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- *Helping transform churches and individuals

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WHEN THE SOUL FEELS ITS WORTH

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."
— from "O Holy Night," lyrics by Placide Cappeau

A THRILL OF HOPE

The weary world rejoices, and we join in that joy as families step into new homes, children are nourished and learning, and small businesses find the strength to thrive. Each act of love and generosity reminds us that every person is valued and worthy of respect. Together, we reflect the light of Christ during this season.



182nd House Dedication

Lucia and Francisco, along with their five children —Anabela, Fredy, Kevin, César, and Edgar —once lived in a small adobe room on their family's land, sharing a leaky, tin-roofed kitchen. Despite the challenges, they never lost hope for a better future. This Christmas, their dream has come true as they have a safe, dry home where their children can grow and thrive.



183rd House Dedication



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

This Christmas, María, the sole caregiver for her daughter, Mercedes (20), who lives with an intellectual disability, and her 3-year-old granddaughter, Camila, received a safe new home and a small microbusiness to help support her family. A simple but powerful thrill of hope now fills their lives, thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

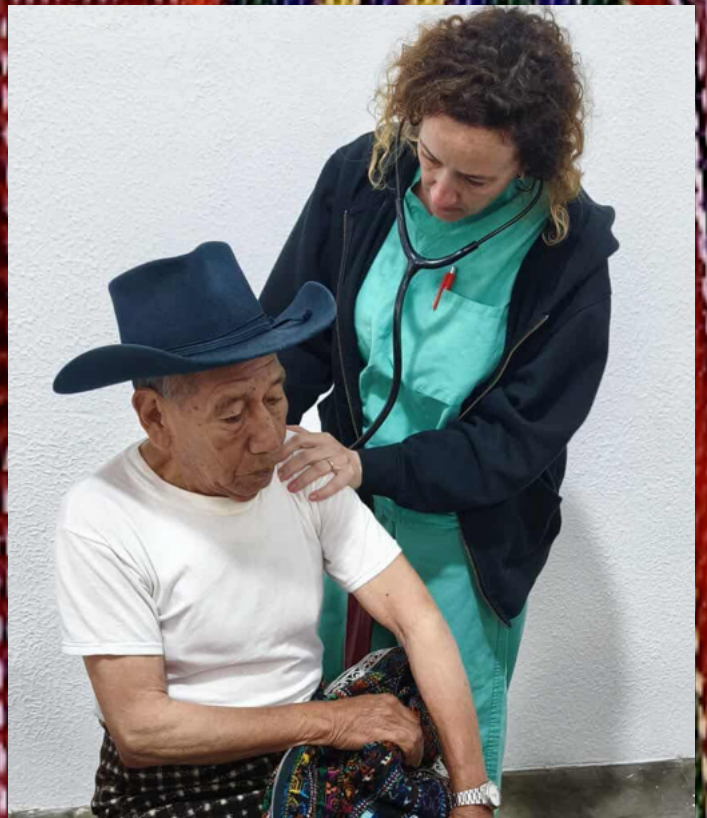
THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES



Porch recently broke ground on a new home for Santos—who lost his sight as a child—his wife, María, and their son, Luis (left), as well as for single mother Floridalma Ben Baquin and her 5-year-old daughter, Gladis (right). Both families rejoice in the hope of a better life and a safer future.



We want to express our gratitude for the hard work of Porch's staff in Guatemala. God has blessed Porch and our families by providing for years of ministry through the generosity of our partner churches, mission partners, and supporters. The work of Porch de Salomon is only possible because of your generous financial contributions.



Porch is grateful for our dental and medical volunteers and short-term teams who worked hard this fall—bringing compassionate healthcare and building hope for families in need.

FOR YONDER BREAKS A NEW AND GLORIOUS MORN



“I am overwhelmed with happiness to have accomplished this dream. I have always wished to graduate from college, and thanks to God and the support of DFM, that dream has come true. I feel honored to be part of the small group of people in Guatemala who can complete a university degree. This accomplishment inspires me to help open more opportunities like the ones I received for others. Anyone who dreams of studying at the university level should have the opportunity to do so.” — *Hilda Mux Son*

Hilda Mux Son has achieved a remarkable milestone—graduating from Mariano Gálvez University in Guatemala with a bachelor’s degree in business administration! As the Co-Director of Porch de Salomon and the Director of our school scholarship program, Hilda now brings an even deeper level of knowledge and leadership to her work. She continues to guide and inspire scholarship students with a deep passion rooted in her own journey.

As a child, Hilda received sponsorship for her schooling, and Dirty Feet Missions enabled her to pursue a university education through their generosity. Her dedication and perseverance have been nothing short of inspiring. As Genia Padgett O’Neal shares, *“Saying I’m proud of her is an understatement. I’ve seen her work full-time and go to college, studying at night and on weekends for multiple years. This is more than a degree; it’s empowerment, and she stands as a role model for a whole community of little Mayan children.”*

According to worlddata.info, only 5.1 percent of Guatemalans have a bachelor’s degree. Porch de Salomon congratulates Hilda on this significant achievement and celebrates the bright example she sets for the next generation of leaders!



Rear (L-R): Angel Julajuj, Angela Vasquez, Amanda Herrera, Edgar Xitamul, Wiliam Coj, & Noé Morales
Front (L-R): Ada Perez, Sheryl Coroxón, Reyna Yaxón, Maria Yaxón, & Marleny Chopen

In Guatemala, over 50% of indigenous teenagers have not completed third grade. Grinding poverty is the predominant cause of this problem. Families cannot afford school fees as they struggle just to put food on the table daily. Since 2006, Porch de Salomon has provided school scholarships each year through the generosity of our donors. We are proud to show off our 2025 high school graduates!

Give the gift of education this season by renewing or beginning an annual school scholarship for the 2026 school year starting in January. A \$260 donation will allow a Guatemalan child or youth to attend school for a year.

For details, contact Hilda, director of our scholarship program, at Hilda.son03@gmail.com.

BECAUSE OF YOU, THE STARS ARE BRIGHTLY SHINING

Beach Retreat 2025 — Not all staff pictured.



Our in-country team sends warm wishes to you and your families this Christmas. The jobs provided by Porch de Salomon and Café Hotel California support the families of our full-time Guatemalan staff, part-time workers, and contract builders. Your donations to the general fund make Porch de Salomon's work and mission possible.
Thank you, and *Feliz Navidad!*

This season, your generosity enables us to share hope where it's needed most through homes, education, meals, and small business opportunities. Every gift makes a difference.

Ways to Give:

1. Make a year-end, tax-deductible donation.
2. Support a specific project or help a family in need.
3. Commit to a monthly, quarterly, or annual pledge for 2026.
4. Give in honor of a loved one as a Christmas gift of hope.



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