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DOING A NEW THING

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way..... *Isaiah 43:19 NIV*

Meet the new boss; same as the old boss. *The Who, 1971*



Our resumption of short-term service teams, post-pandemic, is a new thing. God has indeed helped Porch make a way, as per the prophet above. Conversely, hosting such teams is also an “old thing”; we have hosted hundreds in the past 16 years.

We at Porch de Salomon were THRILLED and thankful to host our first short-term service team since March 2020. Team Crossroads UMC/Woodlake UMC (VA) encouraged us with their vibe, sense of adventure, efforts, smiles, and more. So far, so good—everyone was vaccinated and everyone tested Covid-negative, both ways.

March will feature four more teams! We thank God, these teams, and all who prayed for our short-term teams to safely resume. We also thank our ministry partners and donors who have been wonderfully faithful and generous these past two years.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW 85-second video showing part of this team's great experience at: <https://youtu.be/MTcccCikiic> .
We thank our in-country volunteers Jascha and Lydia for creating it.

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

**HOPING,
WORKING,
AND PRAYING
FOR NEW,
GOOD THINGS
IN THESE
LIVES**



Alma (left and above) is 17 months old. Born with serious lung and heart issues, she has undergone three surgeries and months of hospitalization. God be praised, her organs have improved! Her heart valves work better now. She only uses the oxygen concentrator two hours daily, instead of 24. Eugenia describes her as a very loving little girl. Porch is pleased to provide \$115 monthly support for milk and medicine.

Melida (23, above) is a single mother who lives with her materially-poor indigenous family in *San Jorge La Laguna*. Cancer has attacked her kidney, ovaries, and uterus. She is currently hospitalized in Guatemala City, undergoing chemotherapy prior to her surgery.

Please join us in praying for Melida, her son Itan (five), her family, and the medical professionals attending her.

Porch de Salomon is honored to help Melida. So far, we have spent \$375; we are prepared to do much more, as the need arises.



Melanie and I remain in Panajachel through April 1, helping host short-term teams and more. Greg and Rachael McGaha joined us, the staff, and the team for a week. We put our heads and hearts together regarding this summer's executive director(s) transition at Porch de Salomon. It's going to be good.

(Left) We drew on the pencil cactus plants' wisdom during a walk overlooking Lake Atitlan. ;) Lloyd



WONDERFUL NEW THING

Porch de Salomon dedicated our 143rd house in a touching and tearful ceremony up a long, steep foot trail in *Pena Blanca*. Rosa Lec, her daughters, and her mother now have a good, safe house.

While Rosa never attended school, and is illiterate, she hopes for better for her daughters. Their father abandoned the family when Rosa was pregnant with the second daughter.

We appreciate the Zorn family funding this life-changing gift, dedicated in honor of their matriarch, Lajola JoAnn Wheeler.

(Right) Family and members of a women's cooperative flank Rosa and her girls.



Melanie writes: These were my kids' beanie babies when they were about this age. I was so happy to pass them along to these two sweet girls, Teresa (five) and Rosa (eight) in their new bedroom.



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ANOTHER HOUSE SPRINGS UP

Porch de Salomon has begun Carmen and Sergio's house project for their four-generation family in San Andreas Semetebaj. We will stabilize the eroding homesite, proceed with a first-floor remodel, and second-floor construction.



Carmen's husband abandoned her, with four children, years back. Another man, Sergio, eventually married Carmen, helping raise those four children as his own. One daughter now has two children, and Carmen's mother lives with them.

They are jammed in a small, crumbling house. Their monthly wages are sufficient to buy food and electricity, but not much else. We are thankful for three donor families who, together, will fund this life-changing project.

Adelante juntos!



NEW JERSEY FOR EDWIN

Edwin (35) has been part of our Porch family for years. He exudes intelligence, wit, and zest for life; multiple sclerosis can't stop him. A huge *futbol* fan, he was overjoyed to receive his new *Real Madrid/Ronaldo* jersey.



Porch provides Edwin \$95 monthly support for sanitary items and medicine. We welcome your help with that.

NEW CLUTCH

Three days after the Porch's "Betty Boop" van brought us from the airport February 17, the clutch failed. It was promptly repaired and served the team.

Let us know if you'd like to fund all or part of the \$1010 cost. "Betty" is named in honor of my late mother. *Lloyd*

TEAM LEADERS, NEW OR OLD: Please use our new 85-second video showing Team Crossroad/Woodlake's great experience at <https://youtu.be/MTcccCikiic> to encourage, recruit, and rally short-term service teams for Porch de Salomon.

We are ready and have space in 2022 and beyond. Let's brainstorm!
Lloyd and Greg

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