



## Agristewards Nicaragua Update

It was a hot week. I could feel beads of sweat rolling down my back and chest as I stood in the front of the church and taught. My eyes were watering from the smoke drifting in the side door where the ladies were busy preparing our lunch. In the midst of a little physical discomfort, I kept reflecting on how happy I was to be back in Nicaragua. We were in the small community of Abangaca, just outside of Leon. The attendance was a little smaller than most trainings, but never have I answered so many questions. I found it very difficult to keep on schedule because of the intense

interest of the participants. There is a saying that "seeing is believing". I had taught in this same region last July where the most successful trainee was a man by the name of Mercedes. In his community, the average yield of corn per manzana is eight 100 pound bags. After his training last year, Mercedes harvested 25 bags! He more than doubled his old record and he had become our best spokesman ever. He has already shared seed and his technique with many of his neighbors, spreading even into Honduras. He gave the glory to God and encouraged them to imitate

God in all they do.

Mercedes farms in tough conditions. The slopes are so steep he can practically plant without bending over. To sell his crop he can load up to two bags of corn on his horse and travel one hour to the nearest town to purchase cooking oil and other staples for his family.

We praise God for the success Mercedes has experienced. We pray for the message of Farming God's Way to sweep through the area, bring other families closer to God, and have the ability to live a more abundant life.

### Don't forget:

- Prayer and praise night on April 23rd at 6pm. Come celebrate God's blessings with us!
- Our next trip will be to Liberia in June. We would love to have you join us and pray for the trip to be a success!

