There is an epidemic ravaging Central America...

**IT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Canadian Bible Society and its global partners are launching a transformational campaign focused in the power of God’s Word for victims, perpetrators and child: in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Honduras.

"NOW I EMBRACE MY KIDS AND TELL THEM HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM NEVER DID THIS BEFORE."—Reyna, Honduran government worker and survivor of domestic violence

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Please prayerfully consider investing in one or more of these initiatives:

**$50** — Impacts 40 people

$50: Church-based training for domestic violence recruiters for children, helping the country embrace domestic violence and affirm God’s love for their home.

**$100** — Impacts 20 families

$100: Bible-based training for battered women, men, children. It equips them to resist violence in their own family unit, share other families and each family with local church.

**$250** — Impacts over 400 people

$250: To build strong and robust families. Equips women, men, children in the training of their own families, provides family-focused programming and helps families understand how to overcome cultural attitudes, nurture their children’s love and worth, bring hope and dignity to victims; for men to overcome cultural attitudes, bring hope and dignity to victims; for women, focused on trauma healing to bring hope and dignity.

For Bible-based youth-led training workshops; church-based training for women, children, and men. Supports local churches who care for women and children through Bible-based, focused trauma healing. Brings Scripture resources tailored especially for women to build strong and vibrant families and walk humbly with God.

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

Domestic violence in Central America has reached epidemic proportions.

**SCREAMS, BEATINGS, HUMILIATION ARE A PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN HOMES.**

Domestic violence affects not only individual families, but also the socio-economic development of the entire region, perpetuating poverty and hopelessness. Victims average more surgeries, pharmacy visits, hospital stays, and mental health consultations.

As you read this sentence, a woman in Central America is being beaten, raped, or killed. Tens of thousands of women and children are coping with the daily terror and fear of what is lurking in their own homes.

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The most dangerous place in the world for women

Domestic violence is the number one killer of women ages 15–49 in the world. In Honduras, it has been reported that 10 women are killed in Honduras every year. This is a war that is not being reported to the international community. Authorities agree that domestic violence is a war and are taking action. The government of Honduras has dramatically increased its budget for the causes of violence against women. However, the war on drugs, organized crime, and human trafficking is a war that is still being waged. Domestic violence affects not only individual families, but also the socio-economic development of the entire region, perpetuating poverty and hopelessness. Victims average more surgeries, pharmacy visits, hospital stays, and mental health consultations.

"If I had been more smart and not committed to self-sacrifice, I would not have been hit..."

What can I do to change this kind of reality against women and children who fall into that fate? Presently the world, the governments, the NGO’s give more resources to help women, to help children, to help the people who are living in violent zones. But not for domestic violence."

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This is how your generosity helps change: one person at a time, who encounters the Word of God.

Guatemala - "Here we have a need, and youanswer it." (Yordi)

This month we’ve asked for your generosity to help us reach a new normal. Let’s us look at how God is answering the need in one of our most vulnerable communities.

Cesar is one such man who needed a ‘new normal.’ He struggled to overcome aggression, violence and isolation. We must change what is considered normal.

It’s not normal to live a life with all your hopes and dreams shattered by abuse. It is not normal to have a life without the love of God.

The transforming power of the Bible.

As you know, every family is different. It is hard to imagine that a family could ever become a model of healthy conflict resolution.

It is not normal to live with the fear of an abusive partner. It is not normal to have a partner who is distant and has no respect for you.

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"New life and new hope is possible!" With your ongoing support, this program reaches 70,000 individuals with the Bible’s message of peace and love available to all families.

Sonia was a mother who realized she had been mistreating her children. After attending a workshop, she committed to change the way she parented her children. Sonia writes:

"God, I am certain that our community will change, because only the Bible can transform those most vulnerable!" Thanks to your support, Honduran families will have a reason to hope for a better life! Thanks to your support, Honduran families will have a reason to hope for a better life!...but for every family we reach, many others still need help.

A country where 70% of all forms of domestic abuse are sexual in nature.

During a Bible Society class, Yordi attended, he learned about biblical marriage and healthy conflict resolution. Couples learn the foundational principles of biblical marriage and healthy conflict resolution.

The wonderful success of Maria compels us to continue to move forward. I realize the value I have as a woman in a relationship with Jesus! Your donation will help these broken people find healing through God’s Word.

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El Salvador – "Families are under attack.

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Thank you for reaching out with the love of God and supporting children who are broken and afraid.

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