

porchdesalomon.org

and on 

Lloyd and Melanie Monroe  
Founders/Directors  
[dlloydmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:dlloydmonroe@gmail.com)  
011.502.7762.0460  
(stateside) 850.688.2076  
[melanietmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:melanietmonroe@gmail.com)  
011.502.5927.1324

Mirna Recinos Aceituno  
Solomon's Porch/Hotel California  
[mirnarecinos2003@gmail.com](mailto:mirnarecinos2003@gmail.com)  
011.502.7762.0793

Noe Benjamin Perez  
Humanitarian Relief Director  
[noebenjaminperez@gmail.com](mailto:noebenjaminperez@gmail.com)  
011.502.5945.1313

Lindsey Newberry Choguaj  
Field Coordinator  
[newberry.lindsey@gmail.com](mailto:newberry.lindsey@gmail.com)  
011.502.5931.6398

Rex Ware  
Stateside Support Team/  
Assistant Treasurer  
[rex@radeylaw.com](mailto:rex@radeylaw.com)  
850.524.7583

Robin Bateman  
Treasurer  
[treasurerpds@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerpds@gmail.com)  
850.321.8243

**Tax-deductible Donations:**  
Porch de Salomon  
PO Box 10509  
Tallahassee FL 32302-2509  
*Or on-line*  
[www.porchdesalomon.org](http://www.porchdesalomon.org)

\*Short-term mission teams  
in Guatemala

\*Humanitarian relief for  
indigenous families and others

\*Solomon's Porch  
Café ministry

\*Live music outreach

\* Helping transform churches  
and individuals

## COMFORT and AFFLICT

*God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.* 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 (NLT)

*"The Gospel is meant to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."*

Garrison Keillor, quoting, in part, Finley Peter Dunne

This quote well captures two major thrusts of Porch de Salomon's progressive ministry style:

- 1) We comfort the afflicted by, among other things,
  - hosting comfort-bringing short-term teams. We hosted three such teams in July and had a blast seeing the hope, help, and happiness they brought.
  - providing year-round, high-impact humanitarian relief, of many different stripes, often saying "yes" before knowing where the funding will come from.
  - doing what we do, as best we can, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and offering spiritual comfort. This includes our Sunday afternoon worship gatherings, counseling, and more.
- 2) We afflict the comfortable by lovingly challenging them (whether comfortable church folks, the overly-religious, atheists who have it all figured out, haughty hippie types, or those comfortable with what holds them captive) to consider and follow the radical teaching and actions of that same real, raw, intense, convention-bashing, loving Jesus.

We thank our mission partners for your prayers, encouragement, presence, and financial donations; these are ministry lifeblood. We could comfort precious few without you. Gracias!



(Left) Sharon Church team member Becky holds Melinda, a severely malnourished baby at the public hospital we partner with. Three months old, Melinda weighs but four pounds.



One of July's five micro-business/self-sustainability projects was a \$400 material grant to Luz. This brave, humble 17-year-old cares for her two younger brothers (they were all orphaned). She will be weaving *guipiles* (blouses) and tablecloths. She is experienced in this business, even at her tender age. We thank Team Sharon Church for funding these.

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



Team Sharon Church leader Greg wrangles one of Angela Chiroy's new swine micro-business pigs



(Above) Trinity UMC (Gainesville, FL) teamers on site at Tomas and Rosa's house-build.

(Right) Shelby Presbyterian Church (NC) youth prepare an interior floor space



(Left and right) Team Trinity UMC (Gainesville FL) pouring it on! The houses we build are tremendous comforts.



Kathryn Resavage (left) was one of the "Resavage Three" who worked alongside Team Sharon Church



Rambo and the "Steel Magnolias"!



After a three-year hiatus, Porch de Salomon, with the help of Team Trinity UMC (Gainesville FL), hosted another Lake Atitlan boat cruise for the Golden Years adult day-care center patients. A local lakefront hotel donated a *pulique* lunch for them---a good time was had by all. Moreover, a generous couple from the team pledged \$3600 (six more months) funding for Porch's support of the center's monthly budget deficit (transportation, propane, electricity). Comfort bringers!



Porch hosted a musical/boogie fundraiser to help Antony Stern (*below, on marimba*). A "son of Pana," he has been accepted to the Berklee Music School (Boston, MA).

The event put \$2500 of wind in his sails. Adelante Antony!



Porch de Salomon launched our latest house-build for an indigenous family.

Tomas, Rosa, and five of their six children live in *Buena Vista*, and speak very little Spanish. Their living conditions are primitive. Two of the daughters are mentally challenged (as is the mother and possibly others).

*Ground-breaking day, a tear came to my eye as I poked around and thought "how can people live like this?" These nice folks demonstrated admirable generosity by serving us canned juice and Bimbo bread. I ate two pieces and it was about as good as anything I've ever tasted.*

Lloyd



Part of Team Shelby PC worked there





Melanie and I will be stateside August 3 -- October 18 for furlough/promotion/vacation. Promotion stops include Chicago and Kansas City area churches as well as the "home folks." Please pray for the right balance of humility and "edge" as we comfort and afflict!

Contact us for our appearance schedule or if you would like to chat—we welcome your ideas. 850.688.2076 or dlloydmonroe@gmail.com. Thank you! Lloyd

### PLACE OF COMFORT

Our ministry facility expansion continues apace.  
Completion date-- January 2018!

(Above) Carlos and Jose stand atop the second-floor roof; the concrete slab was poured just after the photo. This slab will also be the floor for the third floor. The second and third floors will increase our team-housing/hotel capacity from seven rooms to 11.

(Right) This simple building, following remodeling, will help comfort hundreds of afflicted folks as our humanitarian relief office. The slab referenced above sits immediately below the red circle. That circle indicates the rear area of our current, cramped facility.

Please consider making our expansion funding more comfortable through a tax-deductible donation in honor /memory of a friend or loved one. The relief building can be so named for only \$12,000!



*Porch de Salomon*  
P.O. BOX 10509  
Tallahassee FL 32302-2509  
www.porchdesalomon.org  
and on [facebook](#)

NON-PROFIT STANDARD  
POSTAGE & FEES  
PAID  
WACISSA FL  
Permit #1

