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- *Short-term mission teams in Guatemala
- *Humanitarian relief for indigenous families
- *Solomon's Porch café ministry
- *Live music outreach
- * Helping transform churches and individuals

PorchTalk

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Seventh Heaven

by Lloyd and Melanie

Eight years ago, God clearly confirmed our "crazy" call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ... and I will bless you; and you will be a blessing." *Genesis 12:1-2*. Seven years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to begin

God's work through Porch de Salomon.

We've been blessed, true to God's promise. We praise Him for allowing us to serve and be a blessing in the ways we envisioned, as well as in other ways we didn't expect, and for a new couple (the Deeds) joining us in Pana next January. We thank Him for health, safety, provision and resourcing. We also thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement, visits and financial support; most times, ministry costs money.

Ministry highlights from our seventh year in-country, remembering; "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." *II Corinthians 10:17*:

* **Hosting 20 short-term mission teams** which provided:

- * **11 new houses** for indigenous families
- * **A full futbol/basketball court** and restrooms for Xecotoj housing project
- * **Free medical and dental clinics for indigenous people**
- * **Bible schools, soccer clinics and fun for village kids**
- **Humanitarian relief; weekly food, medicine, medical care and more for indigenous and street people, physical therapy and care for special needs kids, nutrition and surgery for cleft-palate children**
- **70 more clean water home purification systems**



"For the lost, the least and the last"



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- * Over **50 “Beca” school scholarships** provided to indigenous children
- * Operating our **Solomon’s Porch Café** for daily service, community events, entertainment and a venue for the Way to be lived out in the #4 hippie travel destination *worldwide (toptenz.com)*
- * **Weekly worship gatherings**; changed lives and hope offered
- * **Being “salt and light” in places of despair** and spiritual darkness through service, relationships, school support and **live music outreach**-- in bars, local events and music festivals
- * **Alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation and support**—including in-house treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification and encouragement (Adelante Casa Tat Loy!)
- * **Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers** for mission work and global service experience.
- * **Continued partnership with stateside congregations** to encourage Romans 12:2 transformation and effective Acts 1:8 local, national, cross-cultural and global mission

This would not have happened without folks like you, our “senders” and supporters -- again, GRACIAS!
If you feel led to move from observer to supporter or participant, [please get on board](#) and get in touch with us!



PRAISES:

- * Seven years of provision, protection and progress for Porch de Salomon in Guatemala
 - * Our encouragers and supporters!
- * Hector, Joe/Kristen, Nic, Mirna, Betty and others' work in Guate
 - * Melanie and Lloyd's 30th wedding anniversary August 21
 - * The *El Puente* program providing for the Monroe's continued full-time service

PRAYERS:

- * Nicolas Lopez's new role as Hector's assistant
- * Encouragement and resourcing for our Fall '12 short-term teams
- * Continued provision, protection and progress for Porch
 - * Will & Amber Deeds' family, their transition and resourcing for their January '13 plans to move to Pana
(check out www.deedsville.org)

MONROE SUMMER FURLOUGH *update!*

Melanie and Lloyd are having a great time in the states (through Sept. 21) reconnecting with family, friends and stateside life.

This is also an important time for us to be in contact with our partner churches and Porch donors/supporters, old and new. We thank everyone who has welcomed us so far!

Let us know if you'd like to chat or have ideas; we have time!
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Our calendar at press time:

- September 9: Element3 (9:30, 11 am, 5 and 7 pm)
- September 11: Chaires UMC 6 pm
- September 12: FUMC Monticello 6 pm
- Sept. 13: Faith Presb. (Tallahassee) Witness Committee
- Sept. 16: Good Samaritan UMC, 10 am
Join us!



It was a thrill to sing "Daddy Sang Bass" with Danny Monroe (82) at a Cuba team fundraiser recently. Almost as good was Porch co-founder Suzanne Monroe Wesson (far right) joining in!

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