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Matthew 17:20

He said to them ... "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (NRSV)



Needed: A Mountain Moving Miracle in Central Florida

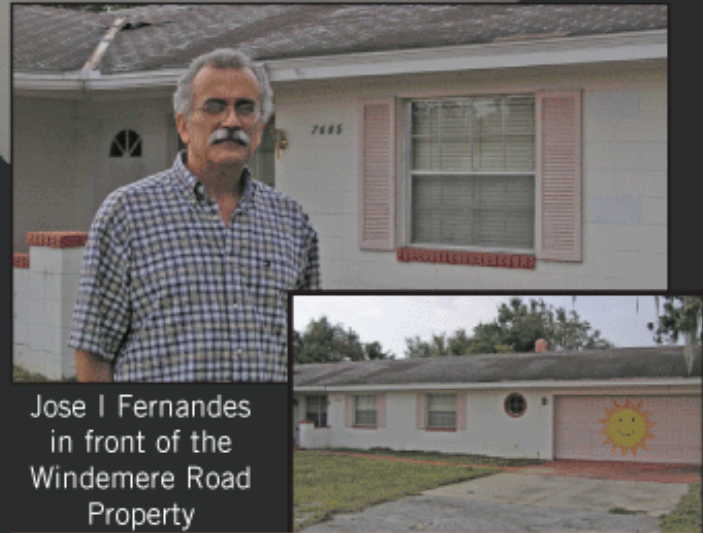
Jose Ignacio Fernandes and the El Shaddai Christian Church have set their eyes on purchasing a parcel of land just a hair under an acre to serve as a worship and missions operational center to serve Hisportic or Portuguese-speaking persons living in Orlando and across the state of Florida.

Ideal Property - \$670,000

The property is located at 7685 Conroy Windermere Road. It is just minutes away from Universal Studios Theme Park. The owner purchased the property for \$155,000 in 1992. Today, he's asking \$670,000 for the land. And, there is no lack of buyers—some want the land for professional offices, others for multiple units housing. For the members of the El Shaddai Church, however, it is a long sought after site where they can worship God and serve the many needs of Brazilians and other Portuguese-speaking peoples who live in Orlando.

Jose "Joe" Fernandes, who leads the church, foresees a great ministry to the Portuguese-speaking community. "With this property," he says, "we can

- Provide a place of worship for 250 persons,
- Gather people for fellowship, banquets and special events



Jose I Fernandes
in front of the
Windermere Road
Property

- Operate a medical and dental clinic for the needy
- Run a day care facility where parents can leave their children in a healthy and safe environment
- Open a prayer room around the clock

Needed: Another Miracle

Last September when the property owner accepted a "rent to buy" agreement with the church, the members of the congregation were jubilant. It was a Miracle, an answer to prayer. Now, as the March 31 deadline approaches with its requirement of a \$20,000 down payment, the church needs another miracle.

This valiant band of prayer warriors prays without ceasing at their church's regular meetings and during their Friday night Prayer Vigils. They have raised a portion of the funds needed but are a

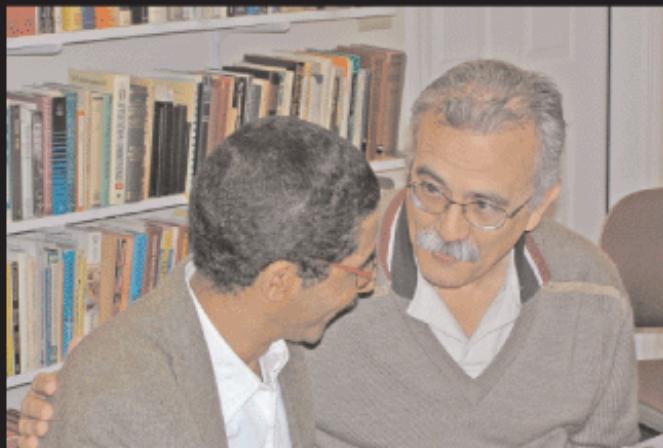
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long way from the \$670,000 the owner is expecting. Every member is financially committed to the project, but honestly, their resources aren't enough.

Long ago, my wife Gail had a dream of studying theology at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. As she pondered the cost and wondered where the dollars would come from, she received timely sage advice from Roy Carter a member of the church she served as youth director. "Tell as many people as possible about your need and God will provide the resources."

Today this prayer update is dedicated to "telling as many people as possible" about the need of the El Shaddai Christian Church. It is written and sent in the belief that God will answer the need through someone reading these words.



Above: Jose I Fernandes speaking with Manuel
Right: Jose Fernandes speaking to Church Planters Conference

Today's Urgent Need Missions-Minded Investors

Today's urgent need is to discover missions-minded investors seeking eternal rewards. Investing in El Shaddai's ministry will result in lives touched by the transforming power of Christ. It will also bring a return in interest earned on the monies invested. People willing to help or needing more information may write, call or e-mail the following persons

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Please Pray for ~

\$670,000 needed by El Shaddai Christian Church to purchase the property on Conroy Windermere Road.

Northern Virginia Hisportic Church Planting Conference, Antioch Christian Church, Manassas, VA
- March 12, 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Answers to Prayers

NEWPORT, RI. Philadelphia Christian Church led by pastors Geova & Rosaneide Moura begins at Middletown.

BROCKTON, MA. Paulo Tavares begins cultivation for new congregation to be called International Christian Church.

ASTORIA, NY. Marcelo de Lima launches Light for the World Christian Church.

WOONSOCKET, RI. HCM Ministers approve a National Hisportic Convention June 24-26 in New York State.