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WELCOME EVEN A CHILD

*Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me."
Luke 9:48 (CEV)*

Porch de Salomon is fortunate to continue our longstanding relief to children and their families. In Guatemala, the pandemic and a lack of government response have left many in desperate straits. We thank God and we thank our mission partners and donors who make this "welcoming" possible.

Right: Joaquin is "our" newest cleft-palate baby. Porch is furnishing formula, special bottles, hygiene help, counseling, and food for his mother. Joaquin will have his first corrective surgery when he reaches 15 pounds. We spend \$80 per month on them.

Below: Single mother Juana (24) and her daughter Damaris (six months). Juana's prenatal infection caused multiple serious health issues for Damaris. Damaris lives on an oxygen concentrator machine. Her special formula costs \$100 monthly. Won't you donate to cover this cost?



Above: Marcela (22) has escaped her abusive, alcoholic husband. She is six months pregnant. Among other relief, Porch provides formula for little Angelica (seven months old); \$60 monthly covers this cost.

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

EVEN A CHILD

Jacquelin (seven years old, *shown right*) suffered sexual abuse by her father. Her mother followed that by physically abusing this child. Her aged grandmother Manuela (*also right*) has temporary custody of Jacquelin; they live in Nahuala.

Our social worker Eugenia reports: "They live in extreme poverty. Porch de Salomon has delivered food, clothes, shoes, and support to them. We will stay involved."

Please join us in praying for all involved, and that Jacquelin can have a better life moving forward. Please contact me directly if you'd like to sponsor or donate to help Jacquelin and Manuela.

Lloyd



Your generous donations continue to help fill the financial void created by team cancellations and no in-person promotion. Your financial support helps Porch de Salomon welcome and help children and others in Jesus' name. *Gracias! Lloyd, Melanie, volunteers, and staff of PdS*



WELCOME HEARTY LUNCHES

Our café staff has cooked, delivered, and served nutritious lunches to the children at a nearby orphanage. Some of these little ones are shown below. Please join us in praying for the children, both our staff and the orphanage staff, and for continued provision for all involved.



Smiling behind their masks:
(Left) A mother enjoys breastfeeding her newborn in one of two new glider/rockers a generous mission partner funded for the Solola public hospital maternity ward.
(Right) Our indigenous social worker Eugenia Chiroy prepares a new bed for a paraplegic senior. Her Kaq'chikel language skills are welcome when it's time for "heart language."





Please contact me if you'd like to donate to help fund Jezer's house. Porch will spend at least \$20,000 on the project.

Jezer has helped us help many. It will be a blessing if you'll join in. We have memorial donation options! Lloyd

(Above): Jezer's family shares a bathroom and this pila sink with another family. The pila serves as their kitchen sink, bathroom sink, and clothes washer.



A HOUSE: JEZER, HARLY, AND CHILDREN

I'm Jezer, 34 years old, and have always lived in Panajachel. My father died an alcoholic. Like him, I was addicted to alcohol; I quit drinking at age 23. I worked as a waiter, DJ, and bartender and met Harly when we were both bartending. We both lost that job in 2014 and began our relationship.

I began working as a contract/team translator for Porch de Salomon at that time. Three years later, 1) Harly gave birth to our daughter Amanecer, and; 2) I became a full-time Porch employee guiding teams, translating, and supervising house construction. Today I feel happy and very blessed to be part of this team.

Amanecer (translated "Dawn") was diagnosed with cerebral palsy several months after her birth. She has been unable to attend her therapy because of the pandemic. We try to conduct the therapy at home, but our small, two-room rented apartment makes that difficult.

Dara, our second daughter was born a year later. Dara and Amanecer love each other and we love them too. We want the best for them. In Guatemala it's not easy being a woman; that's why we want to instill in them good values to be good people and we want them to be productive in society. Harly and I are very thankful for the help in building our house where our children can live and grow. God bless you.

After supervising scores of other house builds, Jezer and his family are receiving one of their own! It's under construction, on a small home site he inherited. Porch is furnishing construction money, and Jezer will repay half of it from his salary. Lloyd

WELCOME OUR NEW UPDATE VIDEO!

In less than two minutes, you'll get an update on Porch de Salomon's continuing service during the pandemic at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb0yPXiMsU4>

Below: A screenshot from the video, with Ana.



Tomasa (60) and her blind son Victor (20) on their way to alcohol rehabilitation. They beg on Pana's streets, in very messy fashion.

Porch continues to transport and fund rehabilitation for folks like them in partnership with Casa Tat Loy and Casa Ixoq'i. We welcome your donations which allow us to continue to help these challenging children of God.



Ana Patricia Saloj Tautiu, 32, is a single mother with rheumatoid arthritis.



BIG CHILDREN CHANGES
Porch de Salomon is saddened to announce that two college programs which support our service and outreach have been discontinued due to the pandemic: Outtatown/Canadian Mennonite University (Winnipeg, Canada) and Spring Arbor University (Michigan and Guatemala City).

We are thankful for the financial support, energy, and encouragement their visiting teams brought to Porch for years.

Below: Spring Arbor U. professor and leader Paul Nemecek often graced our Sunday worship gatherings with tunes, some his originals.



Words fail to adequately describe our gratitude for your investment, support and care for this transformative program. Porch was a place of significant learning and growth for so many of our students. In the midst of so much loss and heartache, we are so thankful for your hospitality, encouragement and challenge. Our groups faced many unique challenges while we were in Panajachel, and we always felt extremely well cared for. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to your entire team. Renee Willms, Program Director, Outtatown/CMU.

Above: Outtatown/CMU team members muscle a heavy “pila” sink to one of our house-build sites early this year.

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