



During a mid-July Global School course on women's empowerment, Cristosal hosted *Las Musas Desconectadas*, whose songs focus on the struggles Salvadoran women face daily. The song above was written by Bianca Villacorta as a way to remember those who have passed away but continue to walk alongside us.



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The Child Migrant Crisis: A Human Rights Office Update

Cristosal is lobbying heavily with the U.S. and Central American governments to institute temporary protection status for child refugees, and for the ability to file for refugee status from their country of origin. The Office also has drafted a presented a new law to El Salvador's Legislative Assembly (slated to pass next month) that puts responsibility on the state, not marginalized families, to care for minors. Click [here](#) to find out more!



Global School Voices: Tommy Dillon and LGBT Rights

"By listening to the stories of our Salvadoran brothers and sisters, we also gained firsthand knowledge of a society often dominated by homophobia, heterosexism, and machismo. In the end, participants gained better insight into an LGBT community in a different context, breaking down the social and cultural barriers that separate us as a global community striving for worldwide equality."

Read Tommy's full reflection [here](#). See the LGBT course also in the [HuffPost](#), [DailyBeast](#), and [Episcopal News Service](#)!



El Carmen Takes the Road!

At 4 a.m. on Friday July 18th, the entire community of El Carmen occupied their road to block access by dump trucks working nearby on a public works project. They demanded improvements to their access road, conditions were met, and the community expects work to begin by August. This effort was organized independently of Cristosal staff, with negotiations between El Carmen and the company coordinated by Andrés Rosaperes (pictured at left).



Join the Team: New Communications Position Open!

Cristosal is looking for one talented individual to join our team here in El Salvador as a Communications Intern! (S)he will be responsible for designing and executing all our media campaigns and positioning Cristosal as a leader in human rights and community development. Click [here](#) to read the full job description and how to apply!



Tell Us Your Cristosal Story!

Cristosal would not exist without your support and we want to know to know your story - how did you first hear about us? What about our work is meaningful to you? Let us know by taking the next 5 minutes (yes, only 5!) and complete our [online survey](#).

We will use your response to revise how we share our work, and ensure you're up-to-date on the issues that matter most to you!