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BEDS AND THE HUMBLE

For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds. *Psalms 149:4, 5 (NIV)*

In the remote and underserved *Boca Costa* area, many indigenous people are sleeping on the ground in their humble shack-like houses; the more fortunate sleep on board beds, with little or no cushioning. These sleeping conditions are causing respiratory problems, and these are being confused with Covid 19 symptoms. The *Boca Costa* is quite humid.

The government social work agency SESAN requested that Porch de Salomon furnish 30 beds. Sadly, this agency has no funds to provide such beds, or much of anything else of a material nature.

Our carpenters will build these beds in Panajachel. Then, we'll haul them to the *Boca Costa* and assemble them there. We will also provide each family with an Ecofiltro water system. Please consider donating to help with this endeavor.

Gracias! Noe

Each bed costs \$110; each filter costs \$60. Please help fund this \$3900 total cost by donating today. *Lloyd*



Antonia's husband abandoned her and Francisco (two). She sleeps on the boards, shown above, and Francisco sleeps in the feed-sack "hammock" bed.

Two beds will be a big "victory" for these humble folks.

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



MORE BOCA COSTA BEDS

Elena (four) has cerebral palsy. She and her single mother, Antonia Guarchaj Ecoquij, share the same board bed in their *Boca Costa* shack.



Maria and Miguel's house and sleeping arrangement is abysmal. Miguel (4) is also afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Please help us furnish 30 beds and ten *Ecofiltro* water filters by donating now. It's easy at:

<http://porchdesalomon.org/donate/>



Pedro and Milsa's twins are three months old. Luis Gabriel has a cleft palate; Luis Angel does not.

As we have since 2008, Porch de Salomon provided special bottles, instruction, formula, and more to yet another cleft palate baby and his family. We will assist with corrective surgery (or surgeries) once Luis Gabriel gains more weight.

Your donations allow us to continue this work, and much more. Thank you.



HOUSE COMPLETED

Jezer, Harly, and their daughters Amanacer and Dara have their new house! We appreciate Jezer's friendship and his faithful and skillful work with Porch de Salomon, where he has helped us build many houses. This one is Porch's 134th, God be praised. Now, there's ample room for physical therapy for Amanacer, who is afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Please join us in praying for all the best for this sweet family. We appreciate those who donated to help fund this one. Jezer will repay part of the total cost, from his Porch wages, month by month.



Please finish funding Carlos and Matilde's new house

As featured in our April issue, Carlos and Matilde's family lives in a decrepit adobe room, with a "tin" kitchen (left). 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. They are thankful for his job.

Last month's "giving opportunity" yielded \$5250 of the \$7500 needed to fund their new house. Please help by donating the remaining \$2250, in whole or in part. I welcome your questions. *Gracias! Lloyd*



BEDS, MILK, AND BEYOND

Porch de Salomon continues to provide much more than beds and houses. At right, little Cristian is glad to receive his formula and his mother Floridalma is thankful for their protein/food pack (not shown). Sadly, Guatemala's top-ten/world's worst chronic malnutrition ranking has worsened due to drought and the pandemic's economic woes.

We are thankful that our faithful mission partners and donors' generosity continues to fund our work, even in the absence of short-term teams. Muchas, muchas gracias!



NEW ECOPLANCHA VIDEO!

See Rosita's cooking story in our one-minute video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndGg7AI6So> or at our website porchdesalomon.org.

These screenshots from the video show the "before and after."

Help us buy our next lot of ten stoves, please! Your \$195 donation will purchase one unit. A \$40 donation will fund the chimney and other installation costs.



Rosita's husband abandoned her and their four children

TAX TIME WIN-WINS
May 17 looms large. Please contact me about tax-advantaged donation options: IRA roll-overs or distributions, appreciated stock donations, and estate bequests! *Lloyd*

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