

## Support Sustainability For Nicaraguan Farmers Nueva Esperanza Summer Report 2012

### Community Organization

Nueva Esperanza's leadership team participated in a training in order to better understand their roles and increase their positive influence in the community. In addition, the community has begun the process of creating a plan and vision for their village that will unfold in the coming years.

### Sustainable Economic Development

The recent harvest yielded 84 tons of coffee, which earned the families that produced it a total of \$81,399. This income was able to cover their production cost and will assure families can repay their land loans with enough margin left over to provide food security and basic staples

### Community Education & Training

77% of community members participated in growth groups that focused on themes such as families of origin and how that legacy may affect interaction with others, as well as relationships between parents and their children.

95% of community's youth are attending primary school this year. The children were also able to receive school supplies at low cost because of a School Fair put on by Agros.

Health care was provided to the community in coordination with the Ministry of Health in La Dalia. Forty-five people received medical exams from doctors and health professionals in coordination with the Ministry of Health in La Dalia. Additionally, all of the houses were sprayed to prevent mosquitoes.

### Making a Difference.....

Juana, and her husband of 21 years, Panfillo have three beautiful children: Jader (19), Brenda (18), and Audely (16). As a young girl Juana helped contribute to her families' sparse income by learning to farm.

After getting married at the age of 21 she and Panfillo struggled to get by because they did not own their own land and the land that they rented at the time only allowed for them to grow enough to eat. However, things are starting to turn around for Juana & Panfillo. Now, they are successfully growing coffee, vegetables, plantains, and basic grains on land that they are working toward owning.

In fact, the revenue from this year's coffee harvest not only covered their production cost but has also allowed them to make on time payments for their land loans.

Juanita, as she is affectionately called in the community is very helpful and an extremely involved member of the community. She is a gender equality promoter and is on the Environmental Health and Crime Prevention Committee. She also serves on the leadership team as the treasurer. Her primary goals are to pay off their land, and to continue to fulfill her roles in their community. She would also like to one day be involved in helping with human development workshops and she believes she has a lot of wisdom to share about having a positive attitude.