2022 Trade-school Ministry Project

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Indigenous Trade-School Ministry Project Proposal

Project Summary

Village men who are tired of drugs ruining their lives are coming to the knowledge of Christ and are joining the Christian church in Capacuaro, Michoacan. United with the church, our goal to help these men is to build and run a trade-school ministry; equipping them with a trade and skills needed to provide for their families in a drug free environment, and creating opportunities to disciple them through God's word.

Vision: To foster excellent work ethic for local youth and adults who have struggled with drug addiction, alcoholism and a complicated background, offering them an identity in family and friendship. Walking with them in the process of full restoration; equipping them with a vision for life and a dignified job, empowering them to be connected to a healthy community where they can heal and grow.

Mission: To run a trade-school with workshops for both youth and adults; investing time in them in a dignified and intentional way, offering training and understanding while imparting values and principles so they may be equipped to operate a viable business as a result of their training in tool operation, business planning and development, and customer service skills.

We will offer workshops in:

- Carpentry
- Welding
- Electricity
- Automotive Mechanic
- Automotive body repair/painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Drawing
- Clothing Fabrication
- Music
- Language
- Computer skills

Project need background:

Scott and Isabel Somerville are serving as full-time YWAM missionaries with the Purépecha people group in western Mexico. They are passionate to see God's dreams and visions fulfilled through local indigenous believers. They are partnering with Pastor Camilo Salmeron, pastor of the local Christian church of Capacuaro, Michoacan and helping to build and run several outreach ministries in the Purepecha highland region. For 15 years the Purépecha "Abundant Life" church of Capacuaro, Michoacan have prayed about how to reach the young adults who are being lured into drug and alcohol abuse; sometimes causing users to associate with violent drug cartels. They see urgent need to provide job opportunities away from influences that can cause a return to a life of drugs.

As of January, 2022, there are 7 men waiting to get started on the path to restoration from drug abuse through the trade-school ministry. Our team is ready to walk alongside them on the path of restoration.

Personnel

Trade-school director: Responsible for facility management, assigning/equipping trade-school teachers, creating course calendar schedules. Serves as the representative of the trade-school before the Board of Directors of Peoples with Purpose, a non-profit organization.

Trade-school teachers: Responsible for creating/submitting curriculum for class course-work, running class workshop for the prospective course calendar schedule, administrating students, tool management.

Before we launch the trade-school ministry project, our goal is to have a trade-school director, and a carpentry trade-school teacher in place ready to begin class. For 2023 our goal is to add two more trade-school teachers, opening up trade classes for welding, and automotive repair.

Budget

Trade-school start up budget

Buildings:
Container Workshop: 20,000 USD
Brick Classrooms/Care-taker's house facility: 85,000 USD

Infrastructure:
Road improvement: 1,570 USD
Electricity: 2,000 USD
Septic system: 1,000 USD

Admin costs: 5,430 USD

Total start-up budget: 115,000 USD

Operations budget {August 2022 - August 2024}

Staff Salaries: 60 USD/Month or 720 USD/Year
Course materials: 300 USD/Month or 2,700 USD/Year
Total Operations Budget: 360 USD/Month or 4,320 USD/Year

Anticipated Sustainability

We project that after the first two years of running the trade-school, what is created in class can be sold for profit in local markets and shops, thus supplementing for the purchase of further class materials and staff salaries, up to 50% of total materials cost and staff salaries. Our five year goal for the trade-school is to be 90% sustainable through the sale of locally crafted goods.

Important components for the success of the trade-school

- Infrastructure: in 2021 in preparation for the trade-school project, we procured a legal deed of private ownership of the land, installed a perimeter cyclone fence around the property (providing safety), and graded the building site where the classrooms and workshop will be built. We have running water on-site, and have begun the process of getting electricity run out to the property.
- To effectively manage tools and provide overall safety we will need a watchman and his family living on the premises of the trade-school at all times.
- We will need Classrooms/workshops large enough for each trade offered, for teachers and students.
- Tools compatible with the classes offered.
- A willingness of the trade-school teachers to invest in people, imparting values and work ethic through their example.
- Personnel equipped through the following classes; finance management, business management, job readiness, trade skills, Biblical discipleship.

