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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.



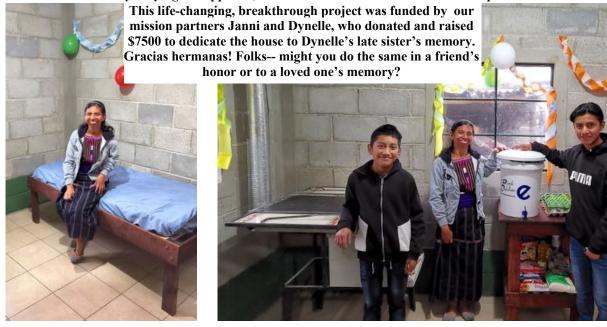
"For the lost, the least, and the last"

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."



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."



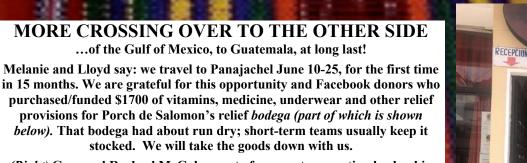
BREAKTHROUGH FOR MILLY'S FAMILY

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 cáncer. 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.





(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!



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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!

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

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

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