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*Short-term service/mission teams
in Guatemala

*Humanitarian relief for
indigenous families and others

*Café Hotel California/
Solomon's Porch ministry

*Live music outreach

* Helping transform churches
and individuals

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14 YEARS OF GOOD HARVESTS

You harvest what you plant, whether good or bad. Proverbs 14:14 (CEV)

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.



From the hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves"
by Shaw/Minor



From Lloyd: 15 years ago, God clearly confirmed my and Melanie's "crazy" call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ... I will bless you; and you will be a blessing." *Genesis 12:1-2.* 14 years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon.

True to the promise, we've been blessed and Porch has been a blessing to thousands of folks. God be praised! Good plantings have yielded good harvests.

We are thankful for our volunteers Rex, Robin, Jayne, Pat, Rich, and Brian as well as Mirna, Noe, Hilda, Jeydi, Eugenia, Jezer, Alvaro, Birma, Carmen, Lorena, and our other Guatemalan workers' year-round work. We thank God for health, safety, provision, and resourcing. We also thank you, our mission partners, for your love, prayers, encouragement, visits, and financial support; most times planting, harvesting, and ministry costs money.

Here are highlights from our 14th year in-country:

- * Hosted 36 short-term service/mission teams which helped provide:
 - 12 new, furnished houses for indigenous families (and local jobs for Guatemalans)
 - 32 free medical, dental, or audiology clinics; including two long-distance clinics in the grossly underserved *Boca Costa* region
 - Bible schools, fun, and instruction for native children

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



Good Harvests; our 14-year anniversary *(Continued from page one)*

* Provided ever-expanding humanitarian relief; weekly food, clothing/shoes, malnourished children milk/food, medicine, medical care, surgery, beds, and more for indigenous and street people, physical therapy and care for special needs kids, nutrition and surgery for cleft-palate children.

- Renovated and moved in to our Humanitarian Relief Center building; with no debt!

- Purchased a Yamaha 125 cc motorcycle for local transportation

- * Provided:

- 135 “Beca” school scholarships for indigenous children and youth
 - Free tri-weekly English classes which open employment “doors”
 - 31 more *Ecofiltro* clean water, home purification systems emplaced
 - 18 more *Ecoplancha* wood-efficient wood stoves installed
 - Self-sustainability training events for indigenous women
 - 12 indigenous family sustainability business projects launched

- * Operated our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be explored or lived out in the #9 hippie travel destination *worldwide*.

- * Hosted weekly worship gatherings at our cafe; lives transformed and hope offered.

- * Did our best to be “salt and light” in places of despair and spiritual darkness through service, relationships, school support, and live music outreach-- in bars and local benefit concerts.

- * Alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation, and support—including hosting AA chapters, in-patient treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, encouragement and continued partnership with the *Casa Tat Loy* rehab center.

- * Partnered with *La Casa de la Paz* to provide hope and help to the families of alcoholics or abusive men.

- * Partnered with the *Golden Years* adult day care center by paying their rent, utilities, and daily client transport costs (all totaling \$600 monthly).

- * Hosted and deployed interns, gap-year students, and individual volunteers for global service experience.

- * Continued partnerships with stateside congregations to encourage *transformation* and effective local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission and service.

All this would not have happened without folks like you, our “senders” and supporters -- again, **GRACIAS!** If you feel led to move from observer to supporter or participant, please get on board and contact us now.





Hannah Monroe gave birth to Sadie Monroe Flemming on September 25, National Daughters Day. Both are very well, and Patrick is a happy father.

Melanie and Lloyd are pondering what their “grandparent names” should be. We are all thankful!

ENDORSEMENT OF THE YEAR

I have had the privilege of examining hundreds of international non-profits, over the years, on behalf of philanthropic clients. One learns how to discern when money is being well spent and a true impact being made.

Having now been up close to Porch De Salomon and “kicked the tires,” I can say that I have full confidence in their stewardship and ability to deliver a lasting change to some of Guatemala’s poorest. Put simply, they do what they say on the tin.

Rev. Simon Barnes, of Bath, England, and current interim rector at St. Francis in-the-Fields Episcopal Church (KY)



WE INVITE YOU, on Porch’s 14th anniversary, to help advance Porch de Salomon’s high-impact work with monthly, tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of “14” you choose. \$28, \$42, \$56, or \$70 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many.

Of course, we welcome \$140 and \$1400 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well. Please let us know. Thanks!

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