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NOT WEARY IN DOING GOOD: HARVEST

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people... Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV).

Porch de Salomon's staff pressed on with full-time service in October. Please join us in praying:

- 1) they will not become weary.
- 2) Our stateside volunteers, especially the one tasked with soliciting donations, will not become weary.
- 3) Our donors will remain generous, not becoming weary of giving.

Please contact me if you'd like details on funding any of the people-projects shown.

Lloyd

(Below) Paula (20) suffers from harlequin ichthyosis ("fish skin disease"). We continue to help her, especially with Aquaphor cream. She hopes to become an accountant. Paula and her mother brought part of their vegetable harvest to our staff!



CORN HARVEST UPDATE

Sadly, many farmers could not afford corn fertilizer due to the pandemic's effect on Guatemala's economy. The upcoming harvest of this staple crop will be poor, adding to food insecurity nationwide.

(Above) Jezer carries a mattress through a corn field in September.

See page three for an update on Jezer's family house-build.



Continuing Covid 19 case numbers in the states and in Guatemala have caused Porch to cancel short-term teams scheduled for early 2021. It appears the earliest we can host teams is June 2021.

Your generous donations

continue to help fill the financial void created by team cancellations and very limited in-person promotion. Your financial support helps Porch de Salomon continue to do good to as many as we can.

Gracias! Lloyd, Melanie, volunteers, and staff of PdS.

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

NOT WEARY IN DOING GOOD: FOOD

Our food distribution continues; some recipients are families of our scholarship students.

Hilda writes: Estela Zaput (*at right, far left*) is the oldest of four children. Her parents are farm workers. It's been hard for them to find work and provide for their family.

Estela and her little sisters used to make bead bracelets and come to Panajachel to sell them and earn a little money, but now that there's no tourism, they can't sell. This makes it hard for the entire family. They are very thankful for the help Porch de Salomon provides their family.



Candle sales at Tallahassee's Hearth & Soul yielded \$840 for Porch de Salomon. We thank all who participated. We also thank store manager Candice, shown above, left with Melanie next to her.



DOING GOOD FOR ANALY

Analy (13, *below seated*) lived in the village of Palestina; her grandmother was her primary caregiver and her father was a poor farmer. Ana suffered from a severe intestinal problem. Through our social worker, Eugenia, Porch became involved providing colostomy bags and Ensure. Eugenia organized a birthday party for her with a cake, a piñata, and gifts to cheer Analy up.

Sadly, Analy died recently from organ failure. Porch provided her casket; we will also furnish a nice *lapida* (like a tombstone) for her crypt.

Analy's situation and death really impacted me. I have a brother who uses colostomy bags. Please pray for Analy's little soul. *Hilda Mux Son*



Esvin is 15 months old; social workers referred him to Porch for acute infant malnutrition. His father is a baker who earns only \$16 weekly. This is insufficient to adequately feed the family of five.

We will provide Esvin with milk and supplement for \$35 per month. We would also like to provide his family with eggs, beans, and oil for \$60 per month.



NOT WEARY IN DOING GOOD: HOUSE BUILDS!



Angelica sold seedlings in the Panajachel market; her husband Jose sold street-cart tacos. The pandemic ended both their humble incomes.

Their family of seven includes two profoundly deaf daughters. All live in one room with no sanitation/toilet facilities. Standing water (shown below) is a Dengue fever risk.

Porch will build them a simple, small concrete block house for \$4500. It's already funded, God be praised. See left for details.

A friend, who has followed Porch for years, and his wife contacted me with a desire to donate about \$4000. I presented them with this opportunity. They were all in. Perfect! *Lloyd*

UPDATE ON JEZER'S HOUSE

As per last month's issue, Porch is constructing a modest house for Jezer, Harly, and their girls. Last month's "giving opportunity" produced \$5300 in donations toward the project— we are all grateful!

Please join in to help fund this project, which has a total cost in excess of \$20,000. Memorial or honorary donations are welcomed—we'll install a plaque! *Below: The family on the second floor.*



DON'T MISS OUR UPDATE VIDEO!

In case you missed it last month: In less than two minutes, you'll get an update on Porch de Salomon's continuing service during the pandemic at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb0yPXiMsU4>

Below: A screenshot from the video.





(Below) Cristian is nine months old. He was diagnosed with acute infant malnutrition. His hair color also indicates that; it should be jet black.

The pandemic cost his 23-year-old single mother her \$50 monthly salary selling fried chicken. Porch will furnish Cristian with milk, vitamins, and more.



Maria (41) left her village and became a rare female “street alcoholic” in Solola; she sometimes passed out in a traffic lane. Following a social worker referral, Porch placed her in our partner rehabilitation ministry Casa Ixoq’i at our expense. She looked great three weeks into recovery!

Maria had abandoned her daughters Maria (7) and Ashilin (10) to her 89-year mother’s care. Porch is pleased to provide them with nutritious food each month. Please pray for all involved!

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