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- *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

PARTICIPATORY

by Lloyd

We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (MSJ)

Our friend and co-laborer Lonny (who's doing well with his recovery and celebrated his 64th birthday last month) once observed about our ministry: "Wow, so this is participatory Christianity." For Porch de Salomon, June was bursting with that style of faith; participation, not just being spectators. This included a different short-term team each and every week, as well as continuing our year-round "incarnational ministry" and humanitarian relief in Panajachel and environs. Our participants included, in addition to those we serve:

- * Teams: New Providence Presbyterian Church (Maryville, TN) (34 folks!), Faith Presbyterian Church, Good Samaritan UMC (both from Tallahassee, FL), Providence Christian Church (KY), and Waukeelah/John Wesley UMC (co-led by Virgie, Melanie's mother!)
 - * Our year-round Panajachel leaders and workers: Noe, Mirna, Melanie, Nik, Will, Amber, Jeydi, Joe, our faithful and hard-working facility staff, our builders, and summer volunteers like Caitlyn, Kelsey, and David O.
 - * Our stateside volunteers: Meghan, Fred, Rex, Kathie, Debbie, Rich, Brian/CF2K, our *El Puente* brothers, and others
 - * Our partner churches, mission partners, and donors who participate and provide the resources it takes to make a tangible difference in the lives of many hundreds of folks.
- We thank God and we thank you all! Muchas gracias!*

(Below) Dennis, Maggie, Chip, Karen, and Faith PC teamers on the block line in Solola



(Above) "Good Sam" teamers are joined by others building Liandra's family house. (Below) One of Team WUMC/John Wesley's free village medical clinics involved boat travel



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

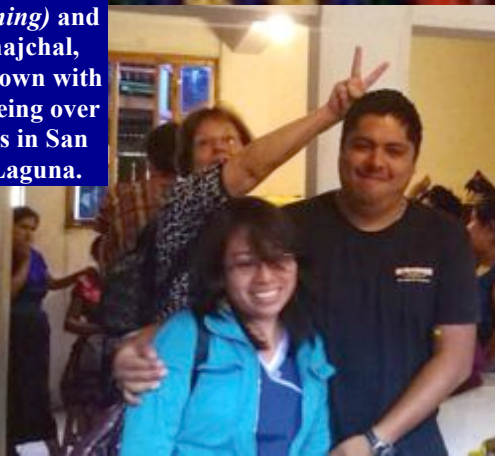


Some of New Providence PC's 34 teamers are shown with Liandra and her children on-site. Big thanks to team leader Barb Little (front, left)!



WUMC teamers Drew and Nathan in Jucanya

Barbara Williams, M.D., (clowning) and Luisa Ixhajchal, M.D., are shown with Noe after seeing over 150 patients in San Pablo La Laguna.



Rain from "Boris" moved New Providence PC teamers inside, to paint.



(Left) Kim and other "Good Sam" participants are undeterred by muddy conditions in Jucanya. (Below) Our SESAN contact Lucia (front) continues to guide our medical teams, like Faith PC, to remote locations with great need. Teamers Michael and Lynn are shown (rear); the team saw over 500 patients that week.



We joyously dedicated Carlos and Zoila's new house in Chipop last month. We have been very happy with the progress this young family has made in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

We thank everyone who participated in funding and building this life-changing gift. *(Below)* Vanessa in her new bed. We also thank "Guatemala Joe" for his tireless carpentry work.



Faith PC team leader Kelly Garland takes a break from clinic to paint nails

LIBRARY PARTICIPATION

Our seventh new building project for 2014 will be a small library in the housing project of Xecotoj. Porch teams previously built a soccer/basketball court/restrooms facility in this humble community.

Excellent community participation and passion for their children's education have spurred us to again partner with this community. *(Below)* Noe, Cindy Cospser, and Dr. Barbara at the project groundbreaking ceremony.



PRAYERS

- * Our July short-term teams: Dirty Feet Missions (July 5-12), Sharon Baptist Church (July 12-19), St. Paul's Christian Ch. (July 19-26), Hometown UMC/Sullivan family (July 26-Aug.2)
- * For folks to move from spectator to participant, especially in terms of resourcing/money for our work



MALNOURISHED INFANT /CHILD UPDATE

We have received pledges for seven of 18 of the severely malnourished children (SESAN program) featured in last month's *PorchTalk*. We have begun feeding these children (and, when necessary, their mothers) and providing medicine.

PLEASE consider funding one of these 18 cases; a \$60 monthly, tax-deductible donation will do that.

Please contact Lloyd (dlloydmonroe@gmail.com) or Rex (850.933.0344) with your "Yes!" or if you have questions or ideas. *Gracias!*

We also broke ground on our next house-build, up in Semeja #2, for Manuela's family. She is one of the three sisters (who, combined, bore 16 children to a now-deceased cad named Jeronimo) who have carried on, as best they can, in good harmony. This family sleeps on a dirt floor. We were very happy with the local *cocode's* (indigenous town elders') presence and approval. We thank Team Dirty Feet Missions for funding!



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