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INCREASE

[God] will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

God indeed continues to provide *increase* for Porch de Salomon and the people we serve and partner with. Of course, He usually does this, like most things, through people:

1) by an increase in the number of people, with great needs, who we minister to;
2) people who increase our ability to serve through the gifts of their time, talents and treasures

We love the scriptural image of a "harvest of generosity," especially at autumn season. There is joy at harvest time-- when folks generously receive (often putting aside their pride) and folks generously give. We thank God for his magnificent generosity and "our" people for this joy.

We cannot wait for you to see the Deeds family story on page three! The other images and words also reflect increase in different areas of the ministry. Read on!



(Above): Edison Fernando, one of our cleft –palate kids (scheduled for his third surgery in February) and his mother with new ceramic filters for their family water filtration system.

(Above right): Our long-time friend Rudy uses his skills wiring a Porch house. His sobriety (after six months rehab at Casa Tat Loy) increases our joy and reaffirms our commitment to AA at Solomon's Porch



2012 House #7 is complete! Nicolas and Maria's family touches hearts!



"For the lost, the least and the last"

HOUSES OF THE HOLY

Is not just the name of a Led Zeppelin album; folks on paths to increased holiness funded and built these for indigenous families who are, in turn, on their own paths. Huge thanks to Teams Holy Cross Anglican, Newsomes, Team FSU Law '82, Internat'l Co-op (Canada), Element3 and the "M" family for funding, carrying, mixing and more!



House #5, for Eusebia's family, is complete!



House #6, for Olga and Maria Angelica, is complete! Dedication plaques, like the one shown left, increase impact in the villages.



Jenaro and Lucinda's big family came to Hector and Betty's attention at one of our village medical clinics in the indigenous village of *Ojo de Agua*. A granddaughter, Gela (2), has severely deformed feet (we're working on that!)

A visit to their two-room house revealed 13 family members sleeping in a crumbling "bajareque" (mud/stalk) room (16' x 10') on four slat beds. Insects live in the walls and the "kitchen" room is a disaster. All the money they earn goes to purchase corn for their tortillas.

Increase, partly in the form of new house #9, is on the way courtesy of Team Trinity UMC (Tallahassee) October 20-27!

The Song Remains the Same
(from that album!)

... and we move forward with three more new house builds in 2012.

The faces and stories remain similar; there are so many "critica" housing situations (in Hector's words). So, Porch de Salomon keeps building, with help from so many folks. Here is one more story/song....



WELCOME THE DEEDS FAMILY!

Hello—I'm Will Deeds. Our family is so excited to move to Guatemala to serve Jesus with Porch de Salomon! The four of us—me, Amber, Abra (4 years old), and Ezra (20 months)—will leave our home in northern Indiana in January on this new adventure.

We will be volunteer assistant directors, understudies to the Monroes. We look forward to getting to know all those involved with this ministry. We believe that God moves through relationships, so we can't wait to be a part of the lives that this ministry touches.

14 years ago, Amber and I were on our first date and we asked each other, "what do you want to do with your life?" Amber said she wanted to be a missionary. Wanting to win her over, and having a bit of the same desire in my heart, I responded with, "Yes, that's what I want to do too!" Now, in our tenth year of marriage, God has provided an awesome opportunity in Panajachel for that dream to become a reality.



I have served as a pastor, musical worship leader, youth pastor and coffeehouse manager. Amber is a music educator and elementary school teacher who is currently a full-time mother. We share a love of music and hope to use music to serve in Panajachel. Abra loves to play outside, play dress up, throw pretend parties, do art projects, and sing; when asked, she said she is talented at "reading books". Ezra spends his time climbing on things, playing in the sandbox, helping mommy cook, and making artwork in very creative and messy ways.

Over the next few months, we will be telling our story at churches and raising support for our family. Please pray for God to raise up people to partner with us in ministry, both financially and through prayer. We would love to hear from you and get to know you better. Contact us via:

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Amber's thoughts...

I have desired to live a life of ministry in another country since I was a child. I grew up around missionaries and went on many youth mission trips. I had a very glamorized view of what life could be like living overseas. I knew only the external excitement of a missionary life and nothing of the sacrifice, difficulties, and even the mundane of every day living.

When Will and I first went to Guatemala four years ago, we experienced a little of what it would be like to live there. I loved the beautiful people we met, but went home wondering if I could live there. We were only there for one week, but during that time we were in more than one car accident (one of which we were feet away from losing our lives), had lots of unexpected experiences, and both got sick. All this made me quite uneasy about living in Guatemala--especially since I was pregnant at the time.



God used that week to strip me of my glorified view of a missionary life. Since then, the people of Guatemala have been a part of my thoughts and decisions daily. God has been teaching us and preparing us for this time. Looking back, I can see how God has been working through our life choices to lead us to Guatemala; changing us, aligning situations, and confirming our desire to go. We are moving to Guatemala to serve, love, learn, and grow. Thank you to all those who are walking with us through this adventure!

Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Jesus of Nazareth at Matthew 5:16.

Lloyd and Melanie say: *We look forward to this family's shining and an increase in praise, musical and otherwise, as a result!*

PRAISES:

- * A family’s funding \$250 monthly for food for Casa Tat Loy
- * Faithful, generous mission partners and churches who fund our multi-faceted work and support and encourage the workers
- * Those who helped, encouraged and listened to Melanie and Lloyd during our extended furlough/promo. Melanie says:
“I have never talked to so many people about Porch de Salomon as I did this time!”

Please PRAY FOR:

- * Will, Amber, Abra and Ezra and their resourcing as they transition to full-time volunteers, ready to join us in January
- * Increased faith, strength and patience for all
- * Favor and provision as our partner churches set their 2013 budgets and meet their 2012 ones
- * Team Trinity UMC, Oct. 20-27; Medical/dental/construx/school
- * Team Element3, Oct. 27-Nov. 3; Construction and fun



ONE LAST INCREASE *by Lloyd*
I am ready to hear ... prayers and to increase their numbers like a flock. Ezekiel 36:37

Three years ago, Porch built a house for Maria Elena and her family (*shown left*) after theirs burned in Santa Catarina. Her alcoholic husband, Edgar, sobered up some and helped build but was not able to stay sober.

Earlier this year, Hector encountered him, “loaded” in the market; Edgar agreed to enter in-patient rehab at our partner ministry Casa Tat Loy. Prayers were answered, it worked and the number of sober former CTL patients (like Rudy, page one) *increased by one!*

God be praised for this! We applaud the work of their founder, Tadeo, and look forward to celebrating Casa Tat Loy’s first anniversary October 5, with the help of Porch funding and with our band, MarcoTrio Electric!



Tadeo (L) and Edgar on the latter’s recent CTL release day

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