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COME AND DINE

Jesus saith unto them, "Come and dine"... [He] took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. John 21 KJV/NIV

Jesus has a table spread, where the saints of God are fed, he invites his chosen people "Come and dine." From the song by Rev. Chas. B. Widmeyer.

(At right) In December, Porch de Salomon provided a Christmas tamale meal and food baskets for our friends at Golden Years adult day care; it's the first time they've congregated since March. Tomas, a deaf-mute, is always so joyous.



(Below) The Monroes treated Porch's stateside volunteer/leadership team to a socially-distanced, outdoor fish fry at Alligator Point, Florida.

"Hushpuppies" were the bread of the day.



Greg and Rachael McGaha are an integral part of our leadership team. They have led teams down from Georgia for seven straight years.

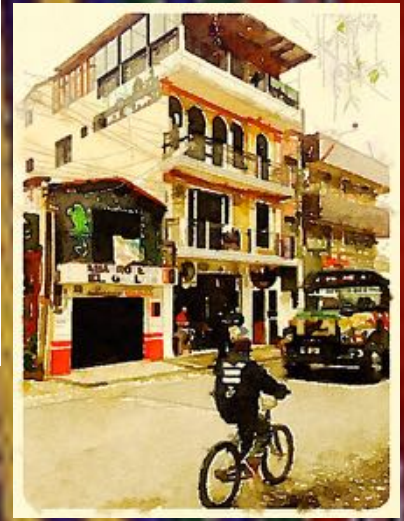
"For the lost, the least, and the last"

Christmas week was a busy one for our Porch de Salomon staff. Examples: 1) Hundreds of village children received a simple gift; for many, that was the only holiday gift they received (shown left), and; 2) \$584 worth of complimentary tamales, bread, and punch were served, to



those with none, in our Cafe Hotel California. *Come and Dine!*

We appreciate donors who funded these projects and our mission partners/donors who make it all possible. *Gracias a Dios!*



2021 School Scholarship Update!

Porch de Salomon thanks those who have provided 2021 *beca* scholarship donations; we hope to fund 138 students this year.

We are continuing to accept donations for the 2021 school year (which runs from January to October). These annual scholarships cost \$240 each. Hilda will match donors with a recipient! Please consider funding one or more of these life-changing gifts. Contact us directly with your “Yes” or your questions: hilda.son03@gmail.com or call Lloyd at 850.688.2076. *Gracias!*

(Below, right) Our Facebook drive funded 20 tablet phones (\$108 each) for scholarship students who lacked an internet device while trying to attend virtual school. *Knowledge is the food of the soul—Plato. Come and dine!*



A HOUSE FOR JEYDI AND LEONEL’S FAMILY

We took great pleasure in the ground-breaking of Jeydi and Leonel’s new house in Concepcion. Jeydi has served well as our humanitarian aid administrative assistant for seven years; she’s the youngest of 12 children in an *El Tablon* indigenous family.

She and Leonel met when he built houses for Porch; they married and are now proud parents. The pandemic slammed Leonel’s venture in the taxi business. Porch will fund \$13,000 in building materials and Leonel will provide the labor. Thanks to generous mission partners who responded to our Facebook post, we have received enough donations to cover it all, God be praised. *Que Bueno!*

HOUSES COMPLETED!

Porch de Salomon gratefully dedicated our 129th completed house for Angelica and Jose's family, which includes two profoundly deaf daughters (*at right*). The family had no toilet or latrine, and standing water presented a Dengue/disease risk.

We are thankful for our staff and builders' work and for the donation from a Porch partner family which funded the entire endeavor.

Contact me if you'd like to fund a house, and make life-changing impact for \$7500--less than the cost of granite countertops! We can dedicate it to a loved one, living or departed. *Lloyd*



(Above) Porch de Salomon is thankful to have completed our 130th family house-build. Rosa Elena Ajcalon and her sons joyfully and emotionally moved in, after a dedication ceremony which included our mission partner Dirty Feet Missions/Para Servir. These partners funded this project. *Muchas gracias!*

Rosa's husband was run over by a car and died four years ago. He was on his way to work. Pre-pandemic, Rosa sold vegetables in the Panajachel market and earned \$80 per month. It's been even tougher since March, but now they have a quality house, hope, and more. Rosa described it all as a miracle. We reckon it is, at least in part!



... AND ANOTHER STARTED!

Josefa Petzey's alcoholic, abusive husband sold the roof off their humble house, then later burned it down completely. She and her four children (*above*) had no choice but to live with her parents and brothers.

It's not a good situation for her daughter Joselyn (8), living in a cramped, two-bedroom house with five adult men and others.

Our partner church Shady Grove UMC (NC) raised the complete \$9300 needed for this new house on Christmas Eve—"good news ...great joy" indeed!

Please watch this one-minute video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKPFnkbtrZA>



Donations in!

We are pleased to report that Porch de Salomon ended 2020 in strong financial shape, thanks in part to generous year-end donations from mission partners. Given the pandemic's cessation of short-term team money, this is a blessing. Gracias donors, y gracias a Dios!

Please contact me about tax-advantaged donation options: IRA roll-overs or distributions, appreciated stock donations, and estate bequests! *Lloyd*

Our mission partners/donors' generosity allowed us to distribute a January \$135 bonus to 34 employees and our contract builders in recognition of their faithful efforts.

Short-team members leave pooled tips for our staff and builders; our workers lost that when our teams were cancelled. These photos show some of the 34. *Bueno!*



(Below) 2020 donation tax-receipt letters have been mailed, thanks to our volunteer treasurer, Robin.

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