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A New Beginning for Victims of Gang Violence

What does it mean to be “internally displaced”? Where do the thousands of people trying to escape violence in El Salvador go? What do their lives look like? Read the story of one family, forcibly displaced by violence four years ago, building a durable solution with the help of Cristosal’s Community Development Program.

El Mozote in the The New York Times

The El Mozote trial was recently featured in The New York Times:

"As the trial has slowly unspooled in the provincial capital of San Francisco Gotera, the evidence given by survivors has helped to establish what happened. But it has yet to show why the soldiers killed civilians
"The trial could run well into 2019, according to the judge, Jorge Guzmán Urquilla, who said in an interview he was committed to a fair trial, and uncovering the truth for survivors." Help support the trial at www.cristosal.org/el-mozote.

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**Cristosal's 2017 Report on Forced Displacement in El Salvador**

The infographic and executive summary of Cristosal's 2017 Report on Forced Displacement in El Salvador are available now in English. A fully translated version of the report will be available soon!

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**The IDMC Releases 2018 Global Report on Internal Displacement**

Despite its relatively tiny size, El Salvador ranked tenth globally with 296,000 new displacements caused by conflict in 2017. This number represents 65% of all new displacements caused by conflict in the Americas. Learn more here.
Did you know children and young adults are disproportionately affected by forced displacement in El Salvador? According to data gathered from the 701 people assisted by Cristosal and the Quetzalcoatl Foundation in 2017, girls aged 0-17 formed the largest group of victims. Most of the displaced boys and men were under the age of 25.

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**Update: Supreme Court Cases**

Since summer 2017, Cristosal has accompanied 60 people in 6 families in filing requests for *amparo* (protection) with El Salvador's Supreme Court. The *amparos* are being processed by the Court. Preliminary orders directing the police and military to protect the families and prosecute their aggressors give an idea of what to expect in the final rulings, which are expected in several of the cases soon. When they come, the final rulings have the power to shape legislation for the comprehensive protection of victims. Learn more here.
We’re hiring!

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- **North American Communication Intern**: Full-time, one-year paid internship in San Salvador.
- **North American Education Intern**: Full-time, one-year paid internship in San Salvador.

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**Thank You, Phoenixville**

A huge thank you to our Phoenixville, Pennsylvania advocates, who raised close to $30,000 for Cristosal during Executive Director Noah Bullock's two-day visit!