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*Short-term mission teams
in Guatemala

*Humanitarian relief for
indigenous families

*Solomon's Porch Café

*Live music outreach

* Helping transform churches
and individuals

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GREAT EIGHT

by Lloyd and Melanie

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psalm 48:1 (NKJV)

Nine 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*. **Eight years ago**, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to begin God's work through 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 the Deeds family joining us in Pana last January and for Joe, Betty, Neil, Leslie, Fred, Rex, and our 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 some ministry highlights from our eighth year in-country, remembering; "*Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.*" *II Corinthians 10:17*:

* Hosting 18 short-term mission teams which provided:

--Nine new houses (three big ones!) for indigenous families (and local jobs)

-- Free medical and dental clinics for indigenous people

-- Bible schools, soccer clinics, and fun for village kids

* Humanitarian relief; weekly food, medicine, medical care, and more for indigenous and street people, physical therapy and care for special needs

kids, nutrition and surgery for cleft-palate children

* 12 more clean water home purification systems (*continued on page three*)



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



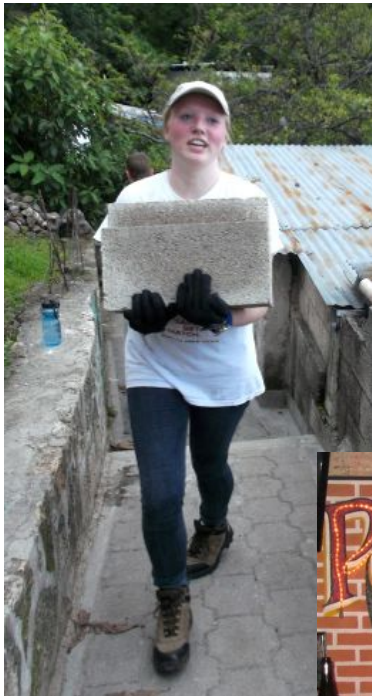
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- * Over 55 “Beca” school scholarships provided to indigenous children, youth, and adults
- * Operating our Solomon’s Porch Café for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be lived out in the #4 hippie travel destination *worldwide (toptenz.com)*
- * Purchasing and renovating Porch’s own ministry facility (comprised of the café and *Hotel California*) and renovating our rental annex for office, dorm, storage, and AA meeting space
 - * Weekly worship gatherings at Solomon’s Porch; changed lives 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 in-house treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, and encouragement (through our partnership with *Casa Tat Loy* rehab center)
- * 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

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!



**MONROE SUMMER
FURLOUGH/PROMO *update!***

Melanie and Lloyd are having a great time in the states (through October 4) reconnecting with family, friends, and stateside life.

This is also an important time for us to be in contact with our partner churches and Porch donors/supporters, old and new. We thank everyone who has welcomed us so far!

Let us know if you'd like to chat or have ideas; we have time! dlloydmonroe@gmail.com or 850.688.2076

Our presentation calendar at press time (*Join us!*):

Sept. 1: St. Teresa Community Beach Church

Sept. 3: Tallahassee Kiwanis Club

Sept. 4: Deerlake UMC

Sept. 11: Memorial UMC (Fernandina Beach, FL)

Sept. 12: Ortega UMC Men's Group
(Jacksonville, FL)

Sept. 15: Miccosukee UMC

Sept. 22: Good Samaritan UMC

Sept. 23: UMVIM rally at John Wesley UMC

Sept. 24: Killlearn UMC Mission Committee

Sept. 25: First UMC, Monticello

Sept. 29: Holy Cross Anglican (Tallahassee)

NOT JUST A NEW HOUSE.....

First, a decent house for them (and hope!)---now, Inocenta's family begins learning to read with a tutor.... funded by Team Christ the Shepherd Youth. Some of them may be able to start adult school in January (on Sundays) through Porch de Salomon's "Beca" scholarship program.



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