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\*Short-term mission teams  
in Guatemala

\*Humanitarian relief for  
indigenous families and others

\*Solomon's Porch  
Café ministry

\*Live music outreach

\* Helping transform churches  
and individuals

## COMPARE

... you have done great things, O God, who can compare to you? Psalms 71:19 (NET)



Porch de Salomon's June was a busy one, packed with short-term teams and more, positively impacting hundreds of lives in Guatemala's Western Highlands. We invite your attention to this issue, to sample a bit of what we experienced.

Compare the photos of Marta Julia and her daughters, above. The one on the right reflects help, hope, and health for them. Living in a dirt-floor, cardboard walled shack (at left) without sufficient food, they could never afford the traditional, indigenous *traje* garments the indigenous women yearn to wear. Thanks to our partnership with Dirty Feet Missions, they now own this clothing, and look forward to receiving a new house and to becoming educated. We imagine they will forever compare their "before and after" lives.

(Below, right) Lonny trains new foundation "steel tying disciples" from Team Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church (GA). We compare this photo to the times, years back, when Lonny's looks reflected his sad state of alcoholism.

(Below, left) Martin entered Casa Tat Loy's detox/rehab program last month destitute (as did Lonny, years ago). He is one of the eight men Porch is currently sponsoring there. Let us know if you'd like to help fund one (\$100 per month).



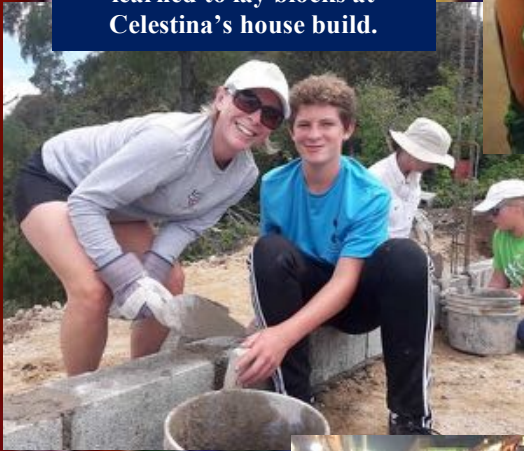
"For the lost, the least, and the last"



**GREAT THINGS** were done by our June short-term teams. *(Left)* Team Flower-Digisi member Jake joins Pastor Brad and Andy of Team Faith PC. *(Right)* Tom Cappellino beams as his first solo steel column work passes muster. Behind him is his daughter Katie, serving as a Dirty Feet Missions intern this summer.



Faith PC teamers Elizabeth, Max, Kelly, and Mary Elizabeth learned to lay blocks at Celestina's house build.



*(Above, and above center)* Team Faith PC, with assistance by Team Flower-Digisi, saw over 400 indigenous patients in free village medical clinics. *(Left)* Kevin surprised his mother, Flower Nancy, by flying from Denver CO to join her team!



**COMPARE** Celestina's use of the ancient art of cooking *pulique* (thanking one of our teams working on her house) -- to-- The science of the new Dell computer for the public hospital's social worker. Thank you friends from Memorial UMC!



## FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN....

In *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, Lucy steps into a new world unlike anything she has ever experienced. I felt like that as I entered Guatemala June 7<sup>th</sup>; seeing lush green mountains, black smoke puffing from the exhaust pipes of chicken buses, toothless smiles, vibrant clothes, malnutrition, salsa dancing, rusty tin roofs, and more.

Toothless smiles are in abundance at *Golden Years*, the adult day-care center. Our presence, laughter, bubbles and silly skit brought them so much joy. One of the patients called Lloyd up and said that they needed more financial support and they would love a trip to Lake Atitlan. I expected a polite, "We'll see what we can do," but to my surprise Lloyd said "yes," on the spot. I saw an organization that says "yes" to loving people well, with the confidence that the Lord will provide, in abundance.

I'm helping Eugenia and Jeydi with our nutrition plans for malnourished families. I guide short-term teams to dinner. I join in as they tackle projects with enthusiasm, whether it's a day of the dreaded gravel bucket line up-the-mountain

or the head-to-toe mud "art" that digging foundation footers sometimes requires. During a rain break we hosted a dance party in the indigenous girls' room. Their mother told me that I now have two more sisters. I will never forget that day.

Medical clinic teams were with us last week, and attracted a line of grateful people awaiting our help. I couldn't help but think, seeing all of this in action, of the body of Christ. "There are many parts, yet one body." 1 Cor. 12:20. I got off the plane knowing no one. As I have integrated into the living body here, I have been welcomed, loved and filled in ways that exceed anything I expected. I can't wait to see what another month will provide! Brittney Schwind

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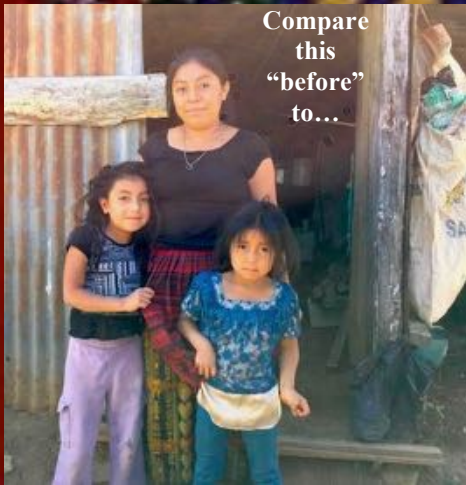
Eugenia (center) leads a workshop on better nutrition products for our monthly feeding program families



Teams Flower-Digisi and Dirty Feet Missions shown with part of the Golden Years' 50 patients. Seniors are often semi-abandoned by their families. They receive two nutritious snacks, a good lunch, and more five days a week.



**From Lloyd: PLEASE HELP US** fund the center's \$600 monthly budget short-fall. We pledged one year of support. With a change in local government, the center lost funding for transportation for the patients, electricity, and cooking propane. We gained three pledges from team members shown above, and now lack nine months @ \$600 per. We will gladly accept half-month shares. Thanks for considering. Please advise!



Compare  
this  
"before"  
to...



Please pray for our July  
short-term teams:  
July 8-15: Sharon Church (GA)  
July 15-22: Trinity UMC  
(Gainesville FL)  
July 22-29: Shelby Presbyterian  
(NC)  
...and for our on-going facility  
expansion in Panajachel

Porch de Salomon joyfully dedicated Santos Albina Chumil's house in San Jose Chacaya. This house, our 95<sup>th</sup> completed one, is a life-changing gift to her single-mother family. Santos tearfully thanked everyone, and provided a traditional *pulique* celebratory lunch. Likewise, we thank God, all who labored, the generous donors who funded this new abode, and our mission partners who empower Porch's multi-faceted outreach and service. Adelante juntos!



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