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# Meet Laura

FROM MEXICO

Laura is an exceedingly happy person and always finds just the right way to make the members of her group laugh. She has been happily married to Pedro for 23 years. Together they have created a family of four children, three of whom are students. "My expenses are substantial because I have to pay my daughters' tuition but I rely on my animals to earn money so I can get ahead." says Laura.

Currently Laura is raising and selling sheep; she buys them when they are very small and has had up to 13 sheep at one time. Laura does not have to spend money on feed for her animals because she is able to take advantage of the extensive grasslands in her area. She is requesting a loan of \$5,300 to purchase grazing land and more sheep.

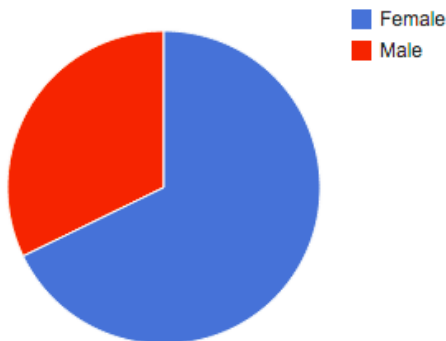


## This June, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to highlight its charitable lending efforts to a budding entrepreneurial group in Central Mexico...

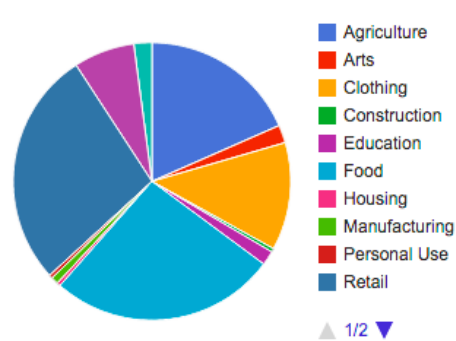
The group called Banco de Piedra (Stone Bench) was formed in a Mexican community just west of Mexico City. The members selected this name for their group because in their area there is a large quarry of stone and sand that is used to build their homes. The people there are very kind, simple, and hard-working, and their main occupation is growing corn, kidney beans and green beans. They also raise and fatten animals such as sheep, rabbits, calves, chickens and turkeys.

Our hope by lending to entrepreneurs like Laura in Mexico, is to help communities all over the world help themselves and their families. Join us at [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org)!

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