

Christian Peacemaker Teams and Las Pavas: Partnering in nonviolent resistance to displacement

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Time and time in our history, people have been forced off their land by those with power, wealth and guns. This process continues today in Colombia with over 5 million internally displaced people. Communities must choose to fight or flee. The community of Las Pavas is choosing another way by nonviolently resisting their displacement in the face of threats, sabotage and violent attacks. Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) has stood alongside them in that struggle using tools of public vigils, human rights documentation, videography, photos and hosting international delegations. This presentation will look at Las Pavas as a case study in the context of CPT's broader work. Along with our work in Colombia we also stand with communities in Iraqi Kurdistan, Israel/Palestine and Canada whose lifeways are grounded in a relationship with their land.