



San Jose, Nicaragua
Village Plan FY2008 (July 2007 - June 2008):

Community Organization

Objective: *Create and strengthen the organization of the community to permit positive development, under principles of equity and love of God.*

Title	Expected Results	Activities	Time
Partnerships	The families will sign agreements with two governmental organizations	Establish alliances with the local government Ministry of Education and the Health Center	Nov 07, Feb 08, Apr 08, Jun 08
Evaluation	The families will recognize the negative and positive aspects of their situation and seek solutions	Hold quarterly and annual evaluations	Aug 07, Oct 07, Jan 08, May 08
Community Participation	The families will actively participate in the organization process	Four community assemblies for planning, evaluation and election of leadership	Sep 07, Dec 07
	Twenty men and women will complete activities that support the community development	Hold four discussions on the importance of organization, types of leadership, conflict resolution and gender equality	Nov 07, Feb 08, Apr 08, Jun 08
Mission & Vision	The families contribute to the planning and evaluation process to fulfill their vision and mission	Training in values-based planning and fulfillment of the mission and vision	Jan 08
Land Ownership	The families will gain in-depth knowledge related to the sustainable use of land	Workshop on environmental stewardship	Nov 07

Sustainable Economic Growth

Objective: Increase incomes of the families, through training and active participation in diverse production projects that will permit self-sustainability and allow the families to repay all their loan obligations.

Title	Expected Results	Activities	Time
Livestock Project	The farmers will sow new varieties of pasture grass to initiate a livestock project	Plant pastures of Taiwan and King grass	May 08, July 08
		Purchase cattle feed and nutrients for the dry season	Jan 08
		Training in livestock care and use of the veterinary kit	Sep 07, Feb 08
Environmental Conservation	The families will reforest the river bank	Purchase coffee plants and establish nurseries	Jul 07, Jan 08
	Three families will plant fast-growing trees around crops as protection	Plant trees around crops that will serve as windbreaker and prevent soil erosion	Jun 07
	The families will work to replenish the environment	Establish natural fences and work to conserve soil and water	Apr 08
Promoting Production Activities	Ten families will increase their income selling sweet potato and plantains	Purchase seeds and materials	Jul 07
	The farmers will grow citrus trees to diversify their crops and conserve the environment	Purchase citrus and avocado trees	May 08
	The families will improve their incomes and diets growing vegetables (celery, carrots, beets, watermelon, tomatoes, cabbage, green peppers, etc.)	Purchase vegetable seeds and supplies	Aug 07, Sep 07, Jan – Mar 08
		Plant a test plot of tomatoes and chilies	
		Training in growing vegetables	
	The farmers will learn from planting demonstration parcels of <i>naranjilla</i> , a local fruit	Plant a parcel of <i>naranjilla</i>	Jul 07
		Training in growing non-traditional crops	
	Twenty farmers will improve the quality of their birds	Purchase higher-quality bred chickens and provide vaccinations	Sep 07
Training in raising chicken		Oct 07	

Promoting Production Activities	Families involved in the livestock project will work together to improve the corral	Purchase materials to build the corral	Oct 07
	The families will participate in a flower project	Purchase materials needed to grow flowers	May 08
Irrigation System	The families will install an irrigation system to support crops year-round	Install irrigation system, monitor and maintain coffee, tomato plantain and passion fruit crops	Year-round
Coffee Project	Coffee production will increase	Purchase resources needed for improvements	Mar 08
Production Loans	The families will use the small loans to maintain their coffee crops, and raise plantains, tomatoes and passion fruit	Crop maintenance and observation	May 07, Jun 07, Sep 07, Jun 08

Housing and Infrastructure

Objective: *Facilitate the economic and technical resources necessary for the families to have Basic infrastructure that allows them to improve their living conditions and live in harmony with the environment.*

Title	Expected Results	Activities	Time
Road Improvements	The families will have functioning, usable roads leading into the community	Partner with the local government to repair the roads	Feb 08
Water System	The families will gain access to water and conserve existing water sources	Purchase materials to build a water storage and distribution system	Jan – Apr 08
Community Center	The families will improve the community center	Purchase final materials to improve the community center	Feb 08
Housing Improvements	The families will improve their living conditions	Purchase materials to improve the houses and build temporary homes	Mar 08
Composting Latrines	Environmental and personal health will improve with the construction of thirty-three latrines	Purchase materials to build composting latrines	Jul – Aug 07
Water Basins	The families will have water basins available in their homes	Purchase water basins	Mar 08

Community Education and Training

Objective: *Facilitate the necessary development tools to enhance the collective and individual potential that will allow just relationships, holistic health and spiritual growth.*

Title	Expected Results	Activities	Time
Human Development	Fifteen women will be trained in developing new sewing abilities to generate an income and improve their quality of life	Train women and youth in sewing techniques	Aug 07
	Teens will learn new handicraft techniques and develop their abilities	Purchase dressmaking materials	Aug 07, Oct 07, Dec 07, Feb 08
Health	Staff from a local health center will train community members in environmental, primary, preventative and reproductive health, first aid and HIV/AIDS	Sign a collaborative agreement with the health department and the local government	Dec 07, Feb 08, Apr 07
	Families will participate in psychosocial development workshops	Coordinate a workshop on psychosocial development	Jan 08, Mar 08, May 08
	Twenty youth organized in a health committee will promote first aid and preventative health practices	Workshops on first aid, preventing sickness and parasite removal	Jul 07, Oct 07
	Twenty mothers will learn the nutritional values of soy and leafy green vegetables	Workshop on nutritional security, soy and leafy green vegetables	Nov 07, Jan 08, April 08
	The families will improve food health	Four discussions about personal hygiene and safe food preparation and handling	Nov 07, Jan 08, Mar 08
	Five women will be in charge of the community first aid kit	Train the women in the upkeep and uses of the first aid kit	Aug 07, Oct 07, Jun 08
	Fifteen youth will learn to use the first aid kit	First aid workshop	
	The men and women of the community will learn medicinal properties of plants	Natural medicine workshop	Aug 07, Oct 07, Jun 08

Gender & Family Programs	Fifteen adolescents will learn about living together as community and family	Workshop regarding the importance of organization and human rights from a biblical and legal perspective	Jan 08, Mar 08
	The community will discuss together their thoughts on gender and family	Four workshops	Jul 07, Sep 07, Dec 07, Feb 08
	The families will strengthen spiritually	Hold five bible studies	Aug 07, Oct 07, Dec 07, Mar 08, May 08
	Fifteen men, women and youth will share their knowledge and experience in the area of gender equality	Train women and men in affection, equality and respect	Nov 07, Jan 08
Education	Implement 6 school modules for parents and youth	School workshop for parents and establish partnership agreement with the Ministry of Education	Aug 07, Nov 07, Feb 08
	An education promoter will teach three groups of adults and teens literacy classes	Support adult education teacher	Jul 07, Oct 07, Jan 08, Apr 08
	Children and teens will grow physically, mentally and emotionally through sports	Children will meet regularly to play sports	Jul 07, Sep 07, Nov 07, Feb 08, May 08

Land Ownership

Objective: *To acquire land with good potential for farming, animals and forests, that will allow the families to use the natural resources in an environmentally sustainable way and pay back their land within 10 years.*

Title	Expected Results	Activities	Time
Land Repayment	Families will begin repaying their land loans	Training in the importance of land ownership and repaying loans	Jul 07, Feb 08
	The families will learn from the experiences of other farmers	Exchange experiences with other farmers that diversify their crops	Feb 08
	The families will learn legal aspects of land ownership	Training	Aug 07