



Mariano FROM El Salvador

Mariano is 64 years old. He completed the first years of elementary school, but due to his family's financial situation he was not able to continue his education. He is married and together they have 3 children whom are all currently in school. Mariano is a farmer who plants basic grains (corn and beans). His parents taught him how to do this work when he was very young as it was the only opportunity for work and income in those days. He walks 30 minutes to work every day.

He requested a loan of \$400 U.S.D. to purchase agricultural supplies to harvest basic grains (corn and beans). This loan will help him harvest his crops better and more efficiently in season, without the large complications of lost crops.

This month, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its charitable lending efforts to a budding entrepreneur in Central America...

One of Latin America's tiniest countries, El Salvador sits just below Guatemala along the Pacific Ocean. A devastating Civil War in the 1980's followed by a series of natural disasters has left the country still in recovery mode. While the economy depends heavily on Salvadorians sending money home from the United States, we hope that by lending directly to hard-working folks in El Salvador we can help change this dependence.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in assisting developing world entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva team and engaging yourself in the fight against poverty.

Our microlending team ranked 5th in Total Lending for businesses last month at Kiva.org!

