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FACES

When you said, "Seek my face," my heart said to you, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."
Psalms 27:8 (NKJV)

For a moment at least, be a smile on someone else's face. *Dejan Stojanovic*

If we are mindful, we can see God's face in the faces of those around us. Seeing God in a joyful face is often easy. Seeing God in a face wracked by fear, pain, need, despair, or confusion is much more difficult. Turning away is the easy thing to do.

The faces of Guatemala's indigenous people are often weathered and expressive, and are usually marked with a friendly smile, whatever their circumstances are. Generally, they have learned patience and contentment.

We invite you to study and enjoy this issue's faces.

We thank our team members, mission partners, and financial supporters who empower Porch to be able to put a smile on another's face.

Please contact Lloyd if you'd like to get involved or be more involved. *Gracias!*



(Below) Dr. Andrew Clark, DDM, worked alongside Team Memorial UMC (FL) in clinic, extracting bad teeth. It was a blessing to have Drew serving and alleviating pain. Happy faces followed.

(Above) Our gap-year intern Katie Cappelino wrote: Today was one of the BEST days. We treated our friends from Golden Years (adult day care) with a trip to the lake! This included a two-hour boat cruise with music, dancing, the most amazing views, and a big lunch. These smiles never once faltered.

While they live a mere hour away, most of these folks never get a chance to visit the lake, making this experience so special for them. We appreciate Vantage Church (FL) for making this day possible.



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



APRIL TEAM FACES

(Left) Team Chicago leader Dave Evans' face is usually happy when he's with us.

(Right) His daughter Andie has her sights set on medical school.



(Far left and left) Jennifer Tischler Naddy and Gini Hosford West joined Team Killearn UMC's free village medical clinic efforts—over 400 indigenous patients were seen. For many, it was their first time with a health care professional.



Luis Enrique Yac, *(far right)* is a Porch scholarship recipient. Good shoes from one of our teams light up his little brother's face.

Our teams' material donations (shoes, clothes, bedding, and more) bless and help children like these, as well as adults.

(Left) Young Kasey Mick was a willing and energetic house-construction team member.



(Right) Team Memorial UMC (FL) member Jane lights up little faces, with wind-up cars, during a break in house construction.

(Below): Team International Baccalaureate's visit with our long-time friend Edwin thrilled him. Cerebral palsy can't stop his smiles.



Mateo Tautiu Pop (76) and his wife received an *Ecofiltro* water system after being diagnosed with chronic dehydration at clinic. Fund one for \$90, please.



(Above) It was great to have Team Memorial UMC (FL) back with us, after a one-year hiatus. We appreciate team leaders like Linda Twiggs (in pink). No team leaders = no teams!

(Below) Team Chicago and Killlearn UMC members visited our partner recovery ministry Casa Tat Loy (casatatloy.org) bearing provisions and encouragement. Lonny and Roberto guided them.



A FAVORITE FACE now adorns this memorial plaque in our relief center's waiting area.

We appreciate her family's generous donation which helped fund our renovated relief center building.

Rhonda Robinson White

(1954 - 2015)

This waiting area is dedicated to her memory: She led the UMVIM teams which first brought Melanie & Lloyd Monroe to Guatemala. "I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (from "Here I Am, Lord")



Esta área de espera está dedicada a su memoria; ella lideró los equipos de UMVIM que trajo por primera vez Melanie y Lloyd Monroe a Guatemala. "Iré, Señor, si me diriges. Mantendré a tu gente en mi corazón." (de "Aquí Estoy, Señor")

FACES IN THE CROWD

Porch de Salomon was pleased and honored to dedicate our first completed house of 2019 (and 112th overall), in San Jose Chacaya. Jorge is a humble indigenous husband and father who has helped us build scores of houses as one of our contract *ayudantes*. He and Marcela's young family will now enjoy an enhanced quality of life in their own house.



Semana Santa (Holy Week) brought a blessing for us, this little face, and his sweet family: Four-year-old Victor Lex's mother brought him to our door. Porch staff confirmed his diagnosis and arranged surgery to correct a delicate colorectal/blood loss issue.

The surgery was a success and Victor is on the mend, God be praised. A Facebook campaign raised the \$1200 needed for the surgery, people be praised.



Melanie and I are stateside through May 29. While I am maximizing my time with my ailing father, we would still enjoy meeting with you if you have ideas or questions or just want to catch up. dlloydmonroe@gmail.com or 850.688.2076 *Lloyd*

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