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- \*Short-term service/mission teams in Guatemala
- \*Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- \*Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- \*Self-sustainable micro-businesses
- \*Helping transform churches and individuals

# PorchTalk

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## Small Things, Great Impact

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” — *Psalm 127:1 (NIV)*  
“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” — *Vincent van Gogh*



Porch de Salomon is thrilled to celebrate the dedication of our 190th home! In the Maya Kaqchiquel community of Sololá, the Chumil Ajanel family gathered with joy and gratitude to dedicate their new home alongside Porch staff, volunteers, and community members. Marta and Rolando, together with their five sons, now have a safe and secure place to call home.

Despite ongoing economic hardship and Rolando's chronic back pain, the family has continued to persevere with remarkable strength. Rolando showed up every day to work on his house despite excruciating pain. Their determination and love for one another have been an inspiration throughout this journey.



## LIFE-GIVING WATER

Clean drinking water is essential for the health and well-being of families in Guatemala, especially for children who are most vulnerable to waterborne illness.

Through Porch de Salomon's water filter program, every new home receives a water filter to provide safer drinking water and improve daily life for families. Marta shared her gratitude for the opportunity to have clean water in their new home.

Porch de Salomon is grateful to the donors and partners who make programs like this possible.

## **PURPOSE-FILLED SMALL BUSINESSES**

Porch de Salomon believes that lasting change comes not only from safe housing but also from opportunities for families to build sustainable futures. Through our micro-business program, Porch provides families with small-business opportunities that can create reliable income and greater household stability. These businesses are made possible through the generosity of donors who invest in the long-term well-being of the families we serve.



As part of the dedication of their new home, the Chumil Ajanel family received support to begin a small chicken-raising business. This opportunity will help Marta and Rolando create additional income while providing a pathway toward long-term sustainability for their family. With determination and hard work, the family is beginning this new chapter with hope for the future.



In addition to providing initial business support, Porch de Salomon walks alongside families throughout their journey by offering small-business seminars, training, and continued encouragement. Our goal is to equip families not only with resources but also with the knowledge and confidence needed to grow and sustain their businesses for years to come.

## MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Porch de Salomon celebrates a new beginning for Juana and her son, José. (Below) After years of hardship, including leaving an abusive and unsafe situation when José was just three months old and later losing her partner, Juana has carried the full weight of providing for her family with strength and determination. Despite their efforts, they have been living in a fragile home with little protection. They look forward to a safe home and a fresh start.



A joyful groundbreaking for Marta and her husband, Selvin, and their children, Daniel and Juana. (above) Their new home is now underway thanks to the hard work and willingness to serve from the Florida State University Wesley Foundation students led by FSU & TCC Wesley Foundation Executive Director and Pastor Bryant Manning. (Below)



“Our team from FSU Wesley is a crew of energetic, caring college students who always sign up to help make a difference, and we always find that the difference is really made within us. My prayer is always that the group would grow not only in their bond and connection with the beautiful people of Guatemala, but also in themselves. This trip was no exception; I saw students rally around each other, lift each other up, and encourage each other, all while being the hands and feet of Jesus in Solalá. The magic of the ministry of Porch is its sustainable mission work; the teams that come to help are a small part of the work Porch accomplishes, and yet so valuable. Whether it’s the building of a house, the dedication of a house of a family we’d only just met, or the life-saving medical work, we leave every year with open eyes to the work God is doing and are blessed to even be such a small part.”— *Bryant Manning*



**...AND DEDICATED TEAMWORK**  
***PORCHLIGHT: Our Building Crew***



**(L-R): Antonio, Erwin, Yasuary, Obed, Daniel, Santos, Kevin, Markario, Wilder & René**

Porch is grateful for our building team. Their work is essential to Porch de Salomon's mission. They not only build homes but also craft the beds, shelves, and tables that goes inside each one, helping make every house feel complete for the families who receive them.

The team recently participated in woodworking training to further strengthen their skills and improve their craftsmanship.

They are a vital part of the Porch de Salomon staff, and we are grateful not only for the steady work they do each day to serve our families well, but also for the meaningful jobs Porch de Salomon is able to create by hiring local builders who strengthen and support families through their skills and dedication.



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