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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.



HOUSE COMPLETED

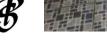
Jezer, Harly, and their daughters Amanacer and Dara have their new house! We appreciate Jezer's friendship and his faithful and skillful work with Porch de Salomon, where he has helped us build many houses. This one is Porch's 134th, God be praised. Now, there's ample room for physical therapy for Amanacer,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

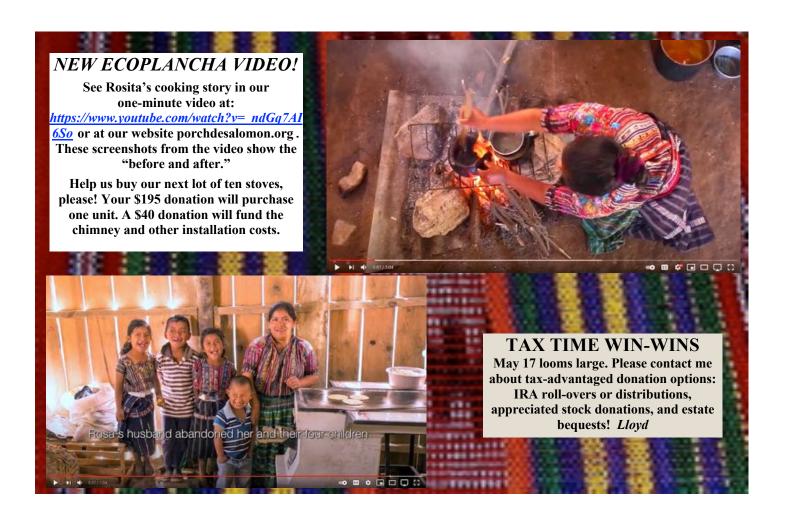
Last month's "giving opportunity" yielded \$5250 of the \$7500 needed to fund their new house. Please help by donating the remaining \$2250, in whole or in part. I welcome your questions. Gracias! Lloyd

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!





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