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SOLUTIONS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Jesus of Nazareth, at Matthew 11:28 (NIV)



Pre-Telemaratón CBV Panajachel

Noe, Porch de Salomon's humanitarian aid co-director, tells visitors: "Our job is to find solutions to the many and varied problems facing people in our area." Indeed, people come to Porch de Salomon seeking help with, or solutions to, all sorts of burdens they carry: medical needs, inadequate

housing, abuse, lack of clean water, inability to attend school, alcoholism, and more. We do our best to give them what "rest" we can (see scripture above), in Jesus' name, through the best solutions we can craft.

Noe goes on to tell the visitors that others in Porch have the job of raising the money to fund those solutions. How true. That task is completed only through the generosity of our mission supporters and partners. Thank you for funding these solutions!

Guatemala is in the news these days regarding immigration issues. We do not purport to have large-scale solutions to those issues. However, we know that Porch's efforts help prevent desperate, dangerous immigration attempts in the hundreds of families we serve. Our solutions provide hope and help to live better here. Amen!

(Above photos, clockwise from top left)

- *Short-term mission 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

- *Team Rogers' member Howard prepares to finish a house's septic tank.
- * Join us in praying for a solution for Luis Eduardo, Pana's wandering, deaf/mute, "tire boy." On July 23, representatives from the *Hermano Pedro* facility initially assessed whether they can accept him into their special needs facility in La Antigua. We don't want him caged or chained-up. *Mil gracias* to our café/hotel staff for feeding Luis, bathing him, and helping him for so long.
- * A screen shot of local TV footage shows Noe, also chief of Pana's volunteer firefighter/EMT's, at the musical fundraiser Porch just hosted. God be praised, over \$3000 of the department's annual \$13,000 operating budget was raised.

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



July's Team Roster,
 largely focused on helping Porch de Salomon provide housing/life-change solutions to indigenous families, included:
 Element 3 Church (FL)
 Sharon Church (GA)
 Team Flower/Digisi (from all over!)
 Team Scott/Loreli Rogers (FL and GA)
 Team Valentine (NE)/
 Osceola UMC (IN)
 Team Burke (TX!)
Gracias a todos!



(Left): Team Sharon Church/HFH delivers a \$1000 micro-business start-up to Micaela and Ricardo's family in San Jose Chacaya. This was one of four different micro-business launches donated by this team and their supporters.
 Thank you, friends, for being part of the solution!

Porch providing anti-schizophrenia medicine to Nidia (30, shown here with her father Dagoberto) for the past seven years has been the solution to a previously hellish family situation. They cannot afford her medicine.

Having just lost our previous donated-medicine connection, Porch de Salomon invites you to fund this solution with a \$50 monthly donation (or \$600 annual donation). Come on, please say "yes"! *Lloyd*





Large, combined teams, such as Teams Flower and Team Rogers, were essential for toting all building material up the ¼ mile trail to Francisca’s house-build. The Monroes were proud of the strong efforts of nephew Liam Smith (far left, in red) whose parents co-founded Porch with them in 2005.



Mark Niver

COMMITMENT ISSUE SOLUTION

by Mark Niver of Osceola, Indiana

As the time approached to commit to the short-term mission team, I looked for a reason, any reason, to say “no.” Will Deeds, our pastor, wouldn’t let me. I reluctantly brought in my deposit check. When I held out the check to give it to Will, he reached for it but I tightened my hold. As he tried to take it, I held on tighter. Will released the check and said it was my decision. I can’t tell you why I was so hesitant. Maybe it was knowing that once I fully committed, I was also fully committing to trust God and let Him take over the areas of my life that I had held on to so stubbornly for years. Finally, I let loose of the check and my objections.

The trip was unforgettable and something I am so grateful to have been a part of. Indeed, it was life-changing! I went to Guatemala to minister to the people of that beautiful country; the truth is, they ministered to me. The other teams and volunteers were simply amazing and it was an honor and privilege to have worked with them. Francisca and her family, our house recipients, are in my prayers.

Would I go again? In a moment, without any hesitation whatsoever. I can only say thank you to Will and to Porch de Salomon!



Will D. and Laura W.: ‘Twas great to have them with us again.

FLOODING SOLUTION

Nineth and her two grown children barely make ends meet with their jobs. Their small, leaky, old house floods during most any rain event. At right, their kitchen is shown with standing water after a recent rain.

Porch is providing storm water drainage, a concrete *terrazza* roof (which will provide second level living), mold remediation, and remodeling, all for a cost of \$7000. Please contact us if you’d like to be part of the funding solution.





Team Flower/Digisi member Paull Kirkpatrick (*above, in cap*) is a member of Porch partner church Holy Cross Anglican (Tallahassee, FL). A veteran of numerous trips, Paull devised and funded a solution to improve Porch's construction power tool situation. Paull is shown with our Poncho, Pat, Jezer, and Santo and the \$2000 worth of brand-new tools he donated.

Paull wrote: *We thank God for the opportunity to serve at Porch and interact with all the warm and loving people. Seeing God's love shine on all Porch serves is a wonderful testimony.*

Melanie and I will be stateside August 9 through October 13 for furlough/promotion. We also look forward to the birth of our first grandchild in mid-September! Please pray for Hannah, the baby, and all involved.

We'd love to connect with you, your church, or group. Just let us know, please: 850.688.2076 or dlloydmonroe@gmail.com .
Gracias! Lloyd



Kimberly (27) is the single mother of one daughter (6). Kimberly's lupus nephritis has taken away her employability as a teacher. Her mother and sister support them.

Kimberly's survival depends on the \$95 monthly medicine purchases Porch now provides. Please contact me to help fund this solution. *Lloyd*

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