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“Shall not the cities be warned? Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by their visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth.”—Letter 182, 1902. How can we be directed by the Spirit to find our country property as a mission center for God's last day message? We will discover practical steps that can help us find our ideal, God-directed, country home.





# PERSONAL PREPARATION

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1. **Spiritual preparation/Bible Study and Prayer**
  - A. **Submit your will and plans to God**



# PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with  
all thine heart; and lean  
not unto thine own  
understanding. In all thy  
ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy  
paths.



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  - B. **If you live in the city be a witness there**
  - C. **Read “Country Living”**



# CAUTION

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Let there be nothing done in a disorderly manner, that there shall be a great loss or sacrifice made upon property because of ardent, impulsive speeches which stir up an enthusiasm which is not after the order of God, that a victory that was essential to be gained, shall, for lack of level-headed moderation and proper contemplation and sound principles and purposes, be turned into a defeat. CL27



# SPREAD OR COLONIZE?

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It is not the purpose of  
God that His people  
should colonize or settle  
together in large  
communities. 8T 244.3





# FIRST THING WHEN CHOOSING A HOME?

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In choosing a home,  
God would have us  
consider, first of all,  
the moral and  
religious influences  
that will surround us  
and our families. . .  
PP 169.1





# THINGS TO CONSIDER

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## 1. The moral and religious influence of the place





# CALLING OR WORLDLY ADVANTAGE?

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The lay members of our churches can accomplish a work which, as yet, they have scarcely begun. None should move into new places merely for the sake of worldly advantage; but [1] where there is an opening to obtain a livelihood, [2] let families that are well grounded in the truth enter, one or two families in a place, to work as missionaries. They should feel a love for souls, a burden of labor for them, and should make it a study how to bring them into the truth. They can distribute our publications, hold meetings in their homes, become acquainted with their neighbors, and invite them to come to these meetings. Thus they can let their light shine in good works.— CL 22.2



# IF IT IS IN THE STATES

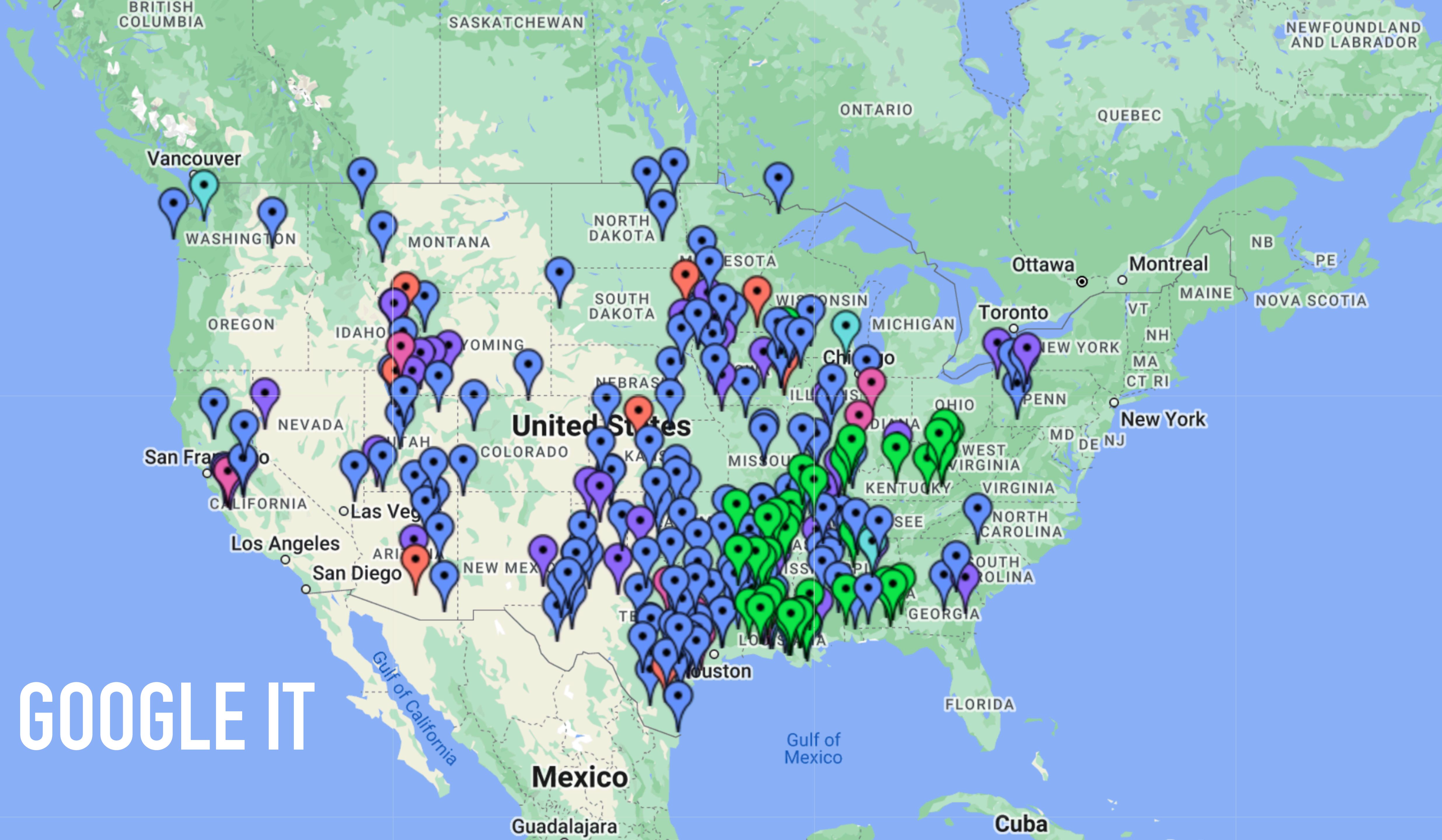
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There are cities with  
5000 people where we  
don't have a church  
yet. How do I find  
those areas of  
mission?





