

Volunteer to Plant Trees in Nicaragua!

Reforestation Brigade Sponsored by the Nicaragua Network

June 15-29, 2008

Cost: \$850 for everything except airfare to Nicaragua

**Plant trees in post-Felix Nicaragua to help prevent further natural disasters!
Learn about the work being done to solve Nicaragua's environmental problems!
Visit scenic areas in Estelí and Madriz!
Meet with environmentalists and governmental officials in Managua!**

Nicaragua was devastated by the winds and water of Hurricane Felix and the floods caused by two tropical depressions in 2007. The damage was aggravated by existing environmental damage to forests and watersheds.

The Nicaragua Network invites you to join a team of volunteers that will be traveling to Nicaragua June 15-29, 2008, to assist with a water restoration and reforestation project supported by the Nicaragua Network called "Let the Rivers Run" of FEDICAMP (Federation for the Integral Development of Peasant Farmers).



Members of our 2007 delegation have their trees ready to plant. Photo: Kathy Hoyt



Volunteer from 2005 brigade demonstrates cistern for capturing rain water. Photo Laura Jensen

Members of the brigade will spend ten days assisting local small farmers and cooperative members with the planting of mango, avocado, citrus, and other trees along streams or with other aspects of the campaign. The trees will serve to prevent erosion and also provide food and income for the local people. As a rest from planting trees, excursions are planned to scenic areas (canyon and waterfalls) in the Estelí/Somoto area.

Before leaving the country, the volunteers will travel to Nicaragua's capital, Managua, to meet with environmental groups and other organizations supporting sustainable peasant agriculture. The group will also meet with officials of the Sandinista government to hear about policies the government has put in place to address problems of poverty and environmental degradation.

If you are unable to actually travel with us you can still support this important program by making a donation to the "Let the Rivers Run!" Campaign (see the Nicaragua Network website at www.nicanet.org for more details about the campaign and how to donate).

Cost: \$850 (This includes all ground transportation, three simple meals a day, basic lodging, translation, orientation materials, work materials and a contribution to our Nicaraguan partner organization. It does not include airfare to Nicaragua.)

Send an email to nicanet@afgj.org to receive an application for the reforestation brigade. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.