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*Short-term mission teams
in Guatemala

*Humanitarian relief for
indigenous families and others

*Solomon's Porch
Café ministry

*Live music outreach

* Helping transform churches
and individuals

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DIVINE NINE

by Lloyd and Melanie

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life... 2 Peter 1:3

A decade ago, God clearly confirmed our “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*. Nine years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to begin God’s work through Porch de Salomon.

We’ve been blessed, true to God’s promise. We praise Him for allowing us to serve and be a blessing in the ways we envisioned, as well as in other ways we didn’t expect. We strive to depend on God’s divine power, more than our own, in our lives and in the ministry of Porch de Salomon.

We are thankful for the Deeds family’s work in Pana and for volunteers Joe, Meghan, Fred, Rich, Rex, Kathie, and Brian as well as Noe, Mirna, Nik, Jeydi, and our other Guatemalan workers’ year-round work. We thank God for health, safety, provision and resourcing. We also thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement, visits, and financial support; most times, ministry costs money.

Here are some ministry highlights from our ninth year in-country, remembering;

"Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." II Corinthians 10:17:

* Hosting 29 (!) short-term mission teams which provided:

- Nine new houses for indigenous families (and local jobs for Guatemalans)
- Free medical and dental clinics for indigenous people; including four new long-distance clinics in the grossly underserved *Boca Costa* region
- Bible schools, soccer clinics, and fun for village children

* Expanded humanitarian relief; weekly food, SESAN malnourished children milk/food, medicine, medical care, and more for indigenous and street people, and physical therapy and care for special needs kids nutrition and surgery for cleft-palate children

* 18 more clean water, home purification systems emplaced (*cont'd on page three*)



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



DIVINE NINE (continued from page one)

- * Over 76 “Beca” school scholarships provided to indigenous children, youth, and adults
- * Operating our Solomon’s Porch Café for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be lived out in the #4 hippie travel destination *worldwide (toptenz.com)*
- * Paying for and upgrading Porch’s own ministry facility (comprised of the café and *Hotel California*)
- * Purchasing a Methodist house-church building (and more) in Cuba, using specially designated donations
 - * Weekly worship gatherings at Solomon’s Porch; changed lives and hope offered
- * Being “salt and light” in places of despair and spiritual darkness through service, relationships, school support, and live music outreach-- in bars, local benefits, and music festivals
- * Alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation, and support—including hosting a new morning AA chapter, in-house treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, and encouragement and continuing our partnership with *Casa Tat Loy* rehab center
 - Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers for mission work and global service experience.
 - Using Lee Berger and Will Deeds’ great videos--- these tools are helping us show Porch’s work and methods
 - Continued partnership with stateside congregations to encourage *transformation* and effective local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission

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 get in touch with us!



MONROE FURLOUGH/PROMO *update!*

We are in the states (through October 14) reconnecting with family, friends, and stateside life.

This is also an important time for us to be in contact with partner churches and Porch donors/supporters, old and new.

We thank everyone who has welcomed us so far!

Let us know if you'd like to chat or have ideas; we have time!
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FROM THE DEEDS.....

The Deeds family has been busy traveling around Indiana and Ohio. We are excited to have made several new partner churches this furlough! It has also been great connecting with all our friends, family and faithful supporters!

We will be stateside through October 29 and would love to connect with you.

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