

# Quality & Preventive Healthcare as a Universal Right *Regardless of Where You Are or How Wealthy You Are*

**Hear Dr. Luther Castillo,** featured in the movie "Salud" & now leading the largest international health mission in Haiti, speak on Tuesday, April 13, at 7pm at Central United Methodist Church, 639 N. 25th St. (at Wisconsin Ave., free parking south of the Church). Free and open to the public (donations accepted to support his medical work in Haiti & Honduras).



Dr. Castillo represents a fresh approach to the healthcare crisis affecting not only the US and our lack of a comprehensive system to deliver healthcare to the whole population, but also worldwide, where there is a huge brain drain of medical talent from developing nations – even without natural disasters such as the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

Featured in the movie "Salud," Dr. Castillo presents an amazing and inspiring life history. He is one of the first doctors coming from the long-ignored Afro-Indigenous Garifuna population in Honduras, where accessible public education and health services were virtually unknown. He was president of the first graduating class of what has been called the largest medical school in the world, the renowned Latin American School of Medicine in Havana, established exclusively to provide free medical education to students in under-served communities, including the U.S., who promise to return and serve their communities after they graduate. Preventive medicine, rather than commercial medicine, is its core value.



Dr. Castillo and other LASM graduates established the first autonomous medical clinic serving the Garifuna people. He was named as "Doctor of the Year" by Rotary International in Tegucigalpa. He spoke to the National AFL-CIO convention right before it passed its resolution condemning the military coup in Honduras. He has been targeted by the military coup government and was a major spokesperson for the Honduran resistance to the coup. He now supervises over 300 doctors from over 20 countries (including the U.S.) working in at least 6 medical encampments in Haiti, forming the largest international mission working in Haiti today, including hundreds of Haitian doctors educated for free in Cuba. For an update See "Dispatches from Haiti" at <http://medicglobal.wordpress.com>

The Latin America Solidarity Committee and other groups are sponsoring this program to advance the discussion in this country about healthcare as a right, domestically and internationally, and the importance of preventive medicine if we are to solve our current crisis.

Please join us, and help in building the broadest sponsorship and support for this event. Contact Wisconsin Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba at 414-273-1040 ext. 12, [cubawifriends@mindspring.com](mailto:cubawifriends@mindspring.com); or the Latin American Solidarity Committee, [lascmilw@gmail.com](mailto:lascmilw@gmail.com).