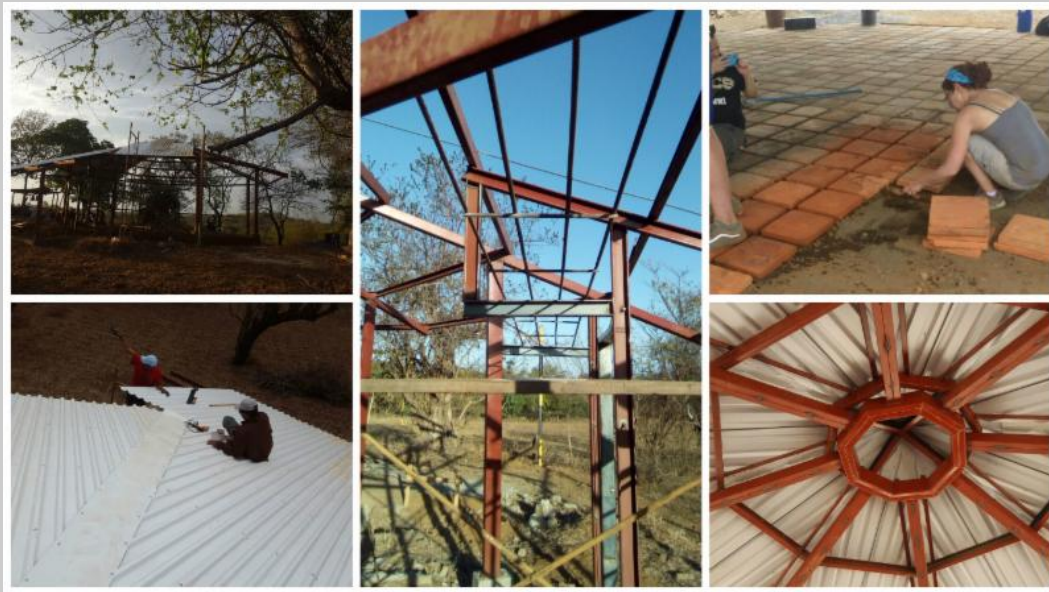




## Growing the Growers: *One Farmer at a Time*

*The Learning Center is taking shape!*



Learning Center on the Model Farm

### **The Learning Center on the Model Farm represents the fourth pillar in our GISE model...Educate!**

The Center is a space for collaborative learning and training on innovative agricultural practices. Due to the support of several JustHope Partners, farmers will soon be able participate in workshops and field experiments, putting techniques learned into practice on their own farms.

Now with the completion of the open air classroom space--made possible by an \$8000 donation from Kinsley Congregation in Kansas -- and the equipment space donated by First Methodist in Colo Springs, we will be able to pilot the first phase of experiments: heirloom seed harvesting, inter-cropping, earthworm and humus production, homemade organic fertilizers, and ***much more!*** Having a space where ideas can come together for simulation allows us to determine viable solutions for farmers.

As participants progress through training sessions, they will become the future teachers, responsible for sharing ideas and best practices with their community. Later in 2017, we hope to establish financing options for farmers to access materials and implement restorative agriculture practices -- a unique micro financing program also made possible by JustHope Partners)!

We are excited to watch the Learning Center become a place of growth for local growers! For more information on how to continue supporting this groundbreaking work and to see the finished center, [click here!](#)



Our Colorado Partners working hard on the Learning Center.

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## **Reaching Across Cultures**

### *Student Presentations at Union Public Schools*



Presenting on Nicaragua at Union 6th & 7th Grade Center

**On April 6th and 7th, JustHope's Associate Director, Jennifer Payton presented about Nicaragua and JustHope to seven 6th grade Geography classes!**

The students at Union's 6th & 7th Grade Center, who just completed a study of Central America, were very excited to hear about life in Chacraseca, La Flor and Santa Emilia.

Jennifer built on their understanding of what it means for JustHope to be an international development organization, what it's like to live in a developing country, and how issues like climate change and deforestation affect our Nicaraguan friends.

Students asked really great questions, like "What is it like to go to school in Nicaragua?", "Is it hard to get medicine when you need it?", and "Are they planting any trees to replace the ones that were lost?"

**Are you interested in having a JustHope staff member present to your school, church or group? If so, contact Jennifer at [jennifer@justhope.org](mailto:jennifer@justhope.org)**

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