



## Tragedy and Security in La Ceiba

On January 15 Brian Rosales, a young leader in the church in La Ceiba and a friend to many of us, was walking down the main street of the neighborhood just below the clinic when two rival gangs started a gunfight. Brian was caught in the middle and died in the crossfire. Three of the gunmen were also killed. Brian was the only bystander who died. He will be greatly missed and we all grieve his loss and ask you to pray for his family and friends in La Ceiba.



Brian Rosales 1989-2012  
Brian Rosales 12/8/1989 - 1/15/2012

count those injured or killed in a location, but it is not possible for us to know how many are alive and productive because we were there when we were needed.

**Our mission** in La Ceiba has not changed and we are more committed than ever to bring change to the lives of the people there. We are also committed to ensuring as much safety for our volunteers as possible in a third world setting. For this reason, the board of directors has cancelled a couple of our immediate trips and has decided to recommend that all trips between now and April 15 be postponed. But, for groups that fully understand the risks of this type of work and wish to proceed with their trip we are willing to continue to work with them and carry out their trip.

**There is much to learn** from Brian's tragic death. It is a stark reminder to all of us that

there are inherent risks in working in poor areas around the world. Deaths like Brian's take place every day in almost every country of the world. It is difficult to face such a painful reminder, but it also reminds why we are working here. Gangs, violence, corruption and theft flourish because overwhelming poverty, lack of education, lack of job opportunities, and personal and spiritual destitution lead to a moral vacuum that is easily exploited. We have touched thousands and thousands of lives in Honduras. We will never know how many young men and women are leading productive lives that would have been in the gangs without our intervention. It is easy to

**The needs of the area** will only increase for a while as it recovers from this event. Our heart to help them recover has only grown more resolute. In the same way you have supported them in the past, you can continue to make a difference. We have spent many years putting systems into place to allow the people of La Ceiba to provide for those around them. Those systems only work with your support. We will take a hit with the loss of teams the next few months, but with your help we will not slow down caring for those in need.

## Matching grant update

In 2010 we had our first opportunity to do a matching grant. We were given a grant up to \$25,000. When all the donations came it they totaled almost exactly \$25,000. This year, with the addition of a second matching grant offer, we had the opportunity to match up to \$30,000. At the end of the year, when we added up all the donations, they totaled almost exactly \$30,000. This will allow us to start the year with \$60,000 toward our

general fund. This money will support Doctors and nurses in Managua, Nicaragua and La Ceiba, Honduras. There is no more efficient way to provide quality medical care to those in desperate need. A patient can be seen by a doctor and given all their medicines and supplies for just a few dollars per visit. It is almost impossible to match the value of what we are able to do to help the poor.

But, we also provide a

huge added benefit. By partnering with the local church and Total Home and CNI (children's nutrition clinic) we are able to help people and families in many different ways, all of which improve their current and future ability to provide for themselves and their families.

Thank you to everyone to has helped to make this ministry possible.

## Nurses Needed

*We have a medical team traveling to Managua, Nicaragua April 21 to 28. We are in need of 1 to 2 nurses for our team. If you are interested please contact Jay Martin at:*

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