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FAITH SHALL BE SIGHT

We live by faith, not by sight. *2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)*

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight... (*It is Well with My Soul*, hymn)



- * Evelio with a photo of Team Moza
- *The walled courtyard is perfect for "blind soccer"
- *The girls' bedroom

We are very pleased and thankful to have completed our 114th indigenous family house. This unforgettable project, across Lake Atitlan in Panyevan, was for Florencio and Juana's sweet family-- including Evelio (17), Ana Maria (13), and Juana (11)-- all blind.

Noe writes: *After all the obstacles in the beginning, it's a miracle, a dream, to see this colorful home. Florencio said that, thanks to Porch, his faith has grown-- to see how God works through other people is amazing. They remembered how hard the teams worked, especially Team Moza, and he shed tears of joy while speaking. The children kept repeating "Gracias por mi casa" (thank you for my house.)*

Porch de Salomon says-- *Gracias a Dios y gracias a todos* (thank God and thank everyone)! We appreciate our Porch partners, supporters, and short-term teams. Especial thanks to our contract builders Macario and Santos, who spent many nights away from their families to supervise and build this house.

Our ministry has balanced faith and sight, often saying "yes" before it was all clear, since 2004. We invite you to join us with your prayers, your financial support, and your ideas, especially if you're new to us or if we've not heard from you in a while.

Thank you. Lloyd.

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



MEET HILDA MUX SON

I'm the youngest of five children in my indigenous family from San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala. Our family, even with our financial struggles, valued education and the ability to speak English as ways to improve our future. There are few good job opportunities in our town, but I worked where I could, part-time, and started college. When my brother became very sick, I took out a loan to help with his medical expenses. I had to quit college.

In desperation, and in faith, I moved to Panajachel (with my friend Eugenia's family's help) and worked as a translator for a bit. I learned of Porch de Salomon, approached them, and eventually became their English teacher. Their partner ministry, Dirty Feet Missions, gave me free housing, I received a college scholarship, and Porch paid off my debt. Wow!

Porch gave me the opportunity to prove myself and, late last year, I was promoted to Humanitarian Relief Co-director. It is a blessing to work with people who, in faith, give poor or discouraged people hope. God's mercy has been wonderful in my life—when I came to Panajachel, I was poor and discouraged also. Thank you, Porch de Salomon, and all who support this ministry.

We at Porch appreciate Hilda, her sunny attitude, her skills and work ethic, her friendship, and her faith.

OUR FAITHFUL MISSION

PARTNERS' donations make possible everything shown in this issue. You keep Porch "in the field" so that we can help faith become sight for Guatemala's hungry, home-challenged, hopeless, hurting, and more. Thank you and bless you!

Your help is essential. Please contact me if you'd like to get involved, do more, or have ideas. I'd love to chat. *Lloyd*

BUILDING HAS STARTED, and faith become sight, on Juana Quisquina's new family house in *Vasconcelos, Xajaxac*. The family's dirt-floor, adobe house is hot in the dry season and cold in the rainy season. The decrepit "tin" (lamina) roof leaks. Their sanitation facilities are abysmal. Juana separated from her husband when he insisted on bringing a second wife into their home.

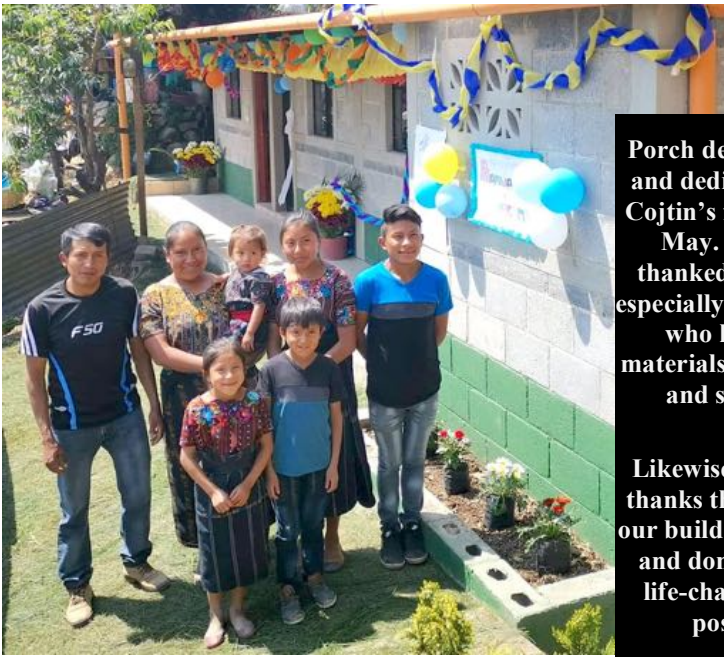
Through a 2017 Porch de Salomon micro-business (chicken/egg) grant, Juana and her son Joel achieved increased income, sufficient for food and some basic needs. They tended to the business well and Porch is helping them expand with a second sustainability grant.

(At right, from left) Juana's sister, Juana (32), Joel, and Juana's parents.

*(Below right) The family kitchen
(Below) Their outhouse*



FAITH, SIGHT, HOUSES



Porch de Salomon completed and dedicated Marcela Chuj Cojtin's family house in early May. Marcela tearfully thanked everyone involved, especially the short-term teams who hand-toted all the materials up the long, narrow, and steep trail to their home site.

Likewise, Porch de Salomon thanks those teams, our staff, our builders, mission partners, and donors who make such life-changing house-builds possible. *Gracias!*



(Below) Micaela Castro Guarcax's indigenous family, in Xajaxac, joyfully received Porch de Salomon's fourth completed house of 2019. Noe reports: Her family's gratitude was greater than the rain that fell; they emotionally thanked our short-term teams, donors, builders, office staff, and all for this life-changing gift. They were also thankful for those who paid off her son Hector's debt and for the investment in her weaving micro-business. Micaela can now weave inside!

Likewise, Porch de Salomon extends thanks to those same folks, and our creator/creative God. *Adelante juntos!*



(Right) Santa and Antonio's indigenous family will receive a new "Porch house" this summer. With no schooling, together they earn less than \$200 per month hand-washing clothes and baking bread.

Their son Rolando's health problems have severely depleted the family's resources. He underwent open-heart surgery (followed by a two-week coma) as well as radiation for a malignant stomach tumor.

Our partner ministry Dirty Feet Missions (Para Servir interns) is funding and helping build this house. Please pray for Rolando, the family, and both ministries. *Gracias!*



NEW MANAGEMENT INTERN Patrick Ware writes:

As I traveled back to Guatemala in April 2018 with my brother Alex, it was a time for me to serve alongside the indigenous communities, as well as a time for me to find peace in a career change. After an 11-year hiatus, I reconnected with old friends and created new relationships with the staff at Porch de Salomon and local folks in Panajachel.

After working with two service-oriented ministries in Jackson, Mississippi, for over eight years, I have now returned to Guatemala to serve and to pursue a position with Porch de Salomon, initially on an interim basis.

Welcome Patrick! We are excited as to what the future holds.



IN MEMORIAM

My father Danny Monroe III died May 22 after a brave battle with kidney cancer. He was 88, and passed in the same Waukeelah, Florida farmhouse where he was born.

Daddy helped me and Melanie in so many ways, on the home/family front in Florida, since we launched Porch de Salomon in 2005. It was good to be with him his last six weeks. We all sang *It is Well with My Soul* at his funeral, including the lyrics "faith shall be sight."

Lloyd

His full obituary is at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tallahassee/obituary.aspx?n=daniel-lloyd-monroe-danny&pid=192963327&fhid=17934>

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