

# Together in Hope



CHANGING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES  
GLOBALLY



## EL SALVADOR

### MISSION IN EL SALVADOR

Together in Hope, in cooperation with Dr Recinos from Southern Methodist University, and local community leaders in El Salvador, has been exploring partnerships to create a better future for communities in post-war El Salvador.

Together in Hope is currently working to provide adequate school facilities and a community center for the Alta Mira Flores community in San Salvador. The people living in the Alta Mira Flores community are squatting on abandoned land that overlooks the contaminated Lempa River in San Salvador. Community members live in dire poverty and cannot afford necessities such as basic medical care and school supplies for their children.

Together in Hope seeks to bridge that gap in supporting this community.

**To Donate or Get Involved,**

**Please visit [TogetherinHope.org](http://TogetherinHope.org)**

**or call (1) 713 504 3068**

### GET INVOLVED

**University Scholarship Program**  
**\$3500** will send a student to a University of for one year : including tuition, books, room and board.  
**\$14,000** sponsors a full 4 year degree.

**La Rosa Blanca Scholarship**  
**\$100** can educate a child for a year and provide them with a uniform, books, and supplies.

**Teacher Training**  
**\$15,000** is needed to fund four training workshops per year for educators in the community.

**Educational Facilities Expansion**  
Donations to increase the size of current school facilities, expand education to high school levels, and build the community center, are needed. Any and all

contributions are welcome, and any donations of medical and school supplies are also greatly needed.

### HISTORY

From 1980 to 1992 over 75,000 Salvadorans were massacred by government forces and militia throughout El Salvador. During this war more than 25% of the population was displaced as refugees. The people of El Salvador still struggle with the horrors of this conflict today, with the bulk of the population living in dire poverty.

On December 11, 1981, all but one woman in the village of El Mozote in Morazan, El Salvador was massacred, including more than 130 children. Family and members of the surrounding community have created a memorial to those murdered in the massacre and painted a wall mural dedicated to each of the children who lost their lives, but there is still much work to be done here and throughout the country to restore hope.



## EDUCATION

### University Student Scholarships

Together in Hope is establishing a university student sponsorship program within the Alta Mira Flores community. Our goal is to send at least ten students from the community to a university to train to become teachers. Students receiving scholarships will commit to returning to teach at the La Rosa Blanca School.



### Teacher training workshops.

We are initiating teacher training workshops. The goal is to help teachers reach their full potential. Four main workshops will be conducted throughout a one year period in 2012 for over 100 people including the local community. Each participant will be able to train a group of 20, after she receives training. This makes it a long term self sustainable project.



The La Rosa Blanca School was created to respond to the educational needs for disadvantaged children of this community. It originally had 15 students, and has grown to 225 in the last 15 years.

### New school and community center.

The La Rosa Blanca school is currently full and the school facility does not have the capacity for more students, despite the growing list of students waiting for enrollment. This school only has 6 grades.

This means many of the children leave school when they finish the 6th grade as they cannot afford to attend another school.

The government has donated a plot of land and Together in Hope is seeking to purchase an adjacent lot to build a larger school and community center which will also house a medical clinic,

## LA ROSA BLANCA SCHOOL

job-training, adult education programs and other community services.

### Feeding Program

The children who attend this school lag behind in academic performance because of the lack of basic nutrition. In 2010, Together in Hope conducted a program that built a kitchen, to facilitate nutritional needs, in the La Rosa Blanca School. Today, 225 children now receive one meal a day at the school, helping eradicate the issue of malnutrition

### Child sponsorship Program

Together in Hope has established a child sponsorship program with this school. This will ensure each child has the necessary school supplies, such as a back pack, uniform, school books and stationary. We would like to sponsor all 225 children .



## HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

### Medical mission 2012

In the communities served by Rosa Blanca, families lack basic access to essential healthcare. Some families lack healthy drinking water, and they live without appropriate sanitation services. This leads to major medical issues.

In January 2012, Together in Hope is bringing its first medical team to El Salvador to begin to address these problems.

We hope to provide basic first aid training for staff and local community leaders. This will enable them to react to minor incidents such as fainting, epilepsy and other injuries.

The families in this community do not have the financial means to receive health care. Together in Hope wants to make health care accessible to these families.

