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in Guatemala

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## SIDE BY SIDE

*...I may hear of you [all]... with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... Philippians 1:27 (ESV)*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side... and they'll know we are Christians by our love. (From the Peter Scholtes hymn)*

There is nothing quite like striving or working alongside another pilgrim in a common cause. A special bond, a special relationship, a special love can develop. Our October short-term teams worked side-by-side with their fellow team members, our Porch staff, government social workers, and Cristina Ajcalon Coj's family (photos below). Our projects reflected the *faith of the gospel*, in action, and offered the world a chance to know the workers, as Christ-followers, by their love. *Amen.*

Porch de Salomon's mission partners and supporters (individuals, families, churches, and fellow non-profits) have been by our side for over 12 years now. The supporter roster changes, ebbs, and flows but the following don't change:

- *We depend on your prayers, presence, encouragement, and financial support to carry on in Guatemala's Western Highlands.*
    - *We cherish that special bond/relationship/love*
    - *We strive to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to us*
  - *We are thankful for God's provision through generous and faithful donors*
- Again, we thank God and we thank you for being side-by-side with Porch de Salomon and those we serve.



one hundred houses  
by hunt scarritt

we saw the mothers  
sinking in soft sand  
as they clutched  
their baby to their breast  
their well run dry  
their world gone mad  
their hungry cries  
silenced

we came to the naked  
earth  
a tyranny of mud and  
green  
we saw houses  
as far as the eye can see  
we saw neighbors  
sitting at dusk  
a light bulb burning  
steam of pot bubbling  
a prayer  
plates being passed  
a song being sung  
a symphony  
a chorus rising  
we came to the mountain  
to  
give

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



*(Left)* Team Olive Branch Church (IN) kicked off our fall season with yet another team. *(Right)* Dirty Feet Missions medical team professionals Stacie and Ashley working their clinic, side by side.



Former Porch Assistant Director Will Deeds *(right)* led a team of cowboys down from Valentine UMC (NE) where he serves as pastor. They were a hard-working bunch. Gracias Will y todos!



Team Trinity UMC (Tallahassee, above and at right) returned to the grossly under-served Boca Costa region (four hours from Panajachel) for two days of medical/dental clinics, and Bible schools. One reason the area is underserved is deplorable road conditions. It took more than mud to stop these intrepid folks!



Working side by side, Bill Brueckheimer, DDS, and Quill Turk, DDS, brought real relief by extracting more than 100 decayed teeth. None of the Boca Costa patients had ever seen a dentist before. Thank you Docs!





*Lindsey Newberry Choguaj writes:* Porch de Salomon recently enjoyed an emotional house dedication with Marta Julia Velasquez Perez and her two daughters, Wendy and Sandra, in the village of *San Jose Chacaya*. The rain held off long enough for a beautiful ceremony and a traditional pulique lunch given by Marta's family.

Porch de Salomon would like to thank Dirty Feet Missions, the *Para Servir* interns, and the other short-term teams who made this quality home, our sixth for 2017, a reality for this sweet family.



**Our next house-build project will be for Juana Quisquina (28) and her son Joel in *Vasconcelos, Xajaxac*. This little indigenous family lives in extreme poverty.**

**Juana earns \$57 monthly; this is insufficient, even for food. They live in a dirt-floor shack with cornstalk and cardboard walls and sleep, side by side, on a thin straw mat.**

**We are excited for the hope that a better future, their new house, and a potential micro-business, will bring them.**

Selecting Porch de Salomon as your smile.amazon.com non-profit recipient is an easy way to generate a little more funds for Porch!





We thank those of you who responded to our October PorchTalk's "Look at the One" giving opportunities. *Muchas gracias!*

Still, most of the unfunded giving opportunities we listed (which Porch provides now) remain unfunded. Again, we urge you to look at the one, so as not to be overwhelmed, and to do what you can, please.

Last month's issue is available at <http://porchdesalomon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/October-2017-PorchTalk-.pdf>

...or contact me (see page one here) to discuss. Thank you! *Lloyd*



*(Left):* A lovely pair of Olive Branch Church team members work on house foundation steel side by side in *Molino Belen*.

*(Above)* Josue (4), the youngest of Cristina Ajcalon Coj's sons, helps prepare their new home site.



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