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- *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 and individuals

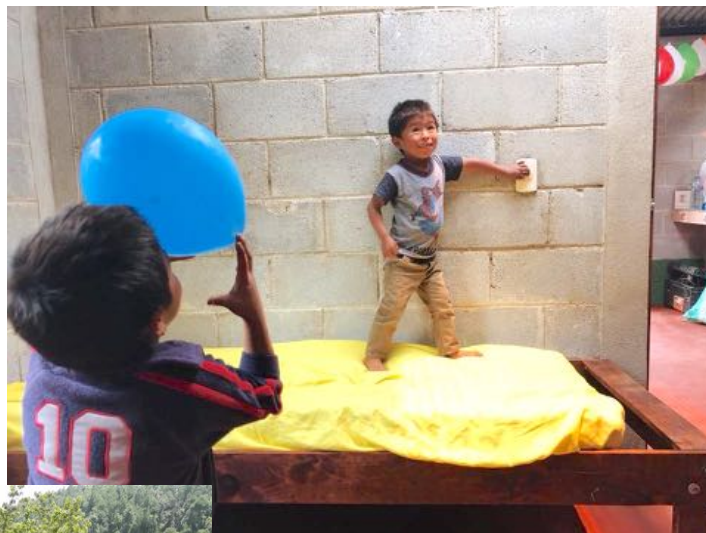
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13 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13



From Lloyd: 14 years ago, God clearly confirmed my and Melanie's "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.* 13 years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon.

True to the promise, we've been blessed and Porch has been a blessing to thousands of folks. God be praised!

We are thankful for our volunteers Rex, Robin, Jayne, Rich, and Brian as well as Mirna, Noe, Hilda, Jeydi, Eugenia, Jezer, Alvaro, Birma, Carmen, Lorena, Jose, 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 highlights from our 13th year in-country, remembering;
"Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." II Corinthians 10:17:

- * Hosting 25 short-term mission teams which helped provide:
 - 12 new, furnished houses for indigenous families (and local jobs for Guatemalans)
 - 17 free medical, dental, or audiology clinics; including two long-distance clinics in the grossly underserved *Boca Costa* region
 - Bible schools, fun, and instruction for native children (*continued on page 3*)

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



Faith, hope, and love; our 13-year anniversary *(Continued from page one)*

- * Ever-expanding humanitarian relief; weekly food, clothing/shoes, malnourished children milk/food, medicine, medical care, beds, and more for indigenous and street people, physical therapy and care for special needs kids, nutrition and surgery for cleft-palate children
- Completed expansion of our cramped ministry facility (cafe and hotel), with plans to complete the remodeling of our humanitarian relief building by November 15. God be praised, all this has been accomplished without incurring debt, thanks to our generous mission partners.
 - Purchasing a used Toyota pick-up truck for hauling construction equipment and material, stoves, beds, furniture, workers, and more
 - * Over 160 “Beca” school scholarships for indigenous children and youth
 - * Free tri-weekly English classes which open employment “doors”
 - * 22 more *Ecofiltro* clean water, home purification systems emplaced
 - * 18 more *Ecoplancha* wood-efficient wood stoves installed
 - * Self-sustainability training events for indigenous women
 - * 10 single-mother family sustainability business projects launched
- * Operating our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be explored or lived out in the #9 hippie travel destination *worldwide*
 - * Weekly worship gatherings at our cafe; lives transformed 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 AA chapters, in-patient treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, encouragement and continued partnership with the *Casa Tat Loy* rehab center
 - * Partnering with *La Casa de la Paz* to provide hope and help to the families of alcoholics or abusive men
 - * Partnering with the *Golden Years* adult day care center by paying their rent, utilities, and daily client transport costs (all totaling \$600 monthly)
 - * Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers for mission work and global service experience.
 - * Continued partnership with stateside congregations to encourage *transformation* and effective local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission

All 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 contact us now.





[We] Ain't Going Nowhere by Lloyd
(with a nod to Bob Dylan's "You Ain't Going Nowhere")

Perhaps it's the gray in my goatee, or the thought that 13 years is a long time to do what we do, but these questions have been posed to us lately:

- 1) *How much longer will you and Melanie continue as Porch directors?*
- 2) *What is your succession plan?*

Answers: 1) Melanie and I have no plans to end our work with Porch de Salomon in the foreseeable future. Melanie says, with a bit of a sigh, "We'll never quit." When I tire of it, a morning of rubbing elbows with or observing the indigenous folks we serve re-energizes me.

2) Still, as good stewards, we're in contact with several much-younger people who are interested in succeeding us when the time comes. As Daddy rightly says: "You never know."

Stay with us!

Melanie and Lloyd are stateside August 8 through October 11 for furlough/promo.

We'd love to connect with you, your church, or group. Don't hesitate to contact us. 850.688.2076 or dlloydmonroe@gmail.com .

WE INVITE YOU, on Porch's 13th anniversary, to help advance Porch de Salomon's high-impact work with monthly tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of "13" you choose. \$26, \$39, \$52, or \$65 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many.

Of course, we welcome \$130 and \$1300 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well. Please let us know. Thanks!

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