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Dear Sir:

We, members of the InterReligious Task Force, are very grieved and angry about the deaths on November 4 of **Francisco Carrillo and his wife, Jesus Calzada de Carrillo**, both Lutheran pastors, human rights advocates, and activists in a local community volunteer rescue program. They were shot and killed outside their church in the town of Jayaque, La Libertad. Francisco was locking up after the Friday service when assailants approached on bicycles and shot him and then his wife who was waiting in a nearby car. The three assailants, believed to be gang members from nearby communities of Tsu-chi and Llano Verde, rode away without covering their faces. There was no attempted robbery and there is no known motive for the murders.

The Carrillos founded the ambulance service for their poor rural community of Jayaque. They had also helped form groups in defense of human rights and had recently received death threats for their work. The killing of the couple follows a number of recent similar incidents: the killing last July of the elderly parents of FMLN activist Mariposa Manzanares (about which we wrote to you on August 1), the murder in August of activist couple Alex Flores Montoya and Mercedes Penate de Flores, and the September murder of progressive Catholic priest Antonio Romero. It highlights the failure of the National Civilian Police (PNC) to do its work in addressing the escalating violence in Salvador. The PNC still had not arrived at the scene of the Carrillos' murders 48 hours after they occurred.

Therefore, **we urgently call** for the PNC and the attorney general's office to investigate the Carrillos' killings **immediately**, make the results of the investigation public and bring those responsible to justice.

Sincerely,

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**The following people hereby urge you to take action on this matter as indicated in this letter:**