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LOOK AT THE ONE

"If I look at the mass, I will never act. If I look at the one, I will." Mother Teresa

Don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. Jesus, at Matthew 18:10 (NLT)



Folks are asked to contribute to so many good causes. Porch de Salomon routinely presents giving opportunities (needs) which we are meeting in low-overhead fashion. God be praised—our generous donors fund many of them! Still, some remain unfunded (but are met from our general fund).

It's easy to look at so much need ("the mass" as Mother Teresa termed it), be overwhelmed, then do nothing. Many times, we at Porch feel that way, up close in Guatemala! It is also human nature to think "someone else will surely help with this one." Sometimes, no one does.

In this issue, we invite you to "look at the one"-- some of our unfunded people/projects, and act. Your tax-deductible donations will resource these "ones." Please contact me now with your questions or your "yes's." *Gracias!*

We are thankful for our donors and mission partners who resource our ministry in Guatemala's Western Highlands. God be with you all. *Lloyd*

(Above right) Danilo, who turns three years old next month, lost his right eye due to an untreated malignancy and infection. His family had no resources to obtain medical care. Porch spent \$400 for pre-surgery exams and such. We will spend another \$500 for his prosthesis and \$60 monthly for continuing care and nutrition.

(Above left) Wendy Nohemi Chuc Miranda (14) suffers from chronic malnutrition and arthritis. We have spent \$100 on examinations and will help her with food and Pediasure monthly, at a cost of \$60 per month.

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

Jose Oliverio formerly worked on a lake boat, supporting his family well, but lost his job and their house to alcoholism.

Jose is one of the nine men Porch is currently paying for at the CTL rehab facility. Please consider funding one of these patients at \$90 per month. Their rehabilitation is a great blessing to their innocent families.



Magdalena (12) is from the primitive Boca Costa region. She has been ill for five months, but her family had no resources to seek medical care.

\$150 will pay for the medical care we've secured so far, and \$60 monthly will provide food to help her regain weight.



Byron (22, shown below right with our chef Birma) works as one of our Hotel California housekeepers. His mother plied the trade of Rahab (out of town) to support her three children.

We have spent \$6000 (including two surgeries) to save this fine young man's life following two intestinal blockages. Please consider picking up a "tenth share" with a donation of \$600.

You may remember Samuel Par. After a complete mental melt-down, he survived six years chained to a pole outside. Neighbors flagged down a Porch van, and our Jayne (below) got us involved, several years ago.

We built him a confinement shelter and have secured donated anti-psychotic medicine for him. Our paid caretaker attends to him daily.

Samuel is doing better, God be praised! He is now speaking complete phrases and recognizes the caretaker.

We spend \$375 monthly on Samuel. Please fund a month or two, or one year, of his care and feeding.



We congratulate our volunteer medical liaison, Jayne Mittan (at right, center) for recently receiving the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants 2017 Humanitarian Award in Marco Island, FL.

Jayne personally serves in Porch's free village medical clinics five to six times annually. Equally important, she orients and prepares our new medical clinic teams. This is a tremendous help.

Porch de Salomon just wouldn't be the same without Jayne as a part of it. Go Jayne!—we love you and are thankful for you. Congratulations!





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Porch de Salomon joyfully dedicated two more complete houses in September! (Above) Celestina's brave family now has a safe path and safe bedrooms. This will help them recover from past assault trauma.

(Right) Rudy and Josefina's family beams in their kitchen. Rudy's job loss, immigration attempt, capture/hostage status, and Josefina's desperate borrowing money to ransom Rudy and save her son Rudy's life (meningitis) was almost too much to bear. They still struggle with the debt incurred for all this, but they no longer have to worry about having a good and safe house.

We thank our short-term teams and faithful mission partners who make such projects possible!



LOOKING AT ONE HOUSE AT A TIME

Upcoming Porch short-term teams will build our 100th house! It will be for Cristina Ajcalon Coj and her four sons. Cristina is an indigenous, single mother in Molino Belén, San Bartolo, 45 minutes from Panajachel. Her husband, the father of her four sons, essentially drank himself to death last year.

Cristina, a hard worker, carries on as best she can. She hand-washes clothes for a livelihood and earns less than \$40 a month. Of course, that won't even buy enough food for her sons. As is often the case, the husband/father's family blames his widow (Cristina) for driving him to drink.

The family's living conditions are woeful and sad. We look forward to helping this family escape these. Their hope of a better life will include sufficient food, school, and a potential micro-business in addition to a new abode. *Adelante juntos!*



As with Hilda, learning English can be a pathway to a better life in Guatemala.

Won't you help fund one or more months of Hilda's part-time salary (@ \$270) or other expenses associated with our free English classes (@ \$75)? Please let us know!

MEET OUR ENGLISH TEACHER

I'm Hilda Elizabeth Mux Son (29), an indigenous woman from San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango. My parents worked really hard to give my siblings education so, thanks to God, all of us have a career. I'm always looking to learn new things.

One of my goals was to learn English; I did it! There aren't many job opportunities so I worked where I could including managing a small supermarket in my town and teaching informal English classes. I started college but had to drop out when my brother became very ill. I borrowed money to help with his medical care; this debt was a tremendous burden for me.

I came to Panajachel early this year, (praying to God) to find a job but HE gave me more than that. HE gave me freedom, HE cut chains that I used to have through His angels like Porch de Salomon and Dirty Feet Missions. Gracias! *Hilda*

Hilda's debt has been redeemed by a generous Porch team member; she's back in college now. She works as Porch's part-time English teacher, and lives, gratis, in the Dirty Feet Missions house. Her excellent work and spunky ways, as one of our short-term team translators, paved the way for all this. Bienvenida Hilda!

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