Detailed time-line before project launch:

2022

February - April

- Fund-raise
- Prepare the building site, improve roads

April - May

- Begin construction on the classrooms/staff house; install septic, electric, rain water catching system
- Begin construction of the container shop building

June - July

- Plan classes, establish class work calendar, plan discipleship method.
- Finish construction of classrooms/staff house, and container shop building
- Watchman’s family moves into finished staff house.

August

- Invite students (7 candidates ready to start).
- Run the trade-school. First Carpentry course graduation date August: 2023

Anticipated outcomes:

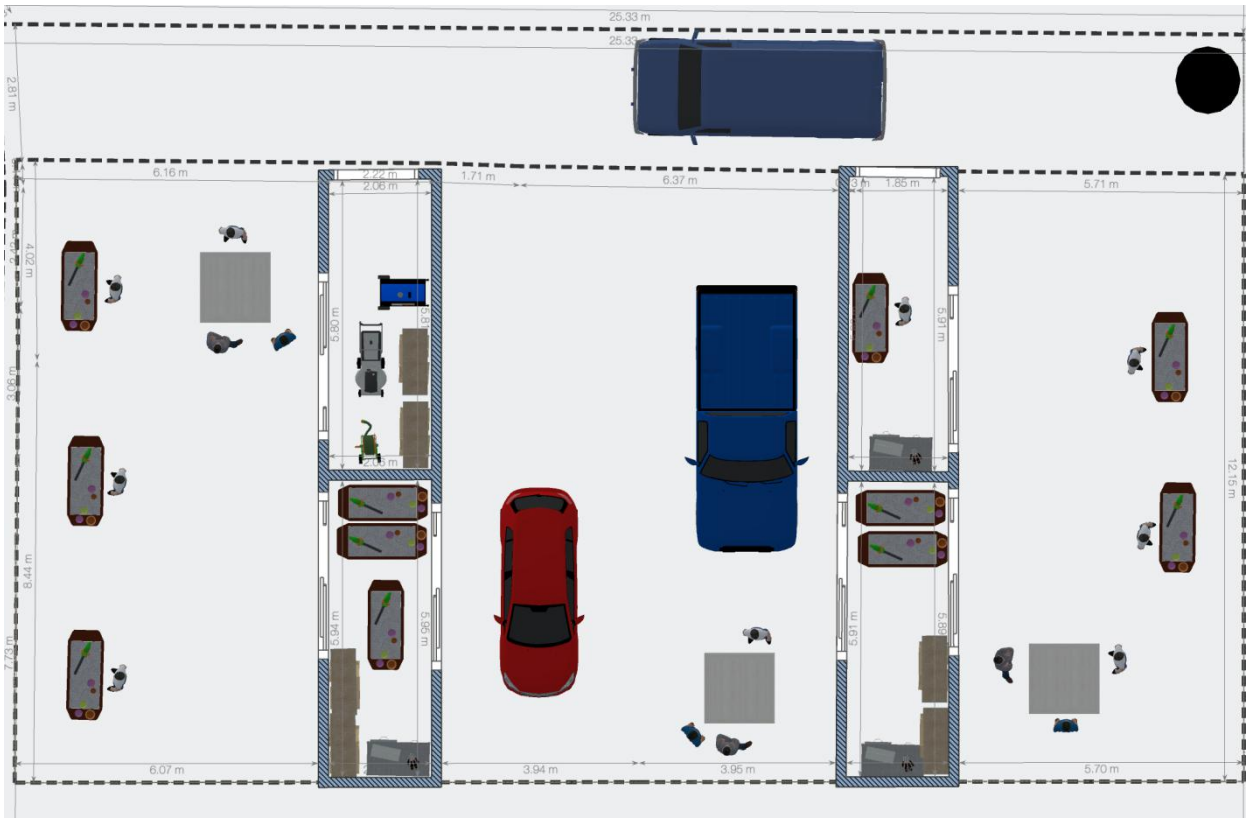
For the 2022- 2023 trade-school course, we will offer a Carpentry course with a maximum number of 10 students. Our goal is to see our students set free from addictions, walking in freedom from drugs, trained in sustainable livelihoods, providing for their families, discipled through God's word, and living as agents of change in the community.

Simultaneously to the trade-school Carpentry course beginning August, 2022, we will begin to run other classes in the classrooms such as: Arts & Crafts, Drawing, and Embroidery.

