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Meet David ...FROM PANAMA

David “Mellizo” is an active 86 year old campesino, or subsistence farmer, living in the small town of Platanilla. Originally from the Los Santos province of Panama, he was one of the first farmers to migrate out to the Darien province over thirty years ago when the area opened up to settlement. He is still married to his wife.

Like most campesinos, David grows corn, beans, rice and plantains, and now wants to expand plantain production. He will use the loan of \$6,000 USD to buy the inputs needed for the project—seed stock, fertilizer, and fencing—and cover some of the planting and maintenance costs of the project.



This month, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its charitable lending efforts to a campesino or farmer in Central America...

Situated at the crossroads between North and South America, Panama and its canal plays a very important role in the movement of goods throughout the world. Every year more than 15,000 vessels make their way through the canal, thus contributing greatly to the country’s economy. However, the country still faces extremely high figures of social inequality with few families controlling the majority of the wealth. By making microloans to folks like David in Panama, we might be able to help this inequality- if only for one family! Please join us in lending at Kiva.org.

