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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

## OPPORTUNITY

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...*

*Galatians 6:19,20*

*Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. Thomas Edison*

The writer of Galatians challenges Christ-followers to do good for all people when the opportunity arises. The inventor Edison reminds us that opportunity usually involves hard work.

Porch de Salomon is pleased to provide myriad opportunities for Guatemalans: the opportunity to receive medical care, the opportunity to be fed, the opportunity to have clean water, the opportunity to get sober, the opportunity to have a sustainable micro-business, the opportunity to live in a good house, the opportunity to experience the abundant life Jesus promised, and more. We thank our donors and mission partners who fund these opportunities, part of our "doing good."

We are also pleased that Porch's work, often hard, engages, inspires, and uplifts those who partner with us, whether as short-term team members or partner/donors.

(Below) Juana Quisquina family's hard work, with their chicken/egg micro-business,

*has been so good that we have helped them double its size. They really seized their opportunity!*



(Below) Team Papermaker members watch Erin take on cutting foundation rod.



## MATCHING DONATION OPPORTUNITY!

A generous partner family from Texas will match donations received by Porch through October 5, up to a total of \$20,000. Bravo y gracias!

Take advantage of this opportunity to double your giving impact.

Please designate such donations "Texas Match III".

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



**WE REJOICE** in the completion of Porch's seventh house of 2019: Macario Leonardi and Rebecca's in steep Santa Catarina.

Macario has skillfully, patiently, and creatively worked as a Porch contract builder/team foreman since he was 18, some eight years now. He has helped build scores of houses for other families. Now, Macario's family has a beautiful, safe two-story house of their own, with a stunning lake view.

We appreciate our donors and mission partners who gave Porch the opportunity to reward this faithful co-laborer.

*(Left) This was the washing area they shared with other families.*

*Macario's family lived in a 4-meter x 2-meter room.*



**ENGLISH CLASSES**, provided free of charge in our annex, enhance the students' opportunity for better employment in Panajachel. Please consider funding one or more months of our \$150 cost with your donation. *Gracias!*

Santa and Antonio's indigenous family received Porch de Salomon's eighth house of 2019. We were glad to joint venture this one with Dirty Feet Missions/Para Servir! With no schooling, the family earns less than \$200 per month hand washing clothes and baking bread.

Their son Rolando's health problems severely depleted the family's resources. Rolando (21) is shown, far right. He underwent open-heart surgery (followed by a two-week coma) as well as radiation for a malignant stomach tumor. DFM/PS is generously funding on-going medical care for him. *Gracias a todos y gracias a Dios.*







**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** are scarce in Guatemala. Porch is fortunate to be able to provide good jobs for our staff, shown above, along with house builders and part-time workers who are not shown. We distributed \$4683 in staff tips from our generous summer teams among these 24 staff and workers. God be praised.

One of our workers formerly supported her sons and herself, for years, as a prostitute. She was able to leave that life because Porch provided her with a job opportunity. Joy!



Our driver/team guide/construction supervisor Jezer was able to visit his children Cecilia and Kai last month. He had not been with them in two years.

*Jezer wrote: I want to thank Porch for helping this trip happen. I'm súper happy to see my kids in Massachusetts. Porch de Salomon has changed my life in a good way. To come here to see my kids is something that fills my heart with joy and happiness. Thank you so much.*

**Your donations fund opportunities** for children like Dinael Pedro Ixtos (4), shown below with his mother Manuela (25). Her husband Issac earns \$95 per month as a farm hand.

Beset by cerebral palsy and seizures, and blind, Dinael is now undergoing proper diagnostic tests and receiving medication through our ministry.

We would appreciate you praying for this family, which includes another child, and all involved. Please consider donating for our expenditures, currently \$400, in whole or in part.



**As we prepare** for a full fall short-term team schedule, we flash back to Team Papermakers, our last summer team. Laura and Christian look happy for the opportunity to build!





Melanie and I are stateside through October 13, and possibly longer, for furlough/promotion. We also look forward to the birth of our first grandchild in mid-September! Please pray for Hannah, the baby, and all involved.

We'd love to connect with you, your church, or group. Just let us know, please: 850.688.2076 or [dlloydmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:dlloydmonroe@gmail.com) .

*Gracias! Lloyd*

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Juana Quisquina, little Joel, and their family received Porch de Salomon's ninth house of 2019 in Vasconcelos. Noe reported: "Yesterday was another great day, we dedicated Juana's house. They thank Porch for giving the opportunity to believe in God again. Juana was hopeless and sad for so long. She thanks all the 'brothers and sisters' (volunteers) who came to build their new home. She has and will always pray for everyone involved. They said the chicken/egg business has really changed their lives."

We at Porch thank our summer team volunteers, God, our staff and builders, and our mission partners whose generous support keeps it all going.

*Adelante juntos!*

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