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INTO SERVICE AND INTO DUTY

*God frees our souls
Not from service, not from duty,
But into service and into duty.*

Phillip Brooks

...whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even [I] came not to be served but to serve others. Jesus of Nazareth at Matthew 20:27-28

Porch de Salomon's work and ministry benefited from scores of short-term team members who journeyed to Guatemala to serve with us in July. This issue is chock-full of their faces and places. It is our hope and prayer that many of them found freedom and growth both in that service and our progressive ministry style.

Likewise, we trust that the indigenous families they served alongside of also experienced breaths of freedom and hope from what our short-term teams did, from their open attitudes, and from what they brought. We always charge these families with the responsibility to, in turn, serve their neighbors.

Many of our readers have been freed "into service and into duty" of another sort: providing encouragement, prayers, and financial support to support Porch's multi-faceted work. We thank God for that and we thank our mission partners for this invaluable support. (See page two for good news regarding our matching donation goal!) Adelante juntos!



(Above) Team Providence Christian Church's (KY) block line in Chuacruz

(Below, left) Local kids often join in to serve

(Below, right) Two former Wramblin' Wrecks engineer joints on a house wall



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



Team Sharon Church (McDonough GA) and Hope for the Helpless (Greg and Rachael McGaha) joined us once again. In addition to morning house building, they provided three sustainable micro-businesses (and a sterile room for a dialysis patient).
(At left) This family's food cart will help them as they strive on; among other things, they are dealing with the mother's leukemia.



Team Sharon also brought HUNDREDS of high quality futbol/soccer uniforms. Porch delivered them to local public schools! Melanie reported that the students were very, very excited; residual "Mundial" (World Cup) excitement, in part.



In my and my husband's 23 years of doing ministry with youth and missions, Porch de Salomon is the place where I see Jesus the most. Do not doubt that you "Porch folk" are being used as vessels to bring Christ to everyone who crosses your paths. You are not afraid to get involved in people's messy lives, including ours!

Thank you for being you. With love, and until next year,
 Rachael McGaha *(at left, center)*



(Left): Team Providence Christian Church (KY) members Jennifer P. and Jennifer S. hold forth with rebar.

(Above) Team Element3 members tie house foundation steel. *Hola Martin!*

(Right) Element3 communications director Lindsey D. and her pick axe.



Clock wise from left:
 * The Adkins3
 *The Langford 5,
 with Team Vantage
 *Molly Thornal on
 the trail
 *Team Vantage
 leader Katie and her
 great friend Gaby

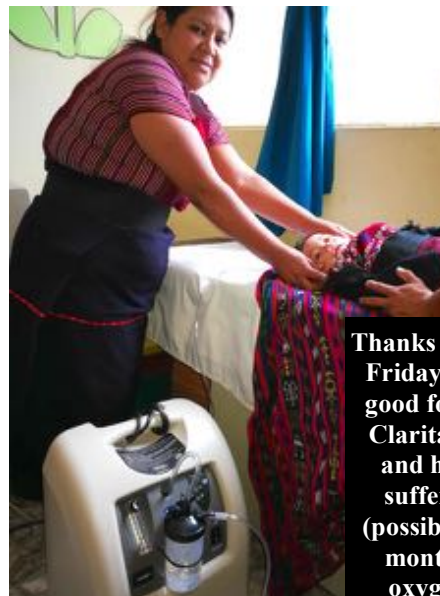


MATCHING DONATION SUCCESS!

Generous and attentive donors pushed our recent to-be-matched donations past the \$20,000 goal, God be praised. We thank all who participated—bless you.

These June/July donations, together with the \$20,000 matching donation from a generous mission partner family, are a big help and a blessing to Porch de Salomon's multi-faceted service and outreach. *Otra vez—muchas gracias!*

Team Element3 digs in, under the watchful eye of team leader, and our volunteer treasurer, Robin Bateman (center)



Thanks to mission partners in Tennessee, Friday, July 13 brought immeasurable good fortune and good hope to Genesis Clarita Chiyal Cumes (10 months old) and her mother Reyna. Genesis has suffered severe breathing problems (possibly chronic pneumonia) for seven months. They now have a *Perfecto2* oxygen converter and replacement "bottles" (all donated).



Melanie and Lloyd will be stateside August 8 through October 11 for furlough/promo. We'd love to connect with you, your church, or group. Just let us know, please. 850.688.2076 or dlloydmonroe@gmail.com .

Porch de Salomon joyously dedicated another completed house; this one for Mercedes. Our friend and former long-term Porch volunteer Neil Alberson (*at left with Melanie*) founded La Casa de La Paz (House of Peace) as a ministry for the families of alcoholic, drug-addicted, or abusive men (ourlacasadelapaz.com). We joint-ventured with this much-needed ministry to build a second floor for Mercedes' house, including a concrete *terraza* roof. Mercedes, a single mother of six, is one of two LCDLP employees. This floor will be used for LCDLP's weekly meetings in Panajachel and as administrative space during the week. (*Above*) *Team Papermakers* joined in the dedication ceremony and tamale meal.

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