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LOOK AHEAD WITH JOY

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten. *Look ahead with joy.* Anticipate what I'm creating... Isaiah 67:15 (MSG)

(At right): Marta Sotoy and her daughters Jakelin (6) and Ingrid (7) at our second 2020 house-build groundbreaking.

Marta Sotoy (34) has a second-grade education and earns \$40 per month sewing. She left her husband following his repeated, drunken physical and mental abuse of her. Our social worker, Eugenia, has counseled and assisted Marta regarding her rights, self-esteem, and more.

Eugenia and our staff, led by Noe and Hilda, did a superb job at the project dedication, with Team Crossroads UMC in tow. Marta's quiet and dignified demeanor inspired us, and brought tears to many team members' eyes.

Porch de Salomon thanks our mission partners whose financial support allows us to help families like Marta's look ahead with joy.



I am overwhelmed with joy to have such great students who I can teach English, free of charge. As a single mother, I'm blessed and honored to be Porch de Salomón's English teacher.

The students are very grateful for this opportunity. It is a great experience and privilege for both the students and me. *Lesly Matzar*



The ability to speak English helps these young people look ahead to better employment opportunities. Please contact me if you'd like to donate to help fund this effort. *Lloyd*

“For the lost, the least, and the last”



Hear ye, hear ye! Team FSU Audiology returned, 22 members strong, for a sixth straight year to service hearing devices installed in the past and to fit new patients.

Porch de Salomon thanks their leader, Dr. Selena Brown Snowden, Dana D., their suppliers and supporters, and a new audiologist, Dr. Monica Walker.



In tears and from her heart, a mother thanked Porch de Salomon for helping her daughter to hear again. Marta Yaxon is one of our students from the scholarship program.
Hilda Mux Son



(Left) The audiology team brought and donated more than \$60,000 worth of devices and batteries.



Team Crossroads UMC (Ashburn, VA) was a help, encouragement and blessing in February.

I LOVED being part of this team this past week. It was life-altering for everyone involved from both countries! Thank you for making this possible!

Pam DiLucente (above, right)





LOOK: A NEW VAN! A 2020 Toyota van has replaced our well-used 2011 Mitsubishi “Porchmobile.” Such vans are wonderful ministry tools, transporting short-term teams, locals in need of medical care, children, supplies, food, and more. We thank the donors who met and exceeded the Center for Central American Empowerment’s \$10,000 match to fund this trade.



The new van is dubbed “Betty Boop,” in memory of Betty Spratt Monroe (1935-2008).

(Right, upper) Volunteer Fred Ebbesen (in his and wife Bonnie’s 14th February of service) said a prayer of dedication over the new Toyota, just as he did back in 2011 for the Mitsubishi it replaced *(right, lower)*.



Porch de Salomon continues to combat chronic infant malnutrition. Guatemalans, especially indigenous children, suffer from the world’s sixth worst chronic malnutrition rate. We are especially grateful for the recent, special donation provided by our new partners at Shady Grove UMC (NC). Thank you for giving these families something good to look ahead to.





Without Team Leaders
...Porch would not be able to look ahead to future teams. “No leaders = no teams.” The massive good cheer, good help, and good news our 30-plus teams bring each year is greatly dependent on such leaders.
We appreciate these leaders and those who help them. *Muchas gracias!* Please join us in praying for our current team leaders, and for new leaders as we look ahead to the future.



Crossroads UMC team leader Kathy MacKrell.

Hello! I'm Emma McGaha, 18 years old, from McDonough, Georgia.
I'm taking a gap year to explore my passions and see where God is leading me next. I have been coming to Guatemala since I was a child and consider Porch de Salomon as my second family.
I am so happy to be spending my time here and to be working alongside of some of the most amazing people. Thank you to Porch for having me and making me feel so welcomed!

Emma is shown painting nails at a new women's rehabilitation center but is not afraid to handle a bucket of gravel or a shovel.

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