

## Porch de Salomon

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# PorchTalk

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## LIFE TO THE FULL

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
Jesus of Nazareth, John 10:10 (NIV)  
The glory of God is [wo]man fully alive. St. Irenaeus of Lyons.*

Porch de Salomon's humanitarian relief staff and builders were fully engaged in a full and busy October. Our mission partners' and donors' faithful and generous financial support keeps them employed and resourced to serve and help Guatemalans. Thank you! Enjoy the fullness shown in the folks we serve.



We continued installing efficient Ecoplancha woodstoves in remote indigenous villages.

(Left) Eusebia (50 and barefooted) is full of joy as she lights her new stove for the first time. Sadly, she was widowed just one week before that.

Hilda reports: All the families were thankful. Many of them cried tears of happiness. They thanked us for remembering and blessing people like them, in their words, "the forgotten people."

## FULL OF NUTRITION

God be praised, Porch was able to purchase 28,500 pounds of protein-rich, soy-fortified rice for only \$1300.

Our staff is distributing thousands of one-kilo bags to families faced with the world's tenth-worst chronic malnutrition rate.

(Right) The Ajcalon Chumil family with their initial rice bags. The two older children, Miguel and Olga, are *beca* scholarship kids.

Won't you please cover the cost of the rice with a donation? *Gracias.*



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





### FULL HARVEST

We are happy to report this year's highlands corn harvest will be a bountiful one, God be praised.

Our intrepid employee Jeydi poses in the field with her daughter. Jeydi knows how to hand-harvest "maize."

### FULL SCOOP: Short-term Teams in 2022

Porch's volunteer medical liaison, Jayne Mittan, P.A., just spent two weeks in Panajachel. She reports: "It was so good to see everyone and to meet some new folks as well.

I can't wait to return with a team and get down to business. The COVID numbers in and around Pana are definitely going down."

*From Lloyd:* Porch is currently scheduling short-term teams for 2022. We are in the Covid era, and shouldn't wait for it to completely disappear. We have a good plan and precautions. Melanie and I will know even more after our Nov. 8-23 visit.

**TEAM LEADERS: LET'S GO!** Please get in touch for calendaring, etc. Prayer partners: please pray for it all and us all!



Jayne delivers much needed medicine to our team clinic leader, Dra. Juana Luisa, M.D.

See Hilda's short video of this family's living situation: <https://youtu.be/9cyQdCa2njw>



**FULL OF HOPE: NEW HOUSE**  
Daniel, Antonia, and their three children live in the remote *Boca Costa* region, 4.5 hours from Panajachel. Our staff met them as we delivered their beds earlier this year. They are hard-working folks, but suffer from few earning opportunities.



Francisco (two years old) suffers from cerebral palsy. Their living conditions are beyond abysmal. The dirt-floor shack home, with some walls made of plastic sheeting, leaks terribly during the rainy season. They have neither electricity nor running water, and cook outdoors.

Our builders will construct a quality, modified-design house for them in November. The modified design will allow for faster construction than is our norm. The cost is \$8700.

Element3 Church seeded funding of this project with a \$3000 contribution. Please consider making a tax-deductible \$5700 donation to complete the funding. We can dedicate the house to a loved one's memory or honor. Thank you, Element3, and thank you, readers, for considering this giving opportunity. *Adelante juntos!*



## FULL HOUSES

Porch de Salomon takes great pleasure in having completed another family house; it is for Socorro Lopic and her three children in Pujulilito. Socorro bravely divorced her husband four years ago, after suffering years of physical violence and mental abuse.

Noe wrote: "Socorro and her family are so thankful for this wonderful gift in the middle of the pandemic. They believe that God made this possible."



Porch de Salomon completed our tenth house of 2021, and our 139<sup>th</sup>, right in Panajachel, for Mily and her children. Milly's husband died from liver cancer. His illness exhausted the family's humble finances, already in dire straits due to the pandemic.

Son Jimmy's (12) autism and other health problems added to the family's financial strain.

At the house dedication, Noe reported: "Thankful tears were everywhere today; Mily wished that her husband could see how beautiful the house is. There are no words to describe Jimmy's smile and happiness, even with his broken arm."

We thank God, our staff and builders, and whole-house donors who have resourced these builds even during the pandemic's team drought. Porch invites you to become one of those donors. Options include IRA rollovers or appreciated stock donations (both tax-advantaged).

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." *Seneca the Younger (4 BC-65 AD)*. Porch de Salomon ends a house project, then begins another, God be praised.

This new beginning is for one of our builders, Carlos Chumil, his wife Matilde, and family. They live in a decrepit adobe room, with a "tin" kitchen, in Las Minas, San José Chacaya. Carlos is a quiet man who has built houses for Porch de Salomon the past three years. When building in a remote village, he spends four nights weekly away from his family.

We especially thank the three Porch partner families who, together, funded this one.





### Full front teeth!

Sara (*left, 16*) lost her front teeth when she suffered from uncontrolled seizures. Porch's intervention, with divine help perhaps, stopped those years back.

Porch donors funded replacement of her teeth. Now, she speaks with much more confidence. Please continue to pray for her.



A young, expectant mother smiles upon receipt of a full bottle of prenatal vitamins.

We are thankful that our Facebook drive to fund and fill six suitcases with such provisions for our November 8-23 trip to Panajachel has gone so well. *Muchas gracias!*  
*Melanie and Lloyd*



Melanie and I met Yulissa (*right*) in June when we visited our partner ministry Casa

Ixoq'i, Guatemala's only drug/alcohol recovery center solely for women. Yulissa is sober and back in Pana with her daughter.

An \$840 donation will complete funding to replace her missing front teeth. A \$350 donation will fund professional mental health counseling to help ensure she stays sober. Please.... *Lloyd*

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