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# ⌘ PorchTalk

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## CO-WORKERS

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service... I Corinthians 3:8-9 (NIV)

Porch de Salomon partners with and depends on many types of co-workers to empower and propel our multi-faceted service and outreach forward:

1. Our staff, contract house builders, and volunteers
2. Our short-term mission teams
3. The indigenous families we partner with as we provide houses, food, clean water, woodstoves, medicine, surgery, sustainable micro-businesses, hope, help, and more.
4. Our mission partners, partner churches, and donors whose prayers, encouragement, and financial support undergird most everything we do. Nothing much can happen without proper funding. As always, we thank you and we thank God for you.

We invite you to see this issue's examples of co-workers, including the opportunity to have your donations matched up to \$20,000 through July 31! (see page three). Please contact me directly to join our *co-worker* ranks by providing tangible support and money for our service to "the lost, the least, and the last."

Thank you! *Lloyd*



Our latest house-build launch is for Marta Julia Tun and her family in Barrio San Antonio.

Marta works hard, hand-washing clothes and making tortillas; she earns \$85 per month. Oh, the joy our summer short-term teams will share with the family, and our staff, as they work together to build a life-changing abode for these sweet ladies.

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





## CO-LABORING WITH *PARA SERVIR/DFM*

Porch de Salomon launched a new house build for Lilian Jesusita Chumil and her family in Maria Tecun, Aldea Pixabaj. Our co-laborers at *Para Servir/Dirty Feet Missions* ([dirtyfeetmissions.org](http://dirtyfeetmissions.org)) raised \$9500 to fund it all. They are here now, helping build this house. We appreciate these young women very much.

Lilian, whose husband abandoned them, works hard, hand-washing clothes and odd jobs; she earns \$28 per month. Her family lives in one dirt-floor room made of "tin" walls with leaky, perforated, metal roofing . The room is cold and wet in the rainy season, and hot and dusty during the dry season. They have no electricity, running water, or sanitation facilities (toilet).



*(Left):* Lilian's kitchen; just an open fire in one corner

*(Right)* *Para Servir/DFM* interns carrying in gravel for concrete



## ...AND WITH *LA CASA DE LA PAZ*

Our friend and former long-term Porch volunteer Neil Alberson founded LCDLP (House of Peace) as a faith-based resource and support for the families of alcoholic, drug-addicted, or abusive men in our area ([ourlacasadelapaz.com](http://ourlacasadelapaz.com)). Porch de Salomon is pleased to joint-venture/co-labor with this much-needed ministry to complete a second floor on Mercedes' house; Mercedes, a single mother of six, is one of two part-time LCDLP employees. This floor will be used for LCDLP's weekly meetings in Panajachel and as administrative space during the week.





## LINDSEY'S BACK

... from her maternity leave, several months now, and reports:

When I moved to Guatemala to volunteer for the Porch in January 2015, I never imagined all that God had in store for me. I eventually met the man of my dreams, and Edgar and I were married in 2016. Then, after a heartbreaking miscarriage, we focused on our marriage and ministry and work, and God blessed us with a beautiful baby girl, Mila, in December 2017.

I love being a mom. It is so much sweeter than I ever thought possible but also ten times harder than I anticipated. The sleepless nights, the constant concern, the anxiety that comes with this huge responsibility to care for and protect another human being; to be their source of food, warmth, love, guidance, and shelter. It's beautiful and rewarding but also overwhelming. I now have a special admiration for the single mothers in this world, especially those who live in poverty.

Porch de Salomon serves people of all types, but we do take special care of single-mother families. Most of the houses we build are for such families. After experiencing motherhood for a mere five months, I am so glad we serve these families well. Motherhood is hard enough without having to deal with severe living conditions and the pressure of doing it all alone!

I coordinate Porch's school scholarship program. Our program includes several girls who, after being assaulted, gave birth at age 13. I have always encouraged them to strive for a better future and become educated. As a new mother, I really "get it" now. I'm hopeful that my new role as a mom will help me to empathize even more with mothers who are suffering various hardships.

I'm hopeful that God will use this to help me help others by being more compassionate, more patient, and more understanding.

And if your heart yearns to help single mothers living in poverty, please consider partnering with us as we share God's love with them!



*Above: Juana Sicajau and Lindsey tend to their babies at the April ground-breaking ceremony for Juana and Mario's new house*

## CO-WORKING A MATCHING DONATION!

We are thrilled that a generous mission partner family will match up to \$20,000 in donations to Porch through July 31.

Double your donation impact by designating your donations "Texas Co-worker Match". Let's go!



Porch de Salomon joyfully dedicated our 103rd completed house last month in Las Minas, San Jose Chacaya. Micaela and Ricardo tearfully expressed their deep gratitude to all involved in an emotional dedication ceremony. The house moves them and their children out of the dry season's dust and heat, and the rainy season's mud and cold. That, along with the pila and flush toilet, should help their health situation.

We appreciate those who funded the house, those who worked on it, and our mission partners who keep Porch de Salomon "in the field." Bendiciones para todos involucrados!



**DIVERSE CO-WORKERS!**  
*(Left)* Curtis Martin, in Georgia, is semi-retired and operates a cabinet making business. He shares half his profit with Porch de Salomon! His last superb project provided over \$1800 to support our service and outreach.

*(Below)* Juana Quisquina and her son Joel beam in front of their new chicken/egg micro-business. This income will supplement their meager \$57 monthly income in Vasconcelos, Xajaxac. Donors who provide the \$1000 needed to launch these sustainability projects are co-workers with families like Juana's and Porch. *Gracias!*



### **VOLCANO ERUPTS**

Panajachel is 27 miles, as the crow flies, from the *Fuego* Volcano, which erupted with great and deadly force on June 3. Porch de Salomon, our teams, and our area of service were not affected by this natural disaster, God be praised. We appreciate your concern and ask that you pray for all involved.

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