

## YOUR DONATION TODAY WILL BE DOUBLED!

April 15, 2020

Dear Friend,

Due to Covid-19, for the last several weeks we have been on an awful journey together. It's been marked with fear and uncertainty. It has left each of us feeling medically vulnerable, knowing at any time we could contract a virus for which we are unsure we could receive treatment. Our medical system is overwhelmed, understaffed, and does not have the supplies or medications needed. Schools abruptly closed. Our grocery stores are understocked. Many people are unable to work and families are concerned about the next paycheck. ***We now have a tiny glimpse of what it is like to live in the poor, vulnerable villages in Honduras.***

Since the pandemic began, teams have been unable to travel to Limón. This crisis was abrupt. We did not have time to arrange multiple months of medication for chronically ill patients nor did we anticipate medical referrals being postponed. ***This has created an issue and has the potential to be a major health crisis on its own.***

Maria is a well-known and well-loved patient in Honduras. She is 103-years-old and has worked hard to remain independent. She insists on taking care of herself, resisting help, and advocating for herself every single visit.



Maria has relied on blood pressure medication for years. She *never* skips a clinic visit. Because the pandemic caused abrupt cancellations of teams, we have had to develop alternatives to get Maria, and hundreds others like her, the life-saving medications they rely on. **Medications are currently being shipped via container from Dole Pineapple Company to Honduras. When it arrives, we will pay a Honduran doctor to go to our villages and provide maintenance medication at the clinics.**

This alternative will work for a while to continue providing life-saving medications for needy patients but ***is neither ideal nor was it easily funded. I am asking you to help those who desperately need these medications to resume their daily life.*** [A](#)

[gift of only \\$15](#) will go a long way to pay for administering medications in an effective way until teams can safely travel again.



*Marcos Esteban Montoya waited more than a month to have a doctor check on this huge abscess on his chin and receive help. Now he awaits a team for follow-up.*

And remember, your gift of \$15 will be doubled to \$30 because of matching funds available thru May 15. **Do not hesitate.** The need is immediate and your response needs to be too.

This is a scary time in everyone's life, but there is also tremendous hope! Collectively people are choosing to stay home and isolate to decrease the spread of the virus. People are taking care of neighbors and even total strangers. The distance has brought us closer.

Your [gift today](#) will help bring you closer to those you care about in Honduras as well. *A patient named Maxima told me via text just yesterday, "I thank God and you for the help given to us. It has been a great blessing. I have no way to pay you back for what you have done for my family, but I know God will bless you and take care of you."*

I am grateful I can reach out to you to ask for help, especially during uncertain times. I appreciate your willingness to help those patients in desperate need.

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

God bless,

Christine Mitchell  
Executive Director

**P.S. [Please send in your gift today](#) - every \$1 you give by May 15 will turn into \$2! Not only will you help provide medical treatment to those who need it now, *but this is a chance for you to DOUBLE your gift!***