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TEAMWORK

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. *1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)*

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it. *H.E. Luccock*



March saw Porch host four teams. God be praised, it all went well (no Covid!). We are thankful. Nothing like teamwork!

(Above and right) Team Burke moved the 500# pila multi-purpose sink for Rosita Coj's house-build.



Manuela and Santos' children carried water up for concrete.



Don't miss our new four-minute video showing Team Moza Light's (page two) great week, and great teamwork at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixEX-WQvU5U&t=35s>

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

WORK TEAM!



Birdie and
Chad Powers



Sophie Powers (14)



Megan and Allie Blay Roper



Kate and Maggie
Brandon

(Left and above) Team Moza Light, 12 in all, included the Brandon, Powers, and Roper families.

(Right) Kim Van Galder and husband Doug (*not shown*) were great first-time additions a week later. Here, Kim works with Lonny tying steel and wire.

Lonny is doing great and is thrilled that Porch de Salomon's short-term teams have returned.



IMPACT INDEED In 2017, our Team Moza helped build a home for Elsa Marina Ruiz Alvarado and her family. Knowing that there were two teenage girls in the family, my daughters wanted to make sure that I took Karla and Dulce something special for their new rooms. They sent me with two ornamental plush flowers that had previously hung in their own rooms in Tennessee. When we returned to visit the Alvarado family in their new home in 2018, I was touched to see those flowers hanging on the doors to their rooms.

Fast forward to 2022, my daughters Maggie and Kate were able to join us in Guatemala for the first time. We returned to visit the Alvarado family and I was silently curious if we would once again see the flowers hanging in the house. Karla and Dulce were not able to join as they are now living elsewhere with families of their own.

As we reunited with Elsa, she made it a point to tell us that the flowers we gave to her girls five years ago were now hanging in their own homes. Such a simple but awesome testimony to the impact that the Alvarado family had on us... and us on them. *Mike Brandon*



Dulce and
one of the
flowers in
2018



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We always enjoy Team Burke (Texas); generous and fun, they encourage and help. They celebrated International Day of the Woman by helping build for a brave indigenous single mother, Rosita Coj, and her children.

Our hearts were and are heavy for the women and all affected by the war in Ukraine; may God help them, and the helpers, and bring a good, speedy peace there

HOUSE WORK! Manuela and Santos' family lives in dire poverty; their micro-business provides only enough profit to buy food. They currently live in a crumbling adobe room. Previously, the entire family previously slept in two beds; Porch provided them with a bunk bed.

They have a *Bajareque* kitchen (mud and cornstalk walls), and an outhouse in very poor condition.

Team work: our mission partners keep our staff employed and building such life-changing houses.



TEAMWORK NEEDED! Emanuel (18 months old) is our sous-chef Carmen's grandson. He is afflicted with Diamond-Blackfan anemia, a one-in-million blood disease. Emanuel has undergone 13 blood transfusions.

He needs a stateside hospital to accept him and provide a bone marrow transplant. Please let me know if you have a medical/hospital connection which might work. Our team aims to help this child have a full life. *Lloyd*



Patrick, Hannah, and Sadie (now two and-a-half) visited Lloyd and Melanie in Panajachel mid-March. It was a thrill!

MUSICAL TEAMWORK

By Lloyd

MarcoTrio Electric's guitarist Mark injured his left hand in a fall.

We retooled for a "surprisingly good and funny" (per Melanie) show at Café Hotel California, with Team Burke urging us on.

Marco played inspired, one-handed harmonica and I did my best on acoustic guitar. It was a lot of fun, as attested by Melanie's dancing.



TEAM LEADERS: Please use our new four-minute video showing Team Moza Light's great experience at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixEX-WQvU5U&t=3> to encourage, recruit, and rally short-term service teams for Porch de Salomon.

We have a good schedule already but have space in 2022 and beyond. Let's brainstorm! *Lloyd and Greg*

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