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# PorchTalk

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## **BE AN EXAMPLE**

You are like light for the whole world. ... Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 5: 14, 16 (CEV)

One of June's short-term teams, from our partner Olive Branch Church (Indiana), helped scores of indigenous children paint gift shirts with the words "Ser un ejemplo" (Be an example). Like all of the month's hard-working groups, this team was an example, not only in their Bible school, of selfless service offered in Jesus' name.

Guatemala is a heavily "evangelized" country, with many local Protestant churches planted during the past century. Sadly, many of these churches are self-centered, with precious little community service or outreach offered. Many indigenous neighbors have heard of Jesus, but not experienced many folks helping villagers in his name.

Often, Porch de Salomon, through our teams and relief efforts, has the honor and privilege of being one of the first manifest <u>examples</u> of Christ-commanded village service and relief. The villagers comment on this and it motivates us.

Many of our team members are examples of folks who give up their vacation week, and

more, to pay to work hard in Guatemala, for folks they don't know.

Likewise, many of our faithful mission partners and donors are <u>examples</u> of folks who give up luxuries to support Porch de Salomon's service and outreach with their donations. We thank you, and our generous donors, for being good <u>examples</u>. Our work depends on you.







Faith PC team member Elizabeth posted on Facebook: If I could rate today on a scale from 1 to 10, it was a TEN! \*\*\* That's what we strive for!

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



June's Team Roster, loaded with great examples, and plenty of youth, included: Christ the Shepherd Lutheran (GA) Reid Memorial Presbyterian (GA) with Ken and Tyler! Center for Central American Empowerment (FL) Olive Branch Church (IN) Faith Presbyterian Church (FL) Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church (KY)



What language barrier?





Left and right:

Examples of the young and the young at heart. Which is which?



**Pascuala,** who we've featured many times before, is a fabulous example of warmth and "can do" spirit, despite her affliction with harlequin ichthyosis. As Noe says, "she steals hearts wherever she goes."

With her completely in Porch's care, we appreciate her caregiver Fernanda's loving example; she's "*Mama*" to Pascuala. We are also thankful for designated donations from several churches which help fund her monthly care.



The day after donating six *Ecofiltro* water filters to our partner drug/alcohol rehab center Casa Tat Loy, we learned that the VBS at Milledgeville FUMC (GA) raised an amazing \$4000 to purchase more filters! Porch applauds our friend Brittney Schwind *(not shown)* and her efforts there. We look forward to partnering with her church.



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