

IDPA visit with La Union Bank

IDPA evaluates each member's work contribution-helps decide which members go to "Second Round" of credit.

" IDPA gives us more than credit. Training is the most valuable gift. "We are poor farmers."

Crops are : Citrus Fruits and Mangoes, Coffee and Sugar Cane.

Note: The back yard distillery operation we were shown and photographed is done with their own money- not money from bank.

Products from crop are used for subsistence.

Adult education is necessary-literacy will give Campensinos self-respect.

People have to recommit to the group- "Often it is just 1 person doing all the work".

Negative influences of people in community seems to drag down this banks' spirit and positive attitude, necessary for them to continue.

Roberto Lay: "Government just gave food or money for food - Government did not empower people."

People in the community still see the money as a gift

IDPA does not receive money from government.

The credit program, has provided work for 700 families

The empowerment of these people is a way to build civil society, to play a political role, to help establish a strong "social fabric"