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DAILY BREAD AND DREAMS

by Lloyd

*As [Jacob] slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway. Genesis 28:12
Give us today our daily bread. Matthew 6:11*

Early last month, with the tough guys from our first 2014 short-term team in tow, we attended a groundbreaking ceremony at Jose Quisquina and Maria's new house project. This team had been working to build a new house for another family, Catarino and Santos's. As I listened to the Kaq'chikel-to-Spanish-to-English translation, I thought of how both these humble families often have not had enough to eat. Jesus' prayer for daily bread came to mind. Whether they have heard of Jesus' prayer or not, these two indigenous families understand, and live out, the concept of seeking "daily bread" in a way none of us Americans there ever will.

Just then, Maria confidently took her turn to speak. Standing in front of her crumbling adobe house, she told how her long-ago dream, of seeing strangers coming down the mountain trail to help her family, had come true that very day. Hot tears filled my eyes and I was speechless for a few minutes. *Daily bread and dreams*. We had been a part of making this sweet mother's dream come true. Porch de Salomon will help both families with their food and seek ways to help them to eat better in the future.

God be praised for the fulfillment of this mother's dream, for the improved prospects for her family, for the teams who have gone up and down that long trail, and for their supporters. As always, we are grateful for our mission partners and donors who pray for, support, and resource the work of Porch de Salomon. *Gracias!*

(Below) Maria resting. (At right) Heritage UMC (KS) team leader Ann Hall hauls rock up and down the trail to Jose and Maria's house site.



(right) This rock may have brought tears to Tex's eyes!

"For the lost, the least, and the last"

DREAM BUILDERS



(at right): Jeydi is Noe's new office assistant; she is the youngest of 12 children. Noe's field assistant, Nik, is the oldest of 12. Cool symmetry! Jeydi pitched in to speed the cooking along at an unexpected meal for our first team. We love her smile and vibe!



(Clockwise, from left)

- * Team Brandon/Roper/Shalley started off our year (again!) with great fund-raising, hard work, laughs, and encouragement.
- * Pastor Tom, with Team Gina/Amador County (CA), works the homemade dirt packer in Chuaxic. Tom (and Tim) are our kind of pastors!
- * Team Heritage UMC (KS) digs footers to move Maria's dream along. Pastor Russell (center) ain't bad either!
- * Three of the four "twister sisters," tying steel. We were thrilled to have long-time PdS supporters Viv (in red) and Doug Lees join us and work with Team HertUMC. Check out their "Twister Sisters" video they dedicated to their trainer, Lonny, at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKoVqlk3omU&feature=youtu.be>



NEXT DREAMS

Zoila (23) and Carlos (24, not shown) live in this pitiful shack in the indigenous village of Chipop with their three young children. Much of their house consists of “*bajareque*”—cornstalks and mud mixed. Carlos works as a baker. They have no electricity, toilet, or furniture, except their one shared board bed.

Thanks to our incoming March teams, they will receive a quality, concrete block two-bedroom house.

(Below): Community leaders, local villagers, Team Gina/Amador County, and our local Porch team gathered for a fun ground-breaking in Chuaxic (complete with marimba music). Our March teams will also help fund and build a much-needed community center there. The center will include: 1) a health clinic room; 2) a library room; 3) a meeting room; and 4) a computer lab room. Great vision on this, Noe!

**Please let us know if you'd like to help us buy desktop computers for the lab. *Gracias!*

35 students from Canadian Mennonite Un. (Winnipeg, Canada) once again escaped the frozen north to haul blocks, sand, steel and such up and down Maria's trail. Porch de Salomon appreciates our mission partnership with this program!



OK, let's hope that funny guy Scott Shalley's antics with one of Catarino and Santos' twin girls doesn't cause *bad dreams!*

Jayne, and our intern Dara, with Oscar and his mother recently

OSCAR has outgrown his artificial hands which Sardis UMC (FL) purchased for him, years back. This smart lad is doing well in school. We are thrilled to report that this little partner church is again working to fund a new pair!

PRAISES and PRAYERS

- * Patience and discernment in our relationships with our alcoholic and addicted brothers and sisters
 - * Praise for a special financial blessing Porch de Salomon has received. Thank you, Lord!
 - * Our friend and translator Estrella Gutierrez's health
- * Team Trinity UMC (Gainesville FL), March 7-14; dental and optometric clinics

- * Teams NorthStar Church/Burke family, March 8-15; construction
- * Teams Trinity UMC Youth (Tallahassee)/Deerlake UMC (39 folks!), March 15-22; construction and Bible school
 - * Team First Presb. Ch (FWB, FL), March 22-29; construction
- * Team Centenary UMC/CUMC (CA), March 29-April 5; construction



Panajachel's free health center was able to have its ultrasound machine repaired, and put back into service, through a \$550 donation from Porch de Salomon. We thank our ministry partners and donors for helping us meet such needs.



Dreamy DVDs! We'd love to mail you our new, complimentary DVD containing: a quick intro by the Deeds, our "Two Brothers" video (two minutes), and Lee Berger's superb seven-minute Porch video. Just contact Rex at rex.ware@fowlerwhite.com or 850.933.0344. The videos remain on YouTube as well, at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giDuoNhYoAM> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1BLitmjwk4>

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