GOOGLE IT







## Countries A-Z ▾

## Groups ▾

 **MAP**

 **INTERESTING**

 **Q+A**

# 23 UNREACHED COUNTRIES



# OUTSIDE SOME TOWN

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# HE HAS A PLACE FOR YOU!

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“Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry. . . Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God. COL 326



# THINGS TO CONSIDER

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1. The moral and religious influence of the place
2. Your home is to be a calling to mission
3. Finding a way to make an income in the country–  
Internet connection





# PROVERBS 5:15

Drink waters out of  
thine own cistern,  
and running waters  
out of thine own well.



# ARE THINGS ON EARTH VALUABLE?

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[A site for a sanitarium] The atmosphere is pure, and the water is pure. A beautiful stream runs right through our land from north to south. This stream is a treasure more valuable than gold or silver. The building sites are upon fine elevations, with excellent drainage. 2MR 145.5



# CHECK OUT THE REGULATIONS ON USING WATER

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Some areas allow you to use streams and springs and others don't. Someone on an adjacent property may have water rights from your land. Sharing water can, at times, cause trouble.

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# **WE DRILLED A WELL**

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**A spring or a creek is great but not a necessity.  
Keep in mind if you need an Ag well it will be  
significantly more expensive.**

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4. Water source





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**[Quote connected to a Sanitarium Work] “Land is a valuable possession.” Testimonies Vol 7 p. 102**

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4. Water source
5. Land for cultivation





# RAISING PROVISIONS

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Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one.  
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- FIND OUT HOW DEEP THE TOPSOIL IS**
- OFTEN THERE IS NO AGRICULTURE IN AN AREA FOR A REASON**
- IT CAN ALWAYS BE A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE A FARMER ALONG IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO MAKE A LIVING ON AGRICULTURE**



- FIND OUT WHAT IS GROWN IN THE AREA**
- YOU MAY NOT HAVE TIME FOR A SOIL TEST**
- MADISON FARM WAS THE PERFECT PLACE WITH IMPERFECT SOIL**



**“THE WALDENSES HAD SACRIFICED THEIR WORLDLY PROSPERITY FOR THE TRUTH'S SAKE, AND WITH PERSEVERING PATIENCE THEY TOILED FOR THEIR BREAD. EVERY SPOT OF TILLABLE LAND AMONG THE MOUNTAINS WAS CAREFULLY IMPROVED; THE VALLEYS AND THE LESS FERTILE HILLSIDES WERE MADE TO YIELD THEIR INCREASE. ECONOMY AND SEVERE SELF-DENIAL FORMED A PART OF THE EDUCATION WHICH THE CHILDREN RECEIVED AS THEIR ONLY LEGACY.” GC 67.3**



**THIS QUOTE SHOWS THE WALDENSES  
DID NOT HAVE THE “IDEAL” LAND  
BECAUSE THEY HAD TO IMPROVE THE  
LAND AND EVEN GROW FOOD ON THE  
HILLSIDES. SOMETIMES OUR IDEAL  
PROPERTY MAY NOT BE IDEAL.**















# HOW MUCH LAND?

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1. Food for family, market gardener, farmer?
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4. Water source
5. Land for cultivation
6. Build, or already established– High ground





NOTHING WRONG WITH RENTING BUT . . .

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The sense of being owners  
of their own homes would  
inspire them with a strong  
desire for improvement. AH  
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# WHERE WILL YOU LIVE?





