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FRESH FROM THE FIELD

A New Chapter

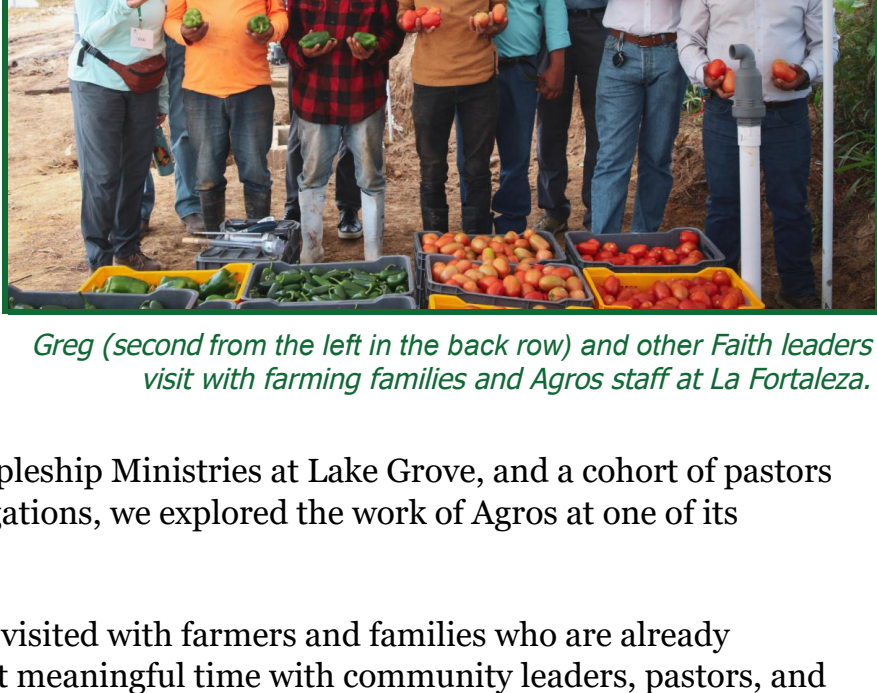
In this edition of Fresh From the Field, we invite you to see what is taking shape in Honduras. You will meet some of the families behind these early signs of progress and explore snapshots of how our Harvest of Hope Centers are expanding opportunity across Central America.



Witnessing God at Work in Honduras

July 2026,

During our learning trip to Honduras, I had the opportunity to experience firsthand the mission partnership between Lake Grove Presbyterian Church and Agros International.



Greg (second from the left in the back row) and other Faith leaders visit with farming families and Agros staff at La Fortaleza.

Alongside Laura Fuller, Director of Discipleship Ministries at Lake Grove, and a cohort of pastors and church leaders from partner congregations, we explored the work of Agros at one of its newest development sites, La Fortaleza.

We met with the remarkable Agros staff, visited with farmers and families who are already beginning to cultivate the land, and spent meaningful time with community leaders, pastors, and other faith leaders from the surrounding villages. Seeing Agros' model of sustainable agriculture, intentional community building, and asset-based community development in action offered a powerful glimpse of what long-term, transformational mission can look like.

For me, this experience was especially meaningful because it connected deeply with my own background in international development before entering pastoral ministry. More than anything, I was inspired by the conversations we shared as church leaders about what faithful development looks like—how communities can be strengthened not only economically, but spiritually, relationally, and culturally.

Agros demonstrates that sustainable development is most effective when it honors the God-given dignity, gifts, and leadership already present within a community.

Walking alongside farmers, local leaders, pastors, and the dedicated Agros team reminded me that Christian mission is at its best when it cultivates both hope and opportunity, embodying the love of Christ through relationships that empower communities to flourish for generations.

*Greg Allen-Pickett,
Senior Pastor of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church.*



LA FORTALEZA: A NEW CHAPTER

*For more than 40 years, Agros has held a simple but powerful conviction:
rural families do not lack potential, they lack opportunity.*

The **La Fortaleza Harvest of Hope Center** brings that conviction to life in Honduras. More than a new campus, it is a holistic regional platform designed to help families reach their God-given potential, escaping poverty and achieving prosperity.

Harvest of Hope Centers (HHCs) allow Agros to scale its impact beyond serving one village at a time to begin strengthening entire regional ecosystems.

Agricultural infrastructure, technical training, market access, and community development work together as one coordinated system. Through this system, families have the tools they need to pursue business and land ownership.

