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- \*Short-term mission/service teams in Guatemala
- \*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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## CARRY ON

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. ... Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." *James 4: 13-15 (NIV)*

Rejoice, rejoice, we have no choice but to carry on.  
*Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (Déjà Vu, 1970)*



The COVID 19 pandemic split our March right down the middle.

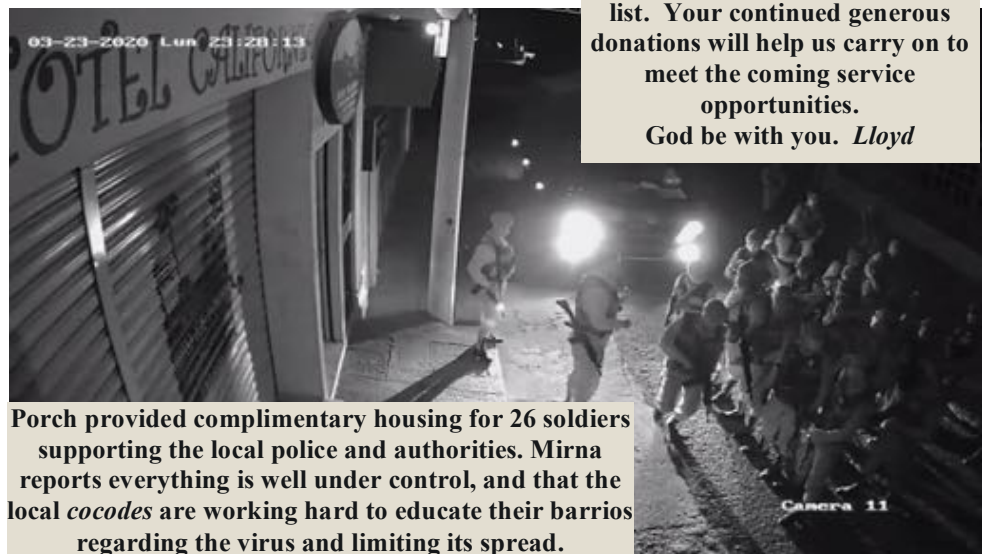
The first half featured three service/mission teams and ministry as usual. By month's end, our final four teams of this season were cancelled, Panajachel was on lock-down, and I was back stateside. The photos on this page well illustrate our month.

We truly never know what tomorrow will bring, as the writer of James noted. For now:

- Guatemala has only 20 confirmed corona virus cases.
- All Porch de Salomon employees remain as such, with pay.
- Our staff is preparing to serve those who will soon lack food and essentials due to the lock-down and ban on tourism.

Please include Guatemala, Porch, and those we serve on your prayer list. Your continued generous donations will help us carry on to meet the coming service opportunities.

God be with you. *Lloyd*



Porch provided complimentary housing for 26 soldiers supporting the local police and authorities. Mirna reports everything is well under control, and that the local *cocodes* are working hard to educate their barrios regarding the virus and limiting its spread.

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





**EARLY MARCH TEAMS** included medical and construction teams from Centenary/CUMC (CA) and Woodlake UMC (VA).

*(Left)* Adrianna returned as part of Viv Lee's *(right, orange shirt)* Team Woodlake UMC.

*(Below)* California dreamers work the clinic pharmacy.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING** that our summer short-term teams, commencing May 30 for nine weeks, will be able to carry on and join us in Guatemala. Teams help Porch de Salomon change lives for the better.



*(Above and left):* Our final team of the winter/spring season, Team Wamego UMC (KS), was new to Porch but not to Guatemala. They packed all, and funded half, of these 60 food packs for malnourished children through the SESAN program. Team Shady Grove UMC funded the other half. We appreciate both these new partner churches.

Guatemala suffers from the world's sixth worst chronic malnutrition rate. Through partners like these, as well as our donors, Porch is able to help out where we can.



## CLEAN WATER FOR XECOTOJ

This housing project has 70 families. Each family receives only one hour of running water per week. Porch de Salomon has committed \$7300 to drill a deeper well, install a new 5 h.p. pump and equipment to provide water



to these folks. Our trusted contract builder, Tono Mucun, will supervise the installation and maintenance.

We have worked, off and on, in this community for years. It is our hope that a good water source will help them combat the illnesses which plague its children and elderly.

You can fund all (or half!) this project with a memorial or honorary donation. Write or call us, please.



*(Left)* Porch delivered 40 protective smocks to the public hospital in nearby Solola.

*(Below)* The local health department received loads of medical supplies brought down by our teams.



**YOUR DONATIONS** empower Porch de Salomon to carry on and serve, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, “the lost, the least, and the last.”

Thank you!

Please see page one for donation directions or contact me with your questions or ideas. *Lloyd*



**DESERTED STREET SCENES**, like Panajachel's normally bustling *Calle Principal*, now bode ill for the locals who depend on day-to-day/face-to-face commerce, especially tourist trade, to provide their daily bread. These "locals" include indigenous people from the villages surrounding Lake Atitlan, who flock to Panajachel to sell their wares and barter.

*Below:* Marta Sotoy weaves a table runner on a back-strap loom.



... your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give [them] today [their] daily bread.  
*Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 6:10, 11 (NIV)*

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