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| **Put a Human Face on Monsanto’s Damage…And Help Save a Life**We’ve been hearing a lot recently about Monsanto and the damage it’s doing worldwide. But for most of us it’s all been a bit abstract and at a distance.Not so for Jon Katz, an expat renewable energy expert who’s lived and worked in the village of El Limón, Dominican Republic, since 1997.  Two mysterious cases of kidney disease have struck the village in the last few years.  First 43-year-old Sonia Presinal died in 2013, unable to obtain a kidney transplant in time to save her life.  Then Francis Sánchez, 26, was diagnosed with renal failure. He’s been on dialysis for the past year, and is now going through pre-transplant testing.  Both Sonia and Francis had unusually heavy exposures to agricultural chemicals, and the evidence strongly implicates Monsanto’s product Roundup, or its active ingredient glyphosate – both household words in El Limón. Jon will be visiting the Bay Area over the winter holidays, and will be at our house on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to outline ways we can act to put an end to the impunity of Monsanto and the GMO cartel, and to fundraise toward the modest amount of money it will take to keep Francis alive until his kidney transplant.  Please let us know if you’re coming.Read more online about the kidney failure epidemic and Francis  at <http://www.el-limon.org/francis>

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