields, as more in harmony with the lessons of simplicity, faith, and self-abnegation He desired to teach them. The Ministry of Healing, pg 52.2







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