

Mission **MOMENT**

FUTURES OF ABUNDANCE

On any given afternoon three years ago, you were most likely to find Luis Alfredo Palacio lounging in a chair watching television. Like many other young men just entering into adulthood, Luis was unsure about the direction of his life. As a soon-to-be father, though, he knew he needed to find work that was meaningful and would help provide for his family. That is when Luis connected with a Week of Compassion partner working with Nicaraguan communities to improve agriculture and address challenges of climate change and land degradation. As part of the project, local farmers are learning and developing techniques for planting, seed selection, irrigation, and soil protection. These techniques multiply the yields of crops, providing additional food and income for families.

Through this work, Luis discovered a passion—teaching. As an agricultural promoter, Luis is teaching 5 other families skills to improve their farming. He has developed a demonstration plot at his home to use in sharing techniques like soil curbing to prevent erosion, drip irrigation for water conservation, and using manure to improve soil quality. His hope is to improve the quality of life for himself and his neighbors and to protect the land for generations to come.

Just a few years ago, Luis struggled to imagine his future, now he is helping his whole community imagine a future of abundance. Through Luis and through your gifts to Week of Compassion, God is doing **More Than We Can Imagine!**

Luis shows off a lime tree seedling in his demonstration garden. *[photo: Craig Thompson]*

