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> *Solomon's Porch Café ministry

*Live music outreach

* Helping transform churches and individuals

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HELP YOURSELF

by Lloyd

"...help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well." Ruth 2:9 NLT "If you only knew the gift God has for you ... you would ask me, and I would give you living water." Jesus at John 4:10 NLT

"God helps those who help themselves." Jesus at Mark 17. *

This issue, chronicling Porch de Salomon's busy and impactful February, reflects:

- 1) folks helping themselves to what Jesus called "living water":
- -- God's grace and spirit, available to all for motivation and more. --the growth, joy, and sense of abundance which follows service and generosity to others, whether in Guatemala or elsewhere.
 - -- humble folks opening up their lives, even their poverty, to strangers.
- 2) Guatemalans doing their hard-working best to help themselves better their lives and Porch de Salomon's continuing efforts to empower them with resources like self-sustainability projects.

* This saying, which is often correct, is not contained in the Bible; it is rightly attributed to Algernon Sidney. Further, there is no Mark 17.;)

We are thankful for each person shown or mentioned in this issue. As always, we are thankful to God and our faithful and generous mission partners/donors whose donations resource and empower Porch's multi-faceted service and outreach.

Please contact me if you'd like to join that effort or would like to do more. Gracias!

(Right) Micaela's efforts here exemplify the side-by-side work of our house-recipient families. It is exciting for them and our teams.



(Left) Bree (11) was a spunky part of Team Hughson UMC (CA). She is shown bending thick steel wire for use in the house's steel-reinforced foundation and "frame."

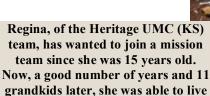
"For the lost, the least, and the last"



Our busy and impactful February included folks from Team Hughson UMC (CA) and Team Heritage UMC (KS) (shown right)

(Below left) Warren joined Team Moza for the first time. (Below right) Dan was a Team Moza leader in raising money to boost Porch past the new year's "winter famine" (so called because donations tend to diminish for a spell). We appreciate team leaders Jason Roper and Mike Brandon's faithful, year-in-and-year-out leadership.





out her dream. Que bueno!









We dedicated Solomon's Porch's bar/beverage area (part of our facility expansion) to the late Mike Roper's memory in a moving ceremony, replete with Iris Dement's "After You're Gone" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," done live. Generous memorial donations from Mike's family and friends helped us close the gap on the expansion funding.

(At left) Jayme and Jason Roper with the memorial plaque.



Our enlarged café area has worked out nicely, and is serving our team devotional/meeting times (at right) and our Sunday worship gatherings well.

Thank you donors!





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