



THIS SAW MILL WAS BUILT BY A COMMUNITY IN AFRICA. THE VILLAGERS MAKE LUMBER FROM TREES IN THEIR COMMUNITY FOREST AREA. THE LOCAL FOREST OFFICER HELPS THEM DECIDE WHICH TREES TO CUT AND HOW TO PLANT NEW ONES. COMMUNITY LEADERS DECIDE HOW MANY TREES TO CUT EACH YEAR. MONEY FROM THE SALE OF LUMBER IS BEING USED TO BUILD A NEW SCHOOL.



FOREST PRODUCT BUSINESSES CAN BE VERY LARGE LIKE THIS PAPER MILL IN CANADA. THEY MAKE TONS OF PAPER EACH DAY! THEY EVEN MAKE PAPER FROM THE WASTE FROM SAW MILLS. MANY PEOPLE ARE PAID TO CUT TREES, MANUFACTURE PAPER AND GROW MILLIONS OF NEW TREES. OTHER PEOPLE ARE HIRED TO DELIVER PAPER TO SHOPS AND BUSINESSES. SOME PAPER IS SOLD TO PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS PAPER MILL HELPED PAY FOR NEW ROADS AND A HOSPITAL.



FOREST PRODUCT BUSINESSES CAN BE BIG OR SMALL. FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, COMPANIES AND NATIONS START BUSINESSES LIKE THESE EVERY DAY. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FOREST PRODUCTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY, HOW THEY ARE MADE AND HOW THEY ARE USED TO IMPROVE PEOPLES LIVES. FOREST PRODUCT INDUSTRIES REQUIRE HARD WORK AND GOOD PLANNING. TREES AND FORESTS CAN BE BADLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IF THEY ARE NOT MANAGED PROPERLY.

DISCOVER HOW TO USE FORESTS AND TREES WISELY.

GROWING BUSINESSES

SO FAR IN MY TRAVELS, WE LEARNED HOW FOREST PRODUCTS SUPPLY FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS THAT WE NEED. WE DISCOVERED THAT FOREST PRODUCTS ARE USED TO MAKE MANY OF THE IMPORTANT PRODUCTS WE USE EVERY DAY.



WHEN WE VISITED KAMALA WE FOUND OUT HOW TREES AND FORESTS CAN HELP FAMILIES EARN INCOME AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. MANY COMMUNITIES, COMPANIES AND NATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED INDUSTRIES THAT USE FOREST PRODUCTS. IF FOREST RESOURCES ARE MANAGED PROPERLY, INDUSTRIES CAN PRODUCE USEFUL PRODUCTS, EARN INCOME AND CREATE JOBS. THE MONEY THAT IS EARNED CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HELP NATIONS DEVELOP. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES.

I BOUGHT THESE NUTS FROM A COMMUNITY FOREST PROJECT IN SOUTH AMERICA. THE COMMUNITY WANTED TO START A BUSINESS TO EARN MONEY FROM THEIR FOREST LAND. THEY WERE WORRIED THAT THEIR NEW BUSINESS COULD DAMAGE THE FOREST. WITH HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THEY DISCOVERED THAT THEY COULD HARVEST AND SELL NUTS FROM TREES WHILE CARING FOR THEIR FOREST RESOURCE. THE PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO COLLECT NUTS AND PREPARE THEM FOR HARVEST. AFTER THE NUTS ARE SOLD, THE PROFITS ARE DIVIDED AMONG THE PEOPLE.



THE PEOPLE CARE FOR YOUNG TREES SO THEY GROW WELL AND PRODUCE MORE NUTS. NEXT YEAR, THEY WILL START COLLECTING FRUITS AND SPICES FROM FOREST AND TREES TO SELL AT THE MARKET.

THESE NUTS TASTE GREAT!

