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CHEERFUL LOOKS, FRIENDLY SMILES

A cheerful look brings joy to the heart. Proverbs 15:30 (NLT)

To see your friendly smile... is like seeing the face of God! Genesis 33:10 (NLT)



Indigenous Guatemalans are generally warm, open, and happy, despite hardships they face. Their cheerful looks and friendly smiles often reflect the face of God. (Above) Tereza and Agustin are illiterate but have strived for their children to be educated; their living conditions suffered as a result. We just started building their new house. Porch partner/donors keep our staff employed and serving, and memorial/honorary house donors (\$7500) allow us to build even without short-term team funds.

(Left) These ladies helped hand-carry *Ecoplancha* stove parts in. See the story on page two!



Marta Isabel (27, above), is our new builder Roberto's pregnant wife. She is all smiles with prenatal vitamins, newborn clothing, and more.

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

TEN ECOPLANCHA STOVES INSTALLED! Our indigenous social worker Eugenia Chiroy reports: Porch de Salomon's staff has installed Ecoplancha stoves for ten of the neediest families in indigenous communities. Previously, they cooked over an open fire in their humble kitchens; smoke damaged the families' lungs and eyesight. We saw very happy faces. All the families were very grateful and they send many blessings to all involved, especially Brittney Lerzo and Milledgeville FUMC VBS, which funded these and more. The villages included: Chuarixche Tablon; Maya Kachiquel Tablon; Chuiquel, Parromero, Los Planes, San Gabriel. We plan to install more of these efficient stoves soon! *Matiox!!* ("Thank you," in the Kaq'chiquel language)



Maria and Pascual's family with their new stove.



Cristina and Juan Antonio's family with their new stove.

(Right) Porch staff members Carlos, Noe, Jezer, Edras, and Eugenia (who contributed the report above), delivered the stoves using our Toyota pick-up dubbed the *PT Cruiser* (in Price Thornal's memory). Eugenia is due to deliver her and her husband's first child in October. Our mission partner/donors' faithful and generous donations have allowed Porch de Salomon to retain and utilize all our employees despite the pandemic and no short-term teams. Thank you!





NEW HOUSE SMILES



Porch de Salomon is pleased and thankful to have completed and dedicated Mayra Churunel and her family's house in Churuneles, Pujujil. This is our eighth house of 2021 -- even in the pandemic, even without short-term teams. Amen!

Noe reported: "Mayra and her children were so excited to receive the house. Through tears, Mayra said there were so many trials and obstacles that for a moment she was losing faith. However, she kept praying for this dream to come true, and now it has. They are very thankful for all the support, love and effort that was made for this family. The kids were so happy to have a real bed."

We appreciate our donors and mission partners who resource Porch's staff and work. We also appreciate our "house donors" whose \$7500 donations are funding our on-going building efforts. *Gracias y gracias a Dios.* Don't miss out; let us help you dedicate a house to your mama's memory, or another friend or loved one's, or in someone's honor. *Lloyd* (dlloydmonroe@gmail.com or 850.688.2076).



These two photos show "team times" from years past. Lonny is especially anxious for teams to resume. He's well.

CHEERFUL WE'RE NOT.... FALL 2021 SHORT-TERM TEAMS CANCELLED

We grappled with this decision for weeks. Ultimately, the pandemic's persistence, the continued low vaccination rate in Guatemala (unavailability), and risk that our teams might spread coronavirus in villages held sway. Drats.

Our 2022 teams begin in February, God willing. We and our staff are anxious to host them. Join us in praying for this.



Lloyd and Melanie

“Cheerfully share”

1 Peter 4:9 (NLT)

This disciple reminds us that, regarding our property and money, we are more stewards than owners.

Porch de Salomon has faithfully stewarded your donations since 2005. Those of you who share faithfully and generously with us keep it all going. *Muchas gracias!*



Juan Diego Cuc Samines (11, left) is one of the hundreds of cheerful faces our staff sees each week as they distribute food, vitamins, clothing, shoes, school resources, and more. Your sharing makes this possible.



SPECIAL SMILE

Edison Fernando (14, left) was born with a cleft palate in a remote village. Porch, with funding from a special partner (*Gracias!*) has seen to his corrective surgeries, nutrition, schooling, and more since he was a newborn.

Now, Dr. Chepe Lemus is working orthodontic wonders for Edison, as per these photos. *Adelante, Edison!*



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