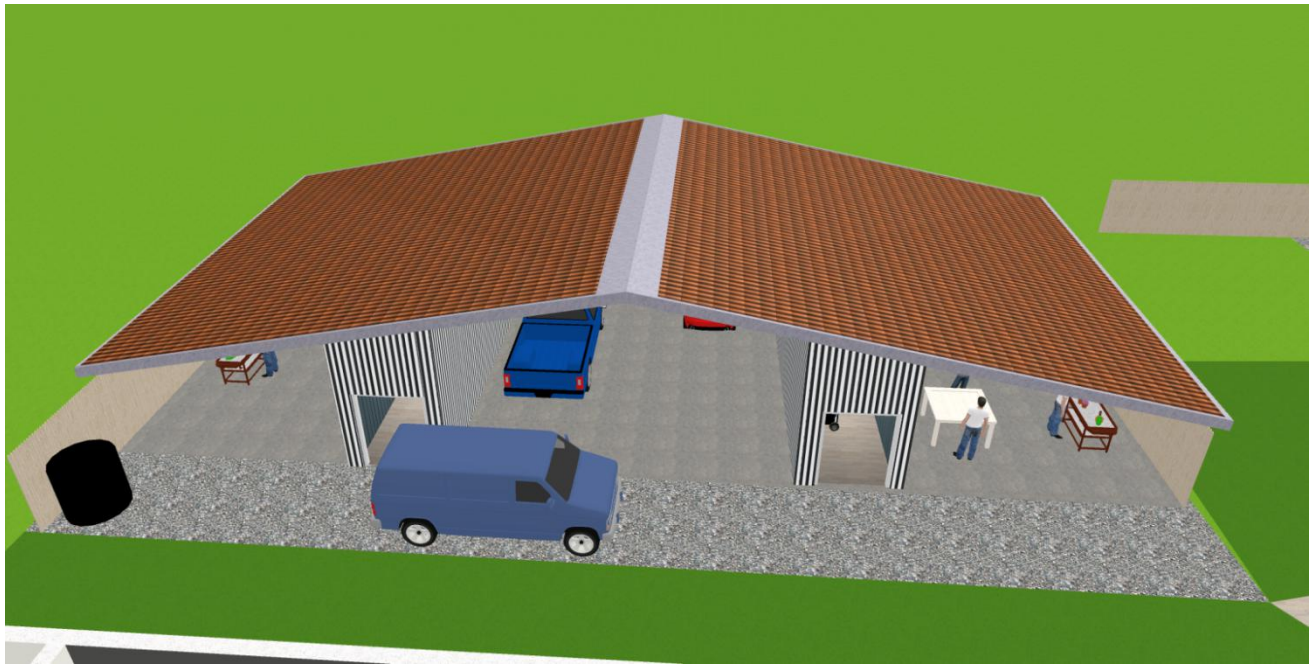
The trade-school will be built on a 2 and a half acre piece of land owned by the "Abundant Life" Church of Capacuaro, Michoacan (property layout pictured below). Trade school outline (yellow rectangle bottom-right), class-rooms/staff house #1 outline (blue rectangle bottom-right). Perimeter fence (red out-line), access roads (orange and teal), Front Gate (yellow).

Concept art

Our trade-school will consist of two buildings; the workshop and the classrooms/staff house. The shop building will be built off the design pictured below with shipping containers as the main supports for the roof, however there will be three roofed work areas as the below concept design shows.

