

July 1, 2019

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Dear <<Informal Salutation Override>>,

Today I write to you because of an urgent need in Honduras.

The public health care system in Honduras is currently in crisis. The area we serve is both remote and impoverished. And because in Honduras the availability of health care is directly related to income, **the poor are finding it even more difficult to obtain medical care.**

People are relying more on volunteer teams serving the needy like that being provided by you through CHHF. **The poor in Honduras desperately need your help today. If you act now, your donation may be doubled - doing twice the good.**



Protest near Limón

Recent legislation in the Honduran Congress to privatize medical care has met with strong resistance and with protest marches throughout the country. These protests block major roads and bridges, interrupting travel in Honduras and impacting volunteer teams from reaching the needy. **The team scheduled for our clinic on June 23 was forced to cancel** because these protests blocked several major roads leading to Limón. Hondurans need you help to fill the gap. **Will you step-up and help?**

You may have seen recent articles about the political unrest. Canadian lawyer and journalist Dimitri Lascaris, who was in Honduras with a delegation of university academics, points out that **under the current Honduran government spending on health care has plummeted. With nearly 70 percent of the people living in poverty, the country is now in a medical crisis.**

There are widespread shortages of medical care, medicine, hospital beds, hospital equipment. Over 40 % of the emergency rooms in Honduras are inadequate. In the CHHF service area, the nearest emergency room is 3 hours away over very poor roads, and they do not adequately care for those who arrive. **For the poor, this miserable situation has become worse, but you can help alleviate the pain of this situation.** You can make a difference today by making a gift which can be doubled by matching gift pledges made by generous supporters. **Every dollar you send, up to \$3,000 in total will be doubled to help those in need.**

When travel allows, the volunteer teams serving the CHHF clinics in Honduras are filling the gap as best they can, providing primary care to sick patients. Hopefully, the team planning to serve in Honduras in early July will be able to travel. They will find patients waiting for wound or infection care and those who have been without their medications for nearly a month

Many patients need to be seen by specialists for treatment not available through the clinics of CHHF volunteers. **Because government doctors are on strike, patients who need referrals must now be sent to private clinics in order to receive specialized care.**

While the doctors at the public hospitals are on strike, the private clinics are the accessible medical care. This year CHHF has begun referring some patients who would otherwise be treated at government facilities to private clinics.



Recently 12-year-old Roberto began having horrendous headaches followed by seizures. His medical appointments were delayed because of the strike. Finally, a doctor agreed to see him, but medical tests were required. On the day of travel to La Ceiba for diagnostic exams, road blockages made them leave one bus, walk a distance, and then board another bus until they reached another roadblock. Each time the bus fare increased. The round trip which normally costs \$35 cost \$75 this time. Roberto needs to return to the doctor for diagnosis and treatment. **Roberto and others waiting for medical care rely on your help to pay the costs of transportation, consultation, and medication.**



Annual donations are not fully supporting the increased costs of medical care for those desperately needing help. Your support is critically needed to continue to help those like Roberto. Can you step-up today and help?

Today you can ensure that Roberto and others like him will receive the care they need. Please don't delay, send your donation now so that it can be doubled today. **Remember, every dollar you send, up to \$3,000 in total will be doubled.**

Your donation of

- \$ 16 will provide a month's prescription of maintenance or other medications.
- \$ 35 will pay the bus fare to see a doctor in another city.
- \$ 71 will pay bus fare and the consultation fee for a doctor at a private clinic.

<<Informal Salutation Override>>, can I count on you today to help Roberto to receive a diagnosis and treatment so that he can resume normal activities with the other children?

I am glad I can ask for your support for those like Roberto. Your support means so much to them and many others like them. I am also very grateful for the generous donors who have provided the matching funds so that your donation can be doubled.

God bless,



N. K. Hook, Jr.
President

P.S. - <<Informal Salutation Override>>, please send your gift today so that people in Honduras can receive the care they need. You will be doing twice the good through your DOUBLED gift!