Although construction continues, the Center is already active. Today, 116 families are participating in opportunities connected to La Fortaleza:

- **30 families** producing vegetables through the Mesh House Bootcamp
- **44 coffee-producing families** from surrounding communities
- **30 independent vegetable producers** connected to markets
- **12 women entrepreneurs** participating in business development programs

These families represent the beginning of a much larger vision. By its fifth year of operation, La Fortaleza is expected to serve more than **500 families**. Beginning in year three, an adjacent Agros village is planned to include 40 family homes, a school, a health center, and a community center.

Centers like La Fortaleza are key in advancing Agros' vision of transforming 50,000 lives by our 50th anniversary in 2034.



*Donis Adilio, his wife Yessica Carolina, and their children.
Comayagua, Honduras*

Harvest of Hope Centers across Central America:

La Fortaleza is Agros' first full-scale Harvest of Hope Center in Honduras and the second of its kind in Central America, following La Bendición in Nicaragua.

In Guatemala, smaller regional hubs adapt this model to the local context. Every center, regardless of size, delivers the same holistic approach, helping families strengthen their livelihoods and improve their well-being.

EXPLORE THE HARVEST OF HOPE CENTER MODEL ▶



EARLY SIGNS OF IMPACT

Rosalina: Building a Future in her Community



For years, Rosalina believed that finding a better future meant leaving her community.

In Las Botijas, Honduras, she lived with her parents and her 16-year-old son. Her family grew corn and beans for food, and when work was available, Rosalina joined her father as a day laborer. Their income was unpredictable and rarely enough to cover their basic needs.

Searching for greater opportunity, Rosalina migrated to Mexico and even attempted to reach the United States. Then she learned about La Fortaleza.

In April of 2026, Rosalina became the Center's first woman vegetable producer. Today, she is cultivating tomatoes and receiving hands-on training in greenhouse production, soil preparation, irrigation, and pest management.

“When I saw the investment taking shape, I realized this was the opportunity I had been praying for to learn new skills and build a better future for my family.”

As she prepares for her first harvest, Rosalina sees something she once thought possible only far from home: the opportunity to earn a dignified income, provide greater stability for her son, and build a future within her own community.

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OPPORTUNITY

A Regional Network of Opportunity

La Fortaleza is part of a growing regional network of Harvest of Hope Centers that is enabling Agros to move from serving one community at a time to driving transformation across entire regions.

In Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, Agros adapts the Harvest of Hope Center model to each region while pursuing the same outcome: creating opportunities for more families and their communities.

Country	HHC	Highlight
Guatemala	Ixil Triangle	Expanding our platform: 10 new mesh houses were completed during the first half of the year, with 26 additional mesh houses under construction this year. - Families are producing high-value crops, including tomatoes, sweet peppers, jalapeño peppers, and hot peppers, along with smaller-scale crops such as celery, cucumbers, and lettuce. - Agros is expanding its presence into the municipality of Cunén, creating opportunities to welcome 20 new families in the near future.
Nicaragua	La Bendición	Strengthening livelihoods: - More than 63.5 acres restored through reforestation, including shade-grown coffee systems. - Vegetable-producing families have achieved significant income gains, while coffee-producing families are improving the maintenance and renovation of their plantations. - Investments in community water systems and home improvements are strengthening the well-being and resilience of participating families. - Agros' production base has expanded to serve more than 444 farming families, including active participants, newly approved families, and identified producers.
Honduras	La Fortaleza	A new chapter: 30 mesh houses currently in production, alongside the establishment of coffee crops and the completion of the training center. - An additional 30 mesh houses are under construction, bringing the total to 60 by the end of 2026.



AGROS COMPANIONS

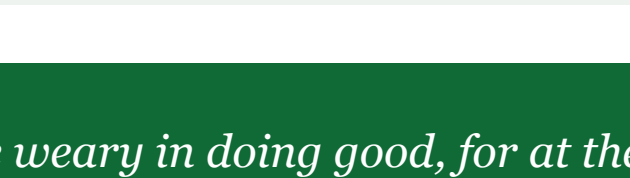
Walking Alongside Families for the Long Haul

The stories in this newsletter remind us that lasting transformation does not happen in a single season. It grows over time as families deepen their faith, improve their well-being, and create new possibilities for their children.

That's why some supporters choose to give monthly as part of **Agros Companions**, a dedicated community of monthly givers who walk alongside families on their journey out of poverty.

Your partnership with Agros helps families gain access to high-quality training, productive infrastructure, market opportunities, and so much more. Your partnership can be the pathway to land ownership for another family.

If this vision speaks to you, we invite you to discover what it means to become an Agros Companion and how faithful partnership can help families build a future that lasts for generations.



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
—Galatians 6:9 (NIV)