

Service Scope-of-Work

Playa Brasilito is a local town on the Guanacaste coast of Costa Rica. While the surrounding areas are quickly becoming appropriated by the wealthy and developed for tourism, the wealth has been slow to trickle down. Brasilito has remained relatively undeveloped, supported mostly by fishing and construction jobs, and many of the residents live in complete poverty. While the prices in the area have been driven up, comparable to those in the United States (or higher), most workers in this town earn between \$25-\$45 a day, when they have work. One aspect of this trip will be helping residents who live in windowless tin shacks to improve their living conditions.

In Brasilito, there is a five-year old girl named Madison who was diagnosed last summer with an aggressive form of brain cancer. Thankfully, the doctors believe her treatment has been effective. Sadly, a week after this prognosis, her grandfather (Comanche), who was the rock and breadwinner for this family, fell out of a tree he was removing and died. This has shaken his family and the community and has left his widow (Gricelda), his daughters, and his grandchildren vulnerable. Although Gricelda inherited a plot of land in the countryside from her mother, her family has never had the resources to build there. Currently, they squat in a windowless tin shack. We will support them in this difficult time and provide them with security by helping them to build a house on Gricelda's legally titled property.

Also, with the current political situation in Nicaragua, there has been an influx of refugees into this area. These refugees often have very little to nothing. We'll encourage them and share the love of Christ by doing art and playing games with their children and by assisting them in their basic needs.