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WORK WORTH DOING

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at *work worth doing*." Theodore Roosevelt

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)



Porch de Salomon strives to ensure that our short-term teams have plenty of worthwhile work to do during their week. Likewise, we do our best to ensure that our ministry's week-in/week-out work (52 weeks a year) is worth doing. Our touchstone is to bring hope and a tangible benefit to as many of the "lost, least, and the last" as we can—in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Not everyone can join a team or visit Guatemala, but these teams often depend on "senders"—folks who encourage, pray, and support them financially. In the same fashion, our Porch staff depend on the generosity of our mission partners who fund everything from food, to medicine, to salaries, to electricity bills, to school scholarships, to fuel, and more. Without this work of giving, little to nothing can be done. We thank our mission partners! Please contact me if you'd like to get involved or do more. Gracias! *Lloyd*

(Above, clockwise from bottom left) *Juana and her children working hard

*Team Centenary/CUMC members digging foundation footers

* Team Chicago members help Lonny move part of an *Ecoplancha* woodstove

* Stephanie Conte, PA, in clinic

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



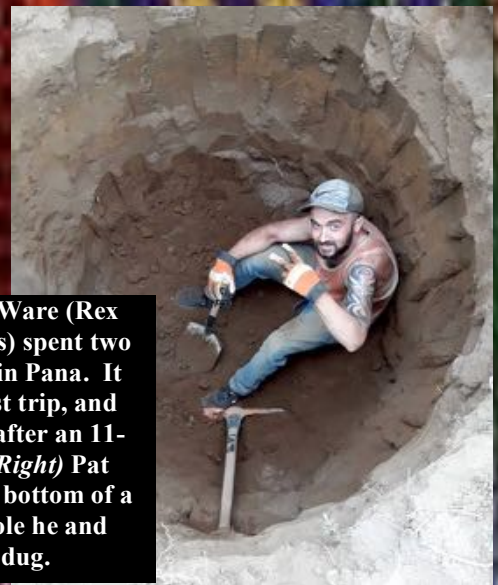
Team Work (well worth doing!)

Our April Team Chicago (IL) and Centenary/CUMC (CA) short-term teams were superb. Their tangible work included house construction and, for the California team, providing four free village medical clinics where over 550 patients were seen.

The work of generosity: separate Team Chicago members willingly pledged generous donations to add two more team/hotel rooms and fund two complete house builds. *God be praised!*



Pat and Alex Ware (Rex and Tillie's sons) spent two weeks with us in Pana. It was Alex's first trip, and Patrick's first after an 11-year hiatus. (Right) Pat smiles from the bottom of a septic tank hole he and teamers dug.



WORDS OF WIS

My daughter Jen recruited me for Team Chicago, after being recruited by her friend Sara. I knew nothing about Porch de Salomon, the people who run it, Guatemala, or its people. Since my wife died in 2015, I have been searching for deeper meaning and purpose for my life. So, I gave it a go!

It turns out Porch has a well-oiled program with skilled employees who guided us and worked alongside of us. We all worked hard for four days, building a house for Juana and Mario's indigenous family in Xibalbay.

Yes, we got tired! Overall, our week helped us all learn, enjoy the people and the country, and helped us understand why we are here.

God blessed me in many ways by going on this mission trip. Now, I realize my journey was 1) more than setting an example for my family and my friends; 2) more than the house we were building, and; 3) more than what we experienced. It was about lovingly restoring faith and hope to Juana and Mario's family so they know God is here for them too!

Porch De Salomon provides a well-thought-out program for people who are looking to share either their time, their talent, or their treasure.

Rob Wisnowski, Team Chicago

(Right) Rob works foundation steel along with fellow teamer Kate (15)



We are pleased and grateful to have completed our first family house of 2018: Juan Isidro and Juana's casa in San Jose Chacaya. Team Chicago put on the finishing touches (paint, stove assembly, landscaping, micro-business sign-painting and firewood moving) and we all enjoyed a touching dedication ceremony and excellent meal. It's an honor and privilege to have been a part of the most exciting day/night ever for this sweet, hard-working family. We thank all the teams who helped fund and build it, especially *Team Moza*, our staff, and our faithful mission partners and supporters. *Gracias a Dios -- adelante juntos!*



(Left) Our social worker, Eugenia poses with the parents in front of their new firewood micro-business.

(Right) Joel (9) helps assemble his first real bed ever.



Work worth doing: raising resources to support Porch de Salomon's service and outreach

Recent creative examples include:

*Bill and Bess Albert (NC) raised \$1230 for scholarships with their Fourth Annual "GuateBracket" NCAA Sweet 16 pool. *(At left)* Bill is shown, on the left, with the winner.

*Lauren Gabis (14), of Elmhurst IN, with the help of her mariachi friends *(below, Lauren in glasses)*, hosted an event which raised \$1987 in honor of Team Chicago. *Gracias Lauren y todos!*

(At right) One stop during Melanie and Lloyd's on-going furlough promo was at our partner Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church's preschool.



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