



## Binks Bus – A 1998 Blue Bird International

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Tired of paying \$1,450 in rent and barely being able to make ends meet, we knew we had to make a change. After seeing so many people online make a change for the better in their lives, we knew we had to do the same. We started looking into tiny houses on wheels and talking to builders. We spent hours drawing up and critiquing the layout to give to a builder.

Every time we got a price estimate, we were quoted around \$120k after adding solar and water tanks. It was okay because the builders told us that a new company was coming to the US that financed tiny homes and could give us a 30 years loan, just like a regular house mortgage. That was fine with us because even after having kids, we planned on living in it.

During that time, we moved out of our two-bedroom, two-bath apartment and into an old RV for six months to save money. This place was in bad shape, one of the previous tenants died, and the partner ran off and left the dog locked inside.

Thankfully after several days, a neighbor rescued the dog. The carpets were not so lucky! We knew it would take lots of work cleaning up the RV, but that shows you how desperate we were to get out of our financial situation.

We signed a six month lease. We rented an RV for six months for two reasons: one to save money and two to test and see if we could go tiny. Our goal was to get our tiny home before the lease was up, but before we knew it, our time was running out, and still no word from the loan

company. We were ghosted and couldn't get any information.

A tiny house show came to town, and we started asking questions. We kept hearing that the company was in trouble because of issues with the sending funds to America. Some builders had built homes for some of their loan clients. It was a real mess!

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