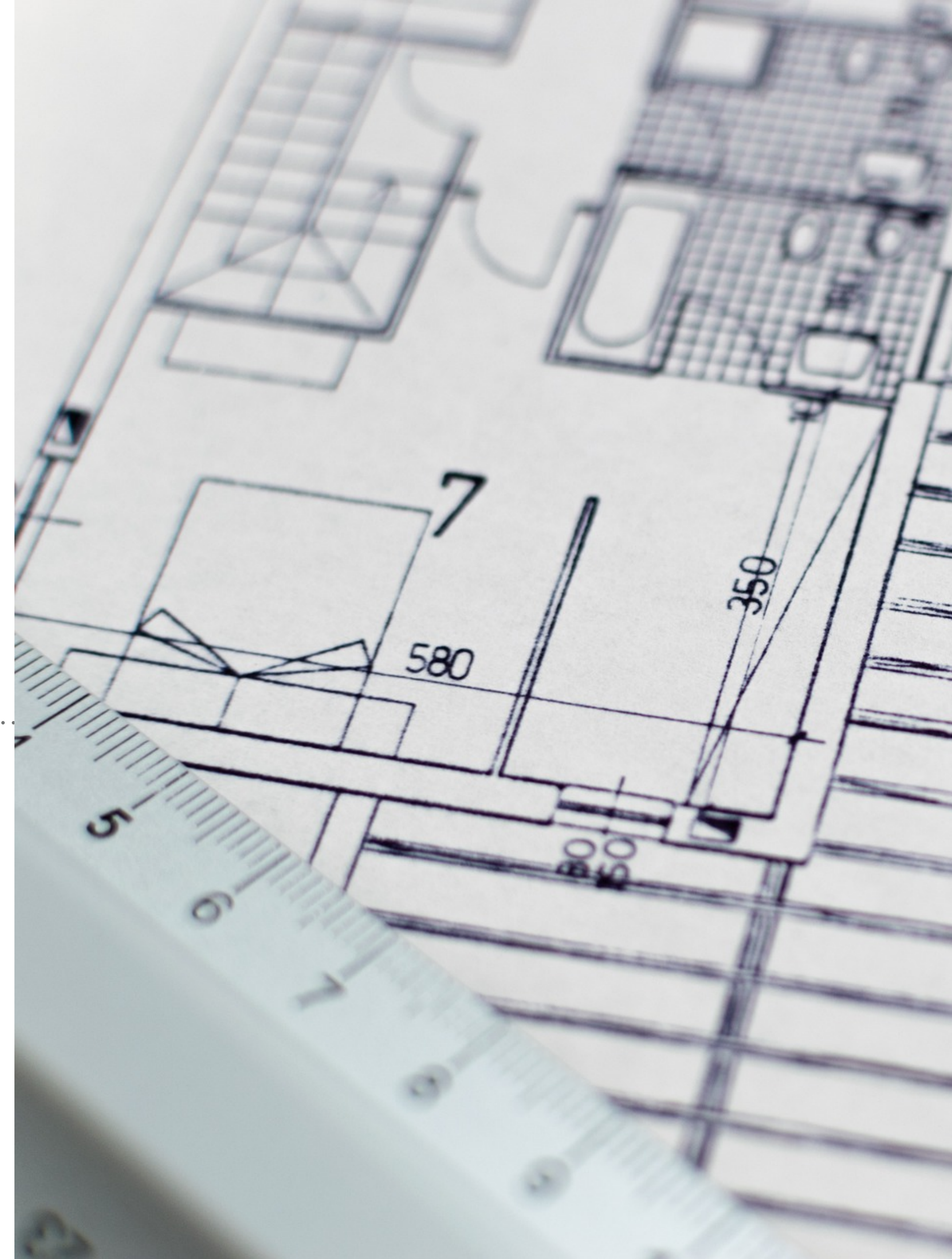




# SAVING MONEY ON A HOUSE

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The (CLMA) Construction Labor Market Analyzer says that approximately 20-40% of the cost of building a house is labor.





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7. Mobile/Stick/Uncommon





# THINGS TO CONSIDER

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- 8. Legalities – zoning, size restriction, greenhouse size, Etc. Some states or areas in states are very restrictive.
- 9. Utilities: grid-tied, hybrid, or off-grid– Cost of bringing it in.
- 10. Trees for heating in colder climates – Heating Method
- 11. Do you want animals for plowing or fertilizer? Need land
- 12. Go look at land or properties even if you don't have money





# A TRAINING FOR WITNESSING

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They should be constantly learning how to secure a variety of treasures from the earth. The people should learn as far as possible to depend upon the products that they can obtain from the soil. In every phase of this kind of labor they can be educating the mind to work for the saving of souls for whom Christ has died. {FE 325.1}



A landscape photograph featuring a large, dark, rounded tree standing alone in a vast, green field. The field is filled with tall grass or crops. In the background, a dense line of trees stretches across the horizon. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, some dark and some illuminated with a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

**WILL YOU GO WHERE GOD CALLS?**