

MARCELINA

Marcala, La Paz, Honduras



Marcelina is 46 years old and married with four children, two of whom are in school. The two older children work the fields along with Marcelina. She is a homemaker and a farmer. In the area where she lives, growing coffee is the main source of income for families, and for hers in particular. She has been growing coffee since childhood, because she learned from her parents, who had been in the business for generations. The main challenge she faces is the high cost of the products she needs to apply to her crops, which can often be unstable, as well as transporting her product to the area. She is requesting a loan from to buy fertilizers, urea, and other supplies so that she can maintain and protect her coffee crops this new season. As a coffee grower, her goal and dream is to expand her crops and land in order to strengthen the legacy she will leave her children.

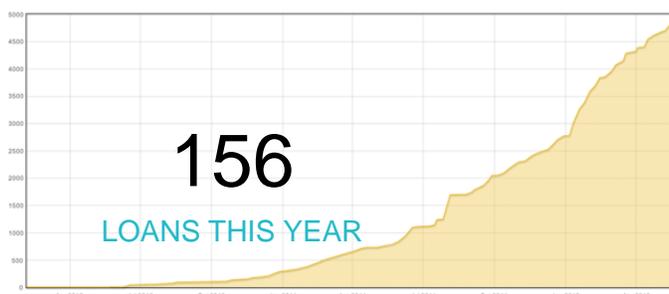
ABOUT HONDURAS

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME: \$4,200

CURRENCY: HONDURAN LEMPIRA (HNL)

EXCHANGE RATE: .052 HNL = 1 USD

IN HONDURAS, 50% OF THE
POPULATION IS UNDER THE AGE
OF 19



In honor of Mother's Day this month, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its charitable lending to an entrepreneurial mother in Central America...

After many years of political unrest and rampant poverty, Hondurans face an uphill battle to social and economic security. A leading export in fruit, Honduras is the second largest producer of coffee in Central America. We hope that by lending to mothers like Marcelina in Honduras, we might be able to help to diminish the county's ballooning unemployment.

Please join us in assisting developing world entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva.org team at "The Microlending Fund" and engaging yourself in the fight against poverty. We support your efforts!

Quick Fact // We have a 97.9% repayment rate.