

Monastery in Buena Vista: Dream

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In the early morning of the July 15th 2015 I had a dream where I was leading a project in the building of a medieval styled cathedral with very high ceilings in the main sanctuary. The construction was of cut stone in the traditional style. In the dream, the project was funded by a very rich couple from Russia who wanted to use their vast wealth to benefit the Orthodox faith in which they were raised. I was functioning as an Orthodox bishop in this dream and I was to lead the church as its bishop when the construction was completed. As I stood in the large sanctuary, I observed it was near complete and ready for services.

As I was awakening, I asked the Lord where this was to occur. Immediately I saw the words written across my vision and heard the words "Buena Vista."

Within a few days, I had packed up all that I had from a ranch that Saint Michaels Abbey had recently sold and hauled it to Buena Vista, Colorado and put it in storage with some more stuff stored in an old school bus that I drove to Buena Vista. This I did mostly alone but did have some help from friends. Within a day of being there, I contacted an Anglican Mission church called Oak Street Chapel also known as the Anglican Church of the Savior and met with the rector of the church and started attending. Within a month of my being there the congregation had divided, the rector fired with most leaving while a few Episcopalians stayed to assure they retained control of the million dollar facility. The newly elected bishop quickly got involved and locked everyone out of the buildings except for a few.

I then moved to a ranch with my wagon that is owned by the former pastor of the church now 93 years old in seeking to find a place where my dream might be fulfilled. I realized early on the Cathedral was not the building of an actual cathedral structure but was metaphoric for the coming together of a community of believers who shared much in common and prepared for more difficult times. I do believe the core for this community will be a School of Prophets that I am calling a monastery.

At the ranch, the reception of this dream was with mixed commitment. Actually only one couple thought it was right. In time it was shown the rest at the ranch as extended family as brothers and sisters living there were there primarily to make money from the renters and other business ventures from the property. It had once been a ministry in the 1970's but today, it is strictly a business. It became clear this was not the place where a true Christian community could develop where many things were shared in common.

Although I am away for the winter since it gets 35 below zero there, I have left my bus and continue to pay for 10' X 20' storage in Buena Vista with the hopes a place will be shown for the development of a community in due time. I do not think the dream was misleading but it is a matter of timing and patience. In the Spring, I will return to see if a property may be available for the development of a loving Christian community that I understand to be God's plan for the area.