



Sheep Not Goats

Greetings from St. Augustine, Florida... – We’re away until September 1 visiting friends & family. It’s great to have 14 reliable employees who are faithfully tending to the farm and selling the goods while we are gone. Those 14 have 25 dependents who are provided for through their work.

Tilapia and Solar Update

Our first tilapia are being sold! We’re receiving 50 cordobas (\$1.75) per pound, and will be trying out various means of distribution once we return such as a live tank in the park, home delivery, and delivery to corner food stands.

We are bringing back better scales and wire fish baskets to hold the “ready to sell” fish within the main tanks vs. building a separate holding tank.



Raúl with a nice-size fish

The goal now is to get all of this into full production where it can, over time, fund 50% or more of all the workers’ salaries!

Solar Power – This is critically important to our fish production. In June and early July everyone pitched in to build structures for 8 solar panels as well as a new bodega (shown at right) for the solar equipment. Electricity is being generated now, and the plan is to power all air and water pumps for the aquaculture system plus the well pump. In time the only expense for fish production will be fish food, and to help with that we are about to attempt to raise crickets.



Monthly Donors Needed

If you aren’t one already, please consider becoming a *monthly donor* to Sheep Not Goats. Donations are tax-deductible and mostly



fund the salaries of our workers, enabling them to purchase food, medicine, school uniforms, and other needs of their families. Most full-time workers also invest in building additional income sources on the side, such as raising pigs. Monthly donations can be as little as \$5 per month (drawn from a credit card or PayPal balance). Look for the monthly giving option at the bottom of our web page here: www.sheepnotgoats.com/donate. Many employers will match your charitable donations.



Swamp Camp Nicaragua

The 2nd annual Swamp Camp Nicaragua will be held from January 1-6, 2017. The camp offers a unique opportunity for young people (ages 9-18) to have a fun and character-building experience making new friends under the leadership of experienced counselors.

This year (January 2016), 25 campers attended from Malpaisillo, enabled through their work on our farm, a little bit of money that they were able to raise, and a lot of outside support from the donors from the US. Last year's corporate donor had to cut back by 50%, so without more help from individuals fewer will be able to attend next January.



You can help. On the Sheep Not Goats donation page you will find a category for "Kids Camp" -- everything given there is applied to the \$150/camper attendance fee plus the bus that we rent for \$300 to take the kids to and from the camp.



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What	US-based 501(c) (3) non-profit
Where	Nicaragua, the poorest country in Latin America
Why	To share God's love by offering help to the very poor
How	Through income from our farm, <i>Finca Buenpaisillo</i> , as well as medical & other forms of support as needed
Help	Visit sheepnotgoats.org to make a tax-deductible one-time or monthly donation

100% of donations goes to worker salaries, medical care, and other areas of our mission. We receive no salary from the non-profit.

Update on Max

In late June, an unknown person jumped our fence to steal something and encountered our 2-yr-old German Shepherd, Max, who received a deep machete cut that severed all the front tendons of his back left foot. After surgery, Max had a 50% chance of being able to use that foot again, and possibly of even keeping it. Two months later, Max is doing well and will hopefully be free to run around again soon. We're having to spend more on security now and are adding more lighting, but are encouraged over Max's progress and all the kind words of support that offered by many.