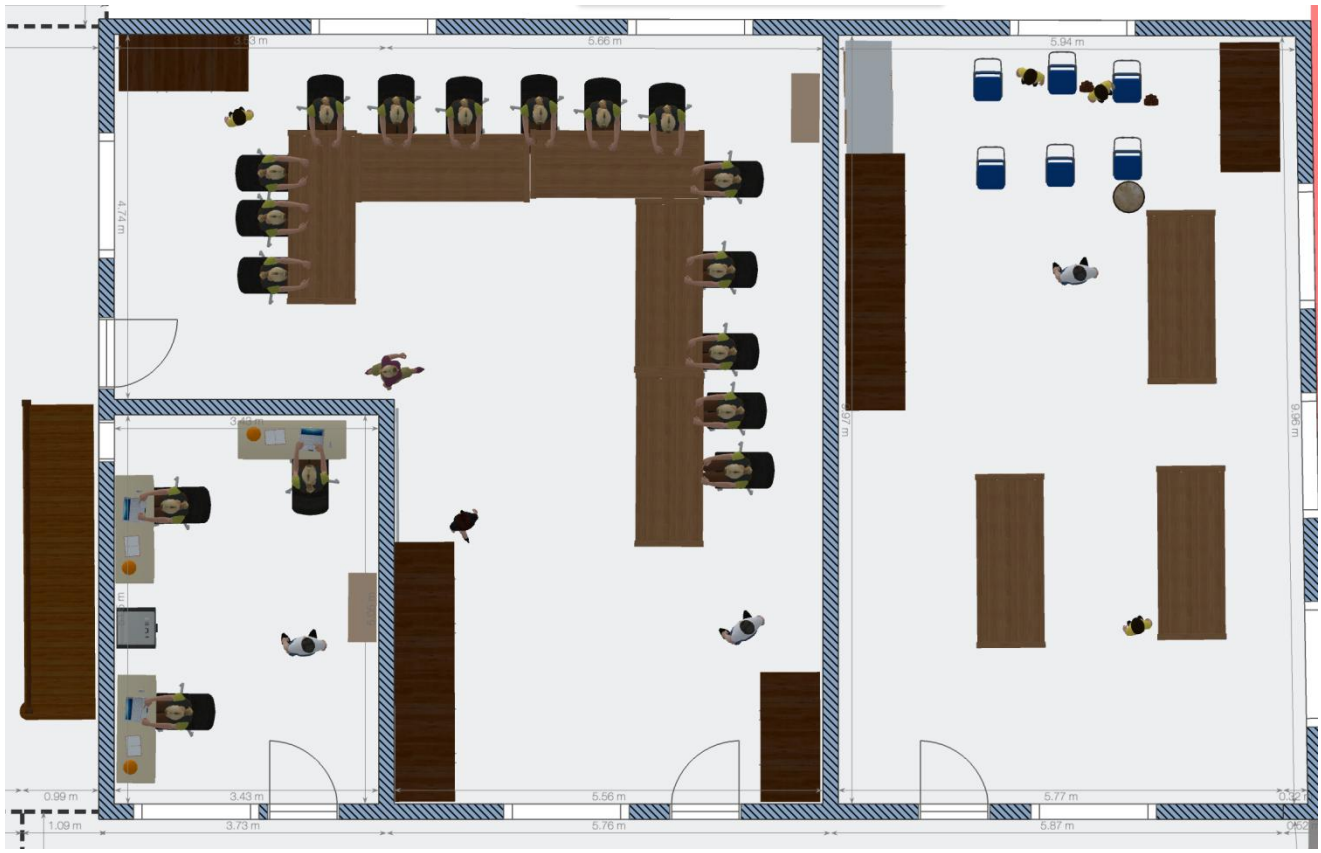


3D model of container shop: frontal view with roof/without roof



Graded construction site for container shop
Front view of perimeter fence

3D model of classrooms/staff-house: side view, frontal view.
1st floor: 2 classrooms, 1 office space
2nd floor: 3 bedroom, 2 bath Staff house.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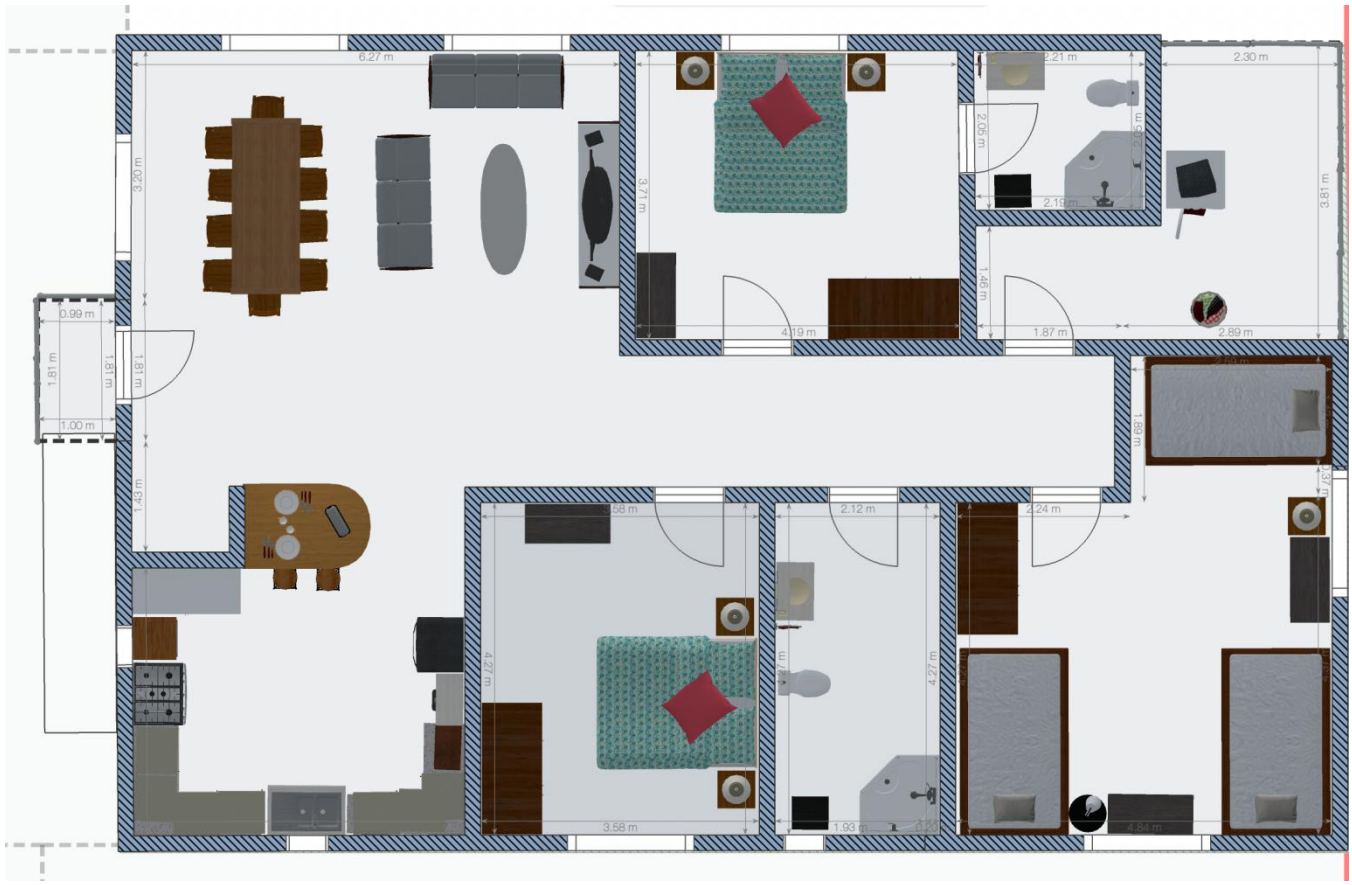
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Construction site for classrooms/staff house

Contact Information

Thank you for reading this proposal for a new ministry trade-school initiative for 2022, and for