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STEP BY STEP

Come and show me your mercy, as you do for all who love your name.
Guide my steps by your word... Psalms 119:32, 33 (NLT)

And I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me ... (song, Rich Mullins 1991)

We are encouraged, in scripture and by the example of Jesus, to seek and follow God and Christ one step at a time. Most times, we cannot see the end of that path, but must trust that the divine three-in-one will guide our steps. That has been the story and way of Porch de Salomon, from its inception in 2004, halting though our steps sometimes be.

We offer hearty thanks for our mission partners and supporters who have trusted and walked with us; sometimes literally, and sometimes figuratively with your generous support and encouragement.

Hermenegilda is an indigenous woman who parlayed profit from a Porch chicken/egg micro-business into her new weaving business. She is now self-supporting, God be praised. The steep, ragged approach to her house business is a danger and discourages customer visits. Porch is investing \$2000 to build quality steel/concrete steps for her. Contact me if you'd like to help fund this. *Lloyd*



Juan Coxolca Tesaguic (15) has had serious vision problems his entire life. His family farms, with hoes, in *Las Canoas Bajas*.

Mega-thanks to our partner Michelle for again donating special, expensive glasses for this young man seeking his education.

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



**Scenes from
our
February
Teams' work**



I had such an unbelievable experience in Guatemala with Team Moza and Porch de Salomon. These gracious, caring people are surely a cornerstone in God's kingdom and my heart is forever changed by them. I hope to return many times to this beautiful place. Praying for continued strength and hope for these families. *Sarah Brown Brandon (in white shirt)*



Melanie met Ryan Moberly (above) at the airport as a stranger. He ended up joining our teams and lending a much-needed hand.



We launch our next house build mid-March: this one for Micaela Castro Guarcax's indigenous family in Xajaxac. They work hard but barely have enough to eat. Micaela hand-washes laundry and sews indigenous blouses (*guipiles*); combined, she earns less than \$2 per day. Her older son works in Guatemala City to help support them.

Their small, dirt-floor, tin-roofed house is made of *adobe* (mud) bricks; old boards and tin form the kitchen. Micaela keeps both neat. They borrow another family's outhouse. Adobe houses often collapse during earthquakes or tremors.



Our contract builder Macario is advancing his family house-build in Santa Catarina Palapo. He, his wife, and two children lived in a 4 meter x 2 meter room. Porch is pleased to fund this \$13,000 project for a young man (26) whose building skills have helped us markedly improve the quality of life for hundreds of others (not counting our team members who were changed by rubbing elbows with Macario, our other builders, and our recipient families).



Those February teams included Team Moza (Roper/Brandon), Team Heritage UMC (KS), Team Hughson UMC (CA), and Team Woodlake (VA). We appreciate them and their supporters!

(Above left) Team Woodlake UMC members bring the sensory world of "water beads" to Florencio and Juana's blind children: Juana, Evelio, and Ana Maria.

Our 2019 *beca* school scholarship recipients thank their sponsors!



(Left) Pascuala has been in Porch's care for years now as we strive to help her with her *Harlequin Ichthyosis (fish skin)* malady. We are thankful and that a recent, initial arthritis diagnosis proved to be negative.

(Right) Drivet (3) is an indigenous boy who presented at one of Porch's free village medical clinics with a mass under his tongue. We have hospitalized him and are awaiting pathology results on that mass, and another in his throat. Please join us in praying for a benign finding and subsequent treatment.



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