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180 REASONS TO CELEBRATE: Hope, Homes, and Heartfelt Thanks

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” — *Psalm 127:1 (NIV)*
“When gratitude becomes an essential foundation in our lives, miracles start to appear everywhere.” — *Emmanuel Dagher*



179th House Dedication! Despite limited income and difficult living conditions, Rafael and Francisca have worked tirelessly to support their sons José, Leonardo, and Dilan. For years, their family lived in a makeshift shelter of metal sheets, which offered little protection from the rain or from the drop in temperatures at night in the Guatemalan highlands. Today, their story looks different.



“For the lost, the least, and the last”



With the help of Porch, volunteer teams, and our generous donors, the family now has a safe, sturdy home. They also received a small business opportunity selling plastic containers and sweet snacks, along with a dedicated room in their new home to store inventory. Rafael and Francisca now have a chance to generate income and build a brighter future for their family.

HOPE

At Porch de Salomon, volunteers do more than build homes—they bring love, joy, and hope in many ways:



When families like Lucía and Francisco's spend their days helping build their own homes, they lose vital work hours. Here, volunteers stepped in to provide groceries, easing the strain and ensuring this family had what they needed.



Nicole Robinson put her professional talents to work by offering haircuts for families and even our staff, leaving smiles and a renewed sense of confidence behind.



Children at *Casa Hogar Feliz*, a local orphanage, enjoyed puppets, play, and a memorable park field trip with our volunteers.



Volunteers made birthdays extra special with cake, piñatas, and the joy of community celebration. These moments remind families they are seen and loved.

HOMES

180th House Dedication



Thank you to everyone who made Home #180 possible. Each home represents not just shelter, but God's faithfulness in the lives of families like Ceferina's and so many others. With the support of our volunteers, partners, and donors, we give thanks to God for every life touched and every home built.

We celebrate a remarkable milestone: Porch de Salomon has dedicated its 180th home! This new home belongs to Ceferina and her two children, Micaela (8) and Elías (6). After being abandoned by her husband, Ceferina has carried the full weight of caring for her family. For years, they lived in a fragile one-room shelter that often flooded, leaving them vulnerable. At the dedication, the family praised God and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the volunteer teams, Porch de Salomon, and our generous donors for providing them with a safe and stable home and a new and improved *tienda* (small store). This house will now keep them secure, allow them to rest, and give them space to dream of a brighter future.



Porch de Salomon recently broke ground on a new home for María and her family in San José Chacayá. María is the sole caregiver for her daughter, Mercedes, age 20, who lives with an intellectual disability that makes it difficult for her to work or manage household tasks. María also lovingly cares for her granddaughter, Camila, who is just 3 years old. Their story is one of strength, love, and perseverance in the face of significant challenges. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to help them build a safe and hopeful future.



A heartfelt thank you to Journey Church (Griffin, Georgia), Team Roger (Tallahassee, Florida), and our generous donors who make this work possible. Your love and generosity continue to bring hope and dignity to families here in Guatemala.

VOLUNTEER PORCHLIGHT

By Lloyd Monroe



Since Porch de Salomon's inception in 2005, we have depended exclusively on stateside volunteers rather than paid folks for administrative tasks. Of course, that lowers Porch's overhead. We appreciate them very much!

Jayne Mittan, P.A., is our longtime medical liaison. Porch's medical outreach has increased over the years, due in part to the fact that our executive directors could depend on Jayne to vet, prepare, and often accompany short-term medical teams in the field. She represents us well!

Jayne writes: I fell in love with the people of Guatemala the first time I visited in 2011. I knew immediately that God intended me to be there. That love affair has continued to the present day and will continue as long as I am able. I am struck by the fact that they are so loving and caring. I am amazed by how content they are in their everyday lives, despite the hardships that they face every day. They are very appreciative of every little thing we can do to ease their pain or to make their lives and health better. It is my privilege to work with medical teams and facilitate their clinic experience. Keeping our clinics organized and our teams prepared allows us to see all who need care. I am happy to meet with new medical teams to provide orientation on our services and processes. I am also pleased to accompany first-time teams on their trips to answer questions and ensure everything goes smoothly. I have met so many wonderful people through the years, both team members and patients. I value those friendships, and I always feel closer to God whenever I'm in my home-away-from-home in Guatemala.

HEARTFELT THANKS



Porch de Salomon was honored to provide Ecofiltro water filters to the Golden Years Senior Center in San José Chacayá! These filters will give elders reliable access to clean, safe drinking water to protect their health. You can provide others with a water filtration system for only \$90.

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