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EVERY DAY, EVERYTHING A MIRACLE

For the despondent, every day brings trouble;
for the happy heart, life is a continual feast. Proverbs 15:15

There are only two ways to live your life: one is as though nothing is a miracle –
the other is as though everything is a miracle. *Albert Einstein*



Marta Julia Tun and her family received their new house August 30. This was Porch's 108th such house.

During the dedication ceremony, her mother Rosa, who lives with the family, spoke in *Kaq'chikel*: "I thought I would die before we ever had a good house. Every day now will be like a miracle."

As is the custom of some older indigenous folk, Rosa has never worn sandals or shoes. While she has never heard of Albert Einstein, she bespoke the same wisdom and sense of gratitude as the famous physicist. May we all see life that way, more and more.

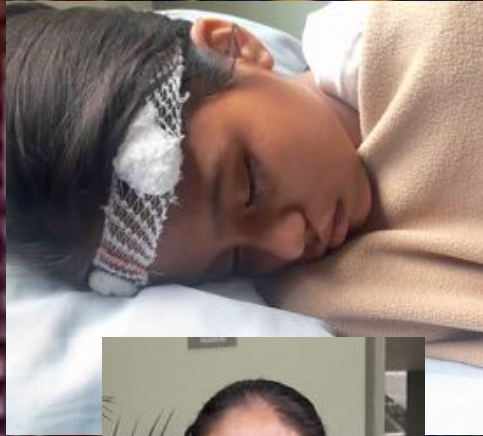
Porch de Salomon thanks God and our donors and mission partners for helping us deliver help, hope, and relief. We appreciate you being part of these "miracles."

Formula for Maria Soccoro's daughter brought a smile. Pray we can locate a home site for them.



- *Short-term mission teams in Guatemala
- *Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- *Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- *Live music outreach
- * Helping transform churches

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



MEDICAL MIRACLE

Sarah Melissa Soc's (15) grand mal seizures became more frequent and severe several months ago. Her resourceful father (an indigenous farmer) and mother located a hospital in El Salvador which would operate on Sara's brain aneurysm for \$3500—but they lacked that money after paying for other diagnoses and treatment the past few years.

Porch provided transport, a translator (gracias Jezer y Jeydi), and the necessary money, in faith. God be praised, the surgery was a success—Jeydi said "Sarah finally smiled" (left).

Our Facebook "opportunity to give" post yielded the \$3500 within a week after the surgery. Thanks for being part of the "miracle"!



JAILHOUSE MIRACLE? *By Lloyd*

We Christ-followers or church folks often fail to obey Jesus' clear mandate to visit or help those in prison/jail (Matthew 25:36). Doing so can be gritty, scary, sad, challenging, or such. Mirna has led Porch de Salomon's efforts to help inmates in, and help improve, Panajachel's disgraceful, p___-poor jail. Jail officials call her directly when the situation is dire, e.g. when female inmates have no food or hygiene items (at left). Our workers cleaned, repaired and painted.

While not a jail miracle of the magnitude of those in Acts, this work may have been seen as a little miracle of God by the prisoners.

Our Facebook post yielded donations to cover our \$475 cost. Gracias a todos!



THREE MORE HOUSES COMPLETED!

In addition to Marta Julia's house (see page one) Porch de Salomon was thankful to recently complete and dedicate these three family houses, each one something of a miracle in itself.

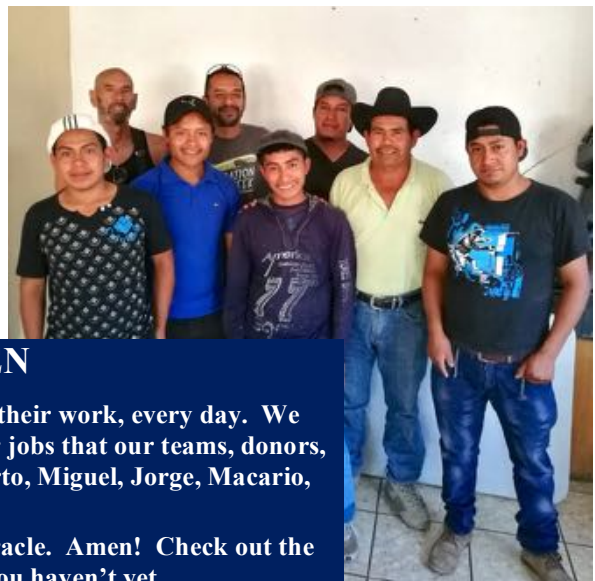


(Above) Lilian Jesusita Chumil, in her first real bedroom, with her first real floor, built through our joint venture with Dirty Feet Missions/ Para Servir.

(At left) Lilian and her children will strive for self-sustainability through a dual chicken/egg and weaving business.

(At right) Santos Morales and Daniel in front of their completed house, Porch's ninth of 2018. Santos stated that she still cannot believe they have this house and that her faith in God has grown greatly.

(Below) Maria, Alex and their children outside their new house in Barrio Norte. This house was funded and dedicated to our late friend Mike Roper's memory. We have great hopes for this family's future.



MIRACLE-BUILDING MEN

Our faithful contract house builders are skilled and diligent in their work, every day. We appreciate them, our *albaniles y ayudantes*. They appreciate their jobs that our teams, donors, and mission partners provide. (From left) Carlos, Lonny, Roberto, Miguel, Jorge, Macario, Lazaro, and Carlos.

Some folks see Lonny's continued sobriety as something of a miracle. Amen! Check out the five-minute "Lonny's Story" video on YouTube if you haven't yet.

HELP PORCH BRING "LITTLE" MIRACLES EVERY DAY

Most of the "miracles" Porch de Salomon provides cost money, of course. We are thankful for faithful and generous donors and mission partners who fund our multi-faceted work, now in our 14th year. As Melanie says "Everyone can donate something."

If you haven't donated lately, please do so now, in the amount of your choosing. I welcome your questions or ideas also. Thanks, *Lloyd*

(Below) Little Cristobal, a diabetic, and his parents with blood testing material from a Georgia partner family.

(Right) 19 year-old Oscar is our latest sponsored in-patient at Casa Tat Loy drug/



alcohol center. Might you help Porch pay his \$100 monthly fee (we have four others there) or the unfunded \$200 in groceries we supply every month? Please say "yes."



NEVER TOO OLD

Melanie and I were thrilled when 97 year-old "CS", a long-time Porch donor, called to tell us that "Porch de Salomon is in my will." Hallelujah.... but stay with us, ma'am. Porch recently received over \$6000 from a California supporter's will and estate. Please consider making Porch a beneficiary of your will and/or 401K. I'm happy to help. *Lloyd*

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