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# ⌘ PorchTalk

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## EXCEED YOUR VISION\* by Lloyd

*The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16*

*For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7*

*\*EXCEED YOUR VISION is a registered logo mark of Epson Corporation*

Recently, I turned on our Epson LCD projector to orient a team. It beamed brightly, and I was struck by the challenge of the company's logo mark—*Exceed Your Vision*. As people of faith, we are likewise challenged to go beyond what we can see, solely with our personal vision, knowledge, and discernment, and to embrace a greater vision. That was true with Jesus' first disciples, and remains true now.

Porch de Salomon's impact, success, and scope has exceeded whatever we had in mind 12 years ago. God be praised for that. Even now, we daily balance "the practical" (including how *things* will be paid for) with what can be accomplished if we allow God's spirit to help us exceed our vision. Please pray for us all, and for those we serve.

As always, we thank our mission partners and supporters for encouraging and resourcing Porch's service and outreach. Many of you have exceeded your vision of what you might be able to do (e.g. serving in Guatemala) and your vision of what you might be able to donate to an outfit like Porch. *Gracias por todo!*



Team Chicago/  
St. Michael's and St.  
Mark's Episcopal dug in  
at Rudy and Josefina's  
family house in *Barrio  
Norte*.

We had a lot of fun with  
them and look forward to  
visiting them in the  
"Windy City" area later  
this year



We joyfully dedicated our 93rd completed house in *Santa Lucia Utatlan*. Natalia and Derlyn's living conditions will be vastly improved (two of Natalia's children did not survive infancy). Natalia's crippling arthritis is responding well to medicine and they are both healthier because of their improved diet.

We are thankful for our Porch partners who fund our humanitarian relief programs, as well as generous "house donors," like Geoff and Pat Monge, whose generosity really notches up our efforts (they donated in memory of Geoff's parents).

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

**DUELING DENTISTS** Bill Brueckheimer (*left*) and Larry Pijut relieved the suffering of over 100 indigenous patients (with extractions).



*Photos at right, descending:*  
 --Deerlake UMC (FL) teamer Marshall works sand for concrete with Santos.  
 --FSU Audiology doctors Halle Van Oss and Selena Snowden returned with a team and brought hearing and hope to scores of indigenous folks.



(*left*): Team Chicago member and Pilates instructor Lynn digs a different work-out.  
 (*below*): Team St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal (KY) and Team DLUMC bonded so well they want to double-up again next year!



**ADIOS BIG BLUE** and *Hola "Great White"!* We finally retired our shaky 1993 F350 team van ("*Big Blue*"), after years of service (and mechanic's service!), with this 1998 F250 van. A local resort sold it to us for \$5000—it's in great shape and runs like a top.  
 Even better, a visiting February team member donated the entire purchase price, without us even asking. Thank you "M," and thank you for the vision to provide a third van for our teams' work.



# HELP US HELP THE HOSPITAL

by Lindsey Newberry Choguaj

The local public hospital needs our help. Can you imagine going to the hospital and having to take your own bottle of drinking water, soap, towels, bed linens, and such?

Or can you imagine being a doctor with no access to basic medicine for your patients? Or what about being a chef at a hospital with no refrigerator?

These are a few examples of the struggles that our local hospital faces every day.

Porch de Salomon would like to help the hospital with a four-part, practical "vision extension":

**Part One: Water!** Clean drinking water is essential. The hospital has no ability to provide purified drinking water. We would like to provide nine *Utz Ja* water filters (with stands). Cost: \$850

**Part Two: Safety!** The hospital also has a small (in size, large in impact) violence and neglect center focused on victims of violence, abandonment, sexual abuse, etc. The social worker there works very hard but is limited because she doesn't have a computer or printer to prepare the paperwork for each case. We hope to provide these for her and renovate her office to make it more private and comfortable for her patients. Cost: \$750

**Part Three: Education!** The hospital has launched a lactation consultant clinic, to teach women the benefits and techniques of breastfeeding. We'd like to provide the following:

- 24 chairs, 20 bath robes, 20 breastfeeding pillows
  - a television and DVD player to show breastfeeding videos, etc.
- Cost: \$950

**Part Four:** A refrigerator for the hospital kitchen. Cost: \$1100

Later, we hope to paint the dingy hallways and help provide modern equipment for the neonatal unit.

The dedicated hospital staff does their best, with very limited resources. Please help us give the hospital a much-needed, well-deserved upgrade so that they can continue their challenging work. Your designated, tax-deductible donations to Porch will help us do this. Thank you!

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Photos, from top: --A nursing mother has no chair.  
--The social worker and lactation nurse in the unfurnished lactation clinic. The social worker's office has only one chair and a simple desk—no computer.

Above right: a new mother and baby in their rustic bed in the open maternity ward. Note the bottled water her family provided.

Above left: The hospital kitchen has no refrigerator.



Porch de Salomon just launched our next house-build, in Pana's *Barrio Norte*.

Rudy and Josefina's family saga includes Rudy's job loss, immigration attempt, capture/hostage status, and Josefina's desperate borrowing money to ransom Rudy and save her son Rudy's life (meningitis).

Working hard to pay back the high-interest loans, all six live in a 3-meter x 3-meter borrowed room, with an outside wood stove and communal toilet shared with 20 others (and no tub or shower.)



After a three-year hiatus, bluegrass legend "Leroy Mack," (*center*) and Craig Wilson, graced Santiago Atitlan's annual *Festival Atitlan* with superb picking and singing. "My grass is blue"!



**DOUBLE YOUR MONEY** A family from Team Burke/Texas has pledged to match, up to a total of \$20,000, donations to Porch which are designated "Team Burke/Texas." So far, we have received about \$10,000 in such designated donations. We invite you to help us reach that \$20,000 "to-be-matched" goal by donating now. Please see page one for easy check or on-line donation directions. Help us exceed what we envisioned! Please contact me with your questions. Gracias! Lloyd

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