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- \*Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- \*Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- \*Live music outreach
- \* Helping transform churches and individuals

# ⌘ PorchTalk

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## SOUL SACRIFICE\*

by Lloyd

Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for? *Jesus of Nazareth, at Matthew 24 (MSJ)*

Service always requires sacrifice. *Rev. Simon Barnes, Team SFITF*

March was one of our busiest short-term team months ever. Ten teams filled it up, sharing the four weeks, and it was all good. More than a few of those team members came in search of a soul-deep service/growth opportunity. Some sacrificed vacation, family time, luxuries, comfort, or financial resources to be with us. Bravo y gracias!

Porch de Salomon's service and outreach depend on the generous support and donations of our mission partners. We appreciate that support, and realize that for

some, your support is given sacrificially. We thank you, and all our supporters, and ask that your souls be richly blessed in this.

(Right) One of our young translators, Lucia, makes deep eye contact with an indigenous patient as Team Centenary/CUMC's Rich Fisher, M.D., looks on.

(Below) Team Conte/Clovis ER member "Nacho" injects the sole of a young indigenous patient's foot.



Our band, *Nuevo Pink Lloyd Experience*, played two separate local fundraisers in March; one for a school and one for a music school. Our donated time, tunes, and sound system "testify." Lloyd

\* (At right) Our cover repertoire includes Santana's *Soul Sacrifice*. That song closed their incendiary Woodstock set 50 years ago. (Right) We render *Hotel California*, in honor of Porch's team-housing facility.



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





*(left)* Team Conte/Clovis ER (CA) delivered great medical equipment and a microwave to the beleaguered local hospital.  
*(Right)* Dr. Gabe in one of our free village medical clinics.



Jon (Team Centenary/CUMC, CA) and Kathy/Katie (Team Crossroads UMC, VA) smiled for the camera.



*It felt especially fitting and powerful to celebrate International Women's Day in Panajachel, Guatemala. Serving the people in a country ranked as the world's 6th worst for women— they need our attention and care and efforts. We had a fulfilling week serving the Guatemalan people through audiological medical clinics. We are always honored and humbled to partner with Porch de Salomon, which serves as our home base, our organizers, outreach coordinators, and so much more. Halle Van Oss, Doctor of Audiology (below at right)*



**Team FSU Audiology**

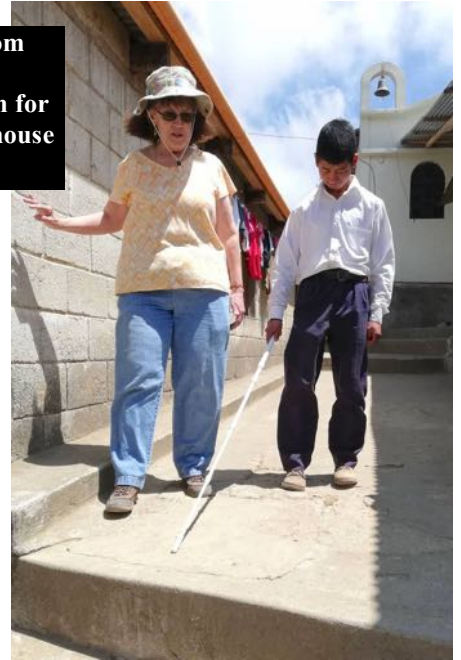
returned, 22 strong, for a fifth straight year of free audiology/hearing device clinics. They brought an amazing \$200,000 (two hundred thousand USD!) worth of devices.

The leadership sacrifices of Dr. Selena, Dr. Halle, Ryan, and the generosity of ReSound/Mike, Kaki, and others brought the clinics to a new level. Bravo y gracias!





*(Left)* Bentley Parker led her family team down from Auburn, AL.  
*(Right)* Sue H., from California, taught blind children for 35 years. Here, she cane-trains Evelio, whose family house is under construction in Panyevlar.



*(Left):* Team Deerlake UMC (FL) included two hard-working dentists: Keith Jaeschke and John Birch. We appreciate team leaders like Amanda Boor, who recruited well.  
*(Right)* Waiting for the dentist.



*(Left)* Team McGuffin Family and Team DLUMC members act out “Daniel in the Lion’s Den” in a Bible school.  
*(Above)* Team St. Francis in-the-Fields (KY) leader Sloane with team stalwarts Bob and Steve.



## SIMON SAYS....

I have had the privilege of examining hundreds of international non-profits, over the years, on behalf of philanthropic clients. One learns how to discern when money is being well spent and a true impact being made.

Having now been up close to Porch De Salomon and “kicked the tires,” I can say that I have full confidence in their stewardship and ability to deliver a lasting change to some of Guatemala’s poorest.

Put simply, they do what they say on the tin.

*Rev. Simon Barnes, of Bath, England, and current interim rector at St. Francis in-the-Fields Epis. Church (KY) (shown below).*



## DRIVET UPDATE

*by Lloyd*

God be praised—for answered prayers, for benign pathology reports, and for the successful removal of two masses in Drivet’s (3) mouth and throat. It was an absolute joy to see him and his mother Zuilema on their way back home. Drivet had been in the hospital for an entire month-- and can now TALK! He was full of good mischief, running around playing with toy animals and such.

We are also thankful for those who donated to fund Porch’s help with all this, and for our mission partners whose prayers, presence, and financial donations keep Porch and our staff (like Eugenia and Jeydi, shown) “in the field,” ready and willing to serve.

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