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# PorchTalk

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## HELPING INVENT HOPE

Hope is invented every day. *James Baldwin*

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. *Romans 12*

Part of loving and serving our neighbors, whoever and wherever they may be, is to help give them hope. Providing food, milk, medicine, clothing, shelter, and other material necessities helps "invent" hope for the materially poor.

We thank our mission partners and donors who provide the resources Porch de Salomon needs to bring hope to thousands in Guatemala's Western Highlands. Conversely, being involved in our work sometimes brings hope and vision to materially secure folk who are seeking more than money can buy.



(Above) Rosa rescued little Angel when he was abandoned by his parents last year. Porch is pleased to provide these "cans of hope" (formula) each month them.



### ANTONIA'S HOPE

Antonia is a caring and loving mother to Elena (cerebral palsy) in the remote, underserved *Boca Costa*.

Shown with her sisters and mother above, Antonia will receive a new house this month through the generosity of a Porch partner. We applaud that donor and our staff and builders who will build this modified house, far from their homes, in three weeks. Joy!



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



**OUR MEDICAL CLINICS RESUME**



We thank Bill and Bess Albert and friends for another March Madness pool benefiting Porch's school scholarship program: enough for at least six *beca* scholarships.

Per Bill (*below right*): the winner of this year's Sweet 16 bracket is Art Musselman (*below left*). Art was assistant coach to Norm Sloan when NCSU won the NCAA 1974 national championship.



Team Memorial UMC (Fernandina Beach, FL, *above*) returned as Porch de Salomon's first village medical clinic team since the pandemic began. Part of the team helped build Manuela and Santos' family house in Pacoxom.

Great things have flowed from this group and this church for years. It was good to have them back. We thank them for bringing hope and help.



**ROXANNA AND LUIS: GLIMPSES OF HOPE**

Roxanna (17) was being abused by her alcoholic husband. Noe has secured a restraining order.

Porch provided an *Ecoplancha* efficient, clean woodstove to her and son Luis (\$220 cost) along with an *Ecofiltro* water system (\$60 cost).

These photos show her before-and-after cooking situation. The husband has so far rejected our offer of alcohol rehabilitation. Please join us in praying for them all.







## HOPE FOR EMANUEL: UPDATE!

As per last month's issue, 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 14 blood transfusions.

He needs a stateside hospital to accept him and provide a bone marrow transplant. Porch's volunteer medical liaison, Jayne Mittan, P.A., is "quarterbacking" and managing leads and contacts our mission partners have provided. So far, all have been dead ends, as best we can tell. We press on.

Emanuel now has his passport, as does his 23 year-old, widowed mother Jennifer!

Please let Jayne know if you have a medical/hospital connection which might work. We would appreciate everyone's prayers. Our team aims to help this child have a full life. *Lloyd*



## MICRO-BUSINESSES INVENT HOPE



**HILDA WRITES:** With funds that Rachel and Greg McGaha brought on their last trip to Guatemala, two micro-businesses were delivered to Marta Tuiz (*above*) and Rosa Lec (*left*).

Marta's business will be a food cart. Rosa's is a chicken/egg enterprise. I trained these families in money management. Eugenia trained them in hygiene and food preparation.

We thank Jeydi and our Porch colleagues who helped us start these micro-businesses. We also thank the donor.



## RE-INVENTING HOPE

Porch de Salomon has renovated/placed a ceiling in Samuel Par's confinement house near *El Tablon*. It has provided shelter to Samuel since Porch built it in 2015.

Some will remember Samuel as the indigenous father whose schizophrenia resulted in him being chained outside to a light pole, in the elements, for six years (pre 2015).

Luis Castellano, Samuel's caretaker, feeds him, gives him his anti-psychotic medicine, cleans up behind him, and bathes him five times per week. Porch spends at least \$360 monthly on this.

Let us know if you'd like to help fund Porch's care of Samuel, including Luis's modest wages and transportation expenses. Our renovation cost was \$1900. We also welcome donations to cover this expense-- a literal roof covering one of God's "least of these." It's easy at:

<http://porchdesalomon.org/donate/>



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