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*Short-term mission teams
in Guatemala

*Humanitarian relief for
indigenous families and others

*Solomon's Porch
Café ministry

*Live music outreach

* Helping transform churches
and individuals

Synchronicity; Our 12-year Anniversary *by Lloyd*



(The synchronicity: this issue's volume number, 144, equals 12 squared!)

13 years ago, God clearly confirmed our "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*. 12 years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon.

We've been blessed, true to God's promise. We praise Him for allowing us to serve and be a blessing in the ways we envisioned, as well as in other ways we didn't expect.

We are thankful for our volunteers Lindsey, Rex, Robin, Jayne, Rich, Kathie, and Brian as well as Noe, Mirna, Jeydi, Eugenia, Jezer, Birma, Carmen, Lorena, Jose, Marci, 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 ministry highlights from our 12th year in-country, remembering;

"Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." II Corinthians 10:17:

* Hosting 30 short-term mission teams which helped provide:

- Eight new, furnished houses for indigenous families (and local jobs for Guatemalans)
- 25 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
 - an *Inner Beauty* pageant for special needs children and youth

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





Synchronicity; our 12-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
 - * Began constructing a much-needed expansion of our cramped ministry facility (café, hotel, and humanitarian relief office)
 - * Purchasing a used F250 van for team transport (with an “on the spot” \$5000 donation from a team member)
 - * Over 120 “Beca” school scholarships for indigenous children and youth
 - * 28 more *Ecofiltro* clean water, home purification systems emplaced
 - * 21 more *Ecoplancha* wood-efficient woodstoves installed
 - * Sustainability training events for indigenous women
 - * Ten single-mother family sustainability business projects launched
 - * Operating our Solomon’s Porch Café/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be lived out in the #4 hippie travel destination *worldwide (toptenz.com)*
 - * Weekly worship gatherings at Solomon’s Porch; lives changed 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-house 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
 - * Hosting and deploying interns (*Para Servir!*) 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 get in touch with us!



WE INVITE YOU, on our 12th anniversary, to help advance Porch de Salomon's high-impact work with monthly tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of "12" you choose. \$24, \$36, \$48, or \$60 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many.

Of course, we welcome \$120 and \$1200 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well!

Don't delay—please contact me, or Rex, now and we'll discuss and work through any questions you may have. Thanks,
Lloyd

A \$12,000 donation will help fund our on-going facility expansion and allow our Humanitarian Relief office to be named in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

This facility and this office help Marta Julia and her daughters, and others, experience life-changing, *before and after*, transformation (*above left*).

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