praying for us as we continue to operate and push forward in ministry for the glory of God and the expansion of His kingdom among the Purépechas of Michoacan, Mexico.

For tax deductible donations towards the 2022 Trade-school project, please see our online project page below.

https://www.givetransform.org/hmexico-trade-school.html

To contact Scott Somerville for more questions about the trade-school, the 2022 project vision, prayer needs, etc. use the email below, or call or text.

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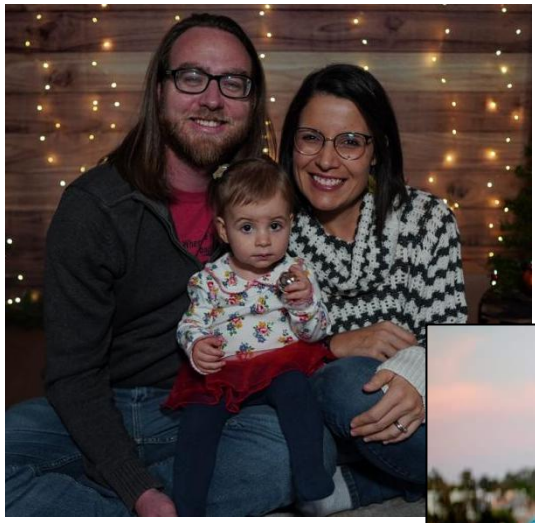

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