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CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE

[Jesus] said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side [of the lake]." ... they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

Mark 4 (NKJV)

The gate is straight, deep and wide.

Break on through to the other side. *The Doors, 1967*



Our effort to furnish beds to families living in extreme poverty in the remote Boca Costa area was a success!

Thanks to generous donors, numerous families received beds, *Ecofiltro* water filters, and food/protein packs.

Additionally, Porch staff and SESAN social workers crossed over Lake Atitlan to furnish more of those impact items to families in other remote villages.

(Right) Hilda, Alvaro, Santos, and Jezer head to the other side with provisions.



Hilda reports: All the families were very thankful for the things given. They send many blessings upon all the people who made this possible. They couldn't believe what were they receiving, and one said: "Thank you for your good heart and for thinking of our children."

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

ON THE OTHER SIDE

... in the *Boca Costa*, our staff's work with beds, filters, and more involved houses like these two. Their dirt floors alternate between dusty and muddy: some of the children slept on boards or woven mats placed on the dirt.

Sanitation and cooking facilities are abysmal. Two-thirds of the children are chronically malnourished.

It is a testament to love, determination, and grit that the mothers don't just give up. Please join us in praying for these families.



Photos: (Left) Our Santos prepares to assemble beds for a family.

(Lower left) Porch staff hand-carried in much of the provisions and material; there's no vehicular access. Their Porch shirts sport our Hotel California motto: "We're all here because we're not all there."

(Below) Elena, afflicted with cerebral palsy, and her single mother Antonia no longer need sleep on boards. Our spirits are stirred to build them a good little house if at all possible.

Please contact me if you'd like to do more for folks like this. Opportunities abound! *Lloyd*



Porch has received an anonymous \$10,000 donation via Fidelity Charitable, God be praised. We don't know who you are, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate every single donation, but note that donations like this one provide breakthrough potential.

Porch de Salomon is humbled, pleased, and thankful to have dedicated our 135th house. Juana Martina Tambriz was widowed when her husband died nine years ago. Noe reported: "Juana was very emotional at the ceremony. Crying in happiness, she thanked Porch and our staff for the precious house. "

This life-changing, breakthrough project was funded by our mission partners Janni and Dynelle, who donated and raised \$7500 to dedicate the house to Dynelle's late sister's memory. Gracias hermanas! Folks-- might you do the same in a friend's honor or to a loved one's memory?



BREAKTHROUGH FOR MILLY'S FAMILY

Through the generosity of another Porch partner family, we have begun building a two-story house on Milly's tiny homesite in Panajachel (*photos below*). Building "up, not out" more than doubles the cost.

Milly's husband died from liver cancer. His illness exhausted the family's humble finances, already in dire straits due to the pandemic. Before that, Dorcas worked as a waitress and earned almost \$200 monthly; she hopes to regain this income as tourism returns. The pandemic also ended oldest son Adam's employment .

Son Jimmy's (12) autism and other health problems have added to the family's financial strain. They live in two old, small rooms made of crumbling adobe (mud brick) with partial plastering.



These rooms are dank, humid, and moldy. The old tin roof leaks. All this aggravates Jimmy's severe ear, nose, and throat issues.



Those of us who have never lived in sub-standard housing have trouble understanding the life-changing difference a good abode makes for a family. Break on through!



(Left): Milly's project provides contract builder Manuel with welcome work.

MORE CROSSING OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE

...of the Gulf of Mexico, to Guatemala, at long last!

Melanie and Lloyd say: we travel to Panajachel June 10-25, for the first time in 15 months. We are grateful for this opportunity and Facebook donors who purchased/funded \$1700 of vitamins, medicine, underwear and other relief provisions for Porch de Salomon's relief *bodega* (part of which is shown below). That bodega had about run dry; short-term teams usually keep it stocked. We will take the goods down with us.

(Right) Greg and Rachael McGaha, part of our next-generation leadership team, are in Panajachel all of June and July. They have led teams to Porch for eight years. Look for stories from them in upcoming *PorchTalks!*



Vaccination and Short-term Teams

Vaccinations are becoming more available in Guatemala, God be praised. The age has dropped to 50. May this trend continue!

Team leaders: please contact me about scheduling or rescheduling your team for fall 2021 or for 2022. You are needed to help breakthroughs continue. *Lloyd*

All: Please pray that our teams will muster and resume, in good and abundant fashion.

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