



# Sheep Not Goats

*On this final day of 2016...* - We want to wish everyone who has encouraged us or supported the work in Nicaragua a very **happy new year** (*feliz año nuevo*), and to offer a quick review of what we consider to be four key accomplishments in 2016. For anyone thinking about supporting Sheep Not Goats, **today is the last day to donate** with deductibility against your 2016 (US) taxes.



*Bismarck cleaning fish; produce from the farm*

## *Employment on the Farm*

In our functioning farm, people are planting, fertilizing, harvesting, selling, building, maintaining, and providing security. In 2016 we have employed 20 people, with 15 currently working every week. For most of these men and women, whether providers for their families or university students, **work at Finca Buenpaisillo is their only source of income.**

## *Kids Camp*

In January, 25 young people were able to attend the first **Swamp Corps** camp held in Nicaragua, largely through the support of our donors (\$150 is cheap in the US but next-to-impossible for those in Malpaisillo). Every camper has to provide some of their money and also works on the farm a prescribed number of hours to contribute via "sweat equity." Tomorrow begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual camp, with 18 campers and 2 counselors coming from Malpaisillo. Without Sheep Not Goats donors, that number might be 1 or none.



*Young people having fun at Swamp Camp*

## *Solar Power*

In 2016 we implemented a solar project in order to offset high energy costs. Electricity is expensive in Nicaragua, and our aquaponics project needs a fair amount in order to run its water pumps. We installed 8 panels and 24 batteries, plus the other required equipment. Wind power may be next!



*Solar Panels*

*Tilapia from Finca Buenpaisillo*



## *Tilapia*

In 2016 we began selling tilapia raised on the farm, with many more on the way as we further ramp up production in 2017.

## More Photos from 2016



*Raúl with a nice-size fish*



*Volunteer (unpaid) security team member Max recovering with a positive attitude from the machete attack on his back left leg from an intruder in late June.*



## Sheep Not Goats

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



*Preschoolers on the farm for a tour and celebration of their graduation to primary school. Each received a backpack with school supplies from our partnership with Crowley Maritime Corporation here in Nicaragua and also Jacksonville, Florida.*