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in Guatemala

*Humanitarian relief for
indigenous families and others

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CARPENTERS

Then they scoffed, “[Jesus is] just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon.” *Mark 6:3 NIV*

Jesus was a carpenter and He worked with a saw and a hammer.

And his hands could join a table true enough to stand forever.

And he might have spun his life out in the coolness of the morning.

But he put aside his tools and he walked the burning highways.

And he built his house from people just like these. *Song by Christopher Wren*

Our house-building masons are cross-trained as carpenters, building furniture for each family which receives a house from Porch de Salomon. This gives them an extra two weeks of income.

They build and install simple, good furniture, such as:
Single beds, double beds, double and triple bunk beds, shelves, water filter stands and doors.

Noe, Humanitarian Relief Co-director



Enrique (24)



Santos (26)

(Right) This photograph of Celia is one of my favorites. Although taken long ago, it reflects the joy and enthusiasm our house recipient children still have when they receive their first real bed, ever, from Porch's carpentry shop. *Lloyd*



“For the lost, the least, and the last”

MEET THREE PORCH CARPENTERS

(From page one):

Enrique: This indigenous man speaks four languages: Kaq'chikel, Quiche, Spanish, and English. He has an accounting certificate. His first work with Porch was translating in our village medical clinics. Married, he has learned carpentry work while we await the return of our short-term teams.

Santos: Formally schooled in tourism, he worked as a bartender in Panajachel. He learned carpentry and masonry to supplement his income in the tourist trade, which ebbs and flows. Single, he helps support his mother and two younger brothers.

Edras (right): Abandoned by his parents at age 12, Edras has lived with his grandmother the past 13 years. With only a sixth-grade education, he is very thankful for his work with Porch the past two years. He helps support his grandmother. Sometimes this work requires him to live away from home four nights per week.

Porch de Salomon is thankful for all our carpenters, and for Macario and Lazaro, our master builders, for training them well.

We also thank you, mission partners, for helping us employ them!

Edras (25)



A HOUSE FOR A CARPENTER'S FAMILY

Carlos Chumil (33) and his wife Maltilde (31) live in a decrepit adobe room, with a "tin" kitchen, in La Antigua Santa Catarina Ixtahuacán.

Two of this indigenous family's children benefit from Porch school scholarships.

Carlos is a quiet man who has built houses for Porch de Salomon the past three years. He is currently building in a remote village and spends four nights weekly away from his family. Our staff has recommended that his family receive a new house soon.

Would you like to donate to fund this project? Whole-house donations (\$7500) are sustaining our house-building program during the pandemic's cessation of our short-term teams.

I'd love to discuss an honorary or memorial donation with you. Do it while you still can, friends! *Lloyd*



Porch de Salomon was pleased to furnish *Ecofiltro* water filter systems for 33 families in Santa Lucía Uatlan. The mayor asked that we intervene due to chronic water problems there. A grant from Milledgeville First UMC (GA) funded this effort. Muchas gracias Brittney Schwind y todos! You, dear reader, can fund two years of Ecofiltro clean water with a \$60 donation via <http://porchdesalomon.org/donate/>.



Porch de Salomon is thankful to resume hosting short-term service teams in Guatemala this fall. Our teams bring untold help, resources, encouragement, good energy, and true Jesus witness with them. Many members report that they receive more than they bring, though.

Here's our current schedule:

- October 2-9: Team Burke and Team Lange
- October 9-16: Memorial UMC: medical clinics and construction
- October 16-23: Trinity UMC TLH: medical clinics and construction
Team Flower/Digisi
- October 23-30: Union Congregational Church
- Oct. 30-Nov. 6: Dirty Feet; medical clinics and construction
- November 6-13: Christ the Shepherd Lutheran
- November 13-21: Team Mark/Sue Williams



We have room for more and are scheduling for 2022 also. Y'all come! Please contact us, team leaders; we'll gladly reschedule your team. All team members must verify they have been fully Covid 19 vaccinated.





A CREATIVE CARPENTER CONTRIBUTES

My first short-term service team with Porch de Salomon was in 2016, just as I was entering retirement. I came away changed forever. It occurred to me that perhaps I could combine my carpentry hobby and need to occupy myself in retirement with my desire to help Porch more. So, I started a one-man woodworking business with the primary purpose of donating all my profits to the Porch.

Now, I work almost every day, feeling like I'm working for Porch de Salomon and helping its cause. I often measure my cabinet/carpentry jobs in terms of how many families it will feed, how many school scholarships it will provide, or how many houses I can fund this year. Every customer receives a Porch flyer with their invoice; they know where their money is going.

I've been truly blessed to have found my way to Porch de Salomon, and this sure beats a rocking chair (but I'll probably make one someday). *Curtis Martin, Alpharetta GA*

We at Porch appreciate Curtis so much; his creative carpentry contributions really add up over the course of a year.

TAX TIME WIN-WINS

It's that season of the year. Please contact me about tax-advantaged donation options: IRA roll-overs or distributions, appreciated stock donations, and estate bequests! *Lloyd*

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