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The Journey Continues...

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." -Lao Tzu
"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."
Psalm 145:4 (NIV)

"Porch impacted my life and changed my heart, soul, and mind." Jezer



Lloyd and Melanie Monroe

"God used them to change the direction of my life."
Lonny



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

Legacy means leaving something of value long after you go by making a difference, not just with what you have accomplished but with the impact you have made on people and places. Lloyd and Melanie Monroe did not know where that first step of faith would take them and how many they would impact along their journey of a thousand miles. God continues to work in mighty ways through that single step. Porch de Salomon continues to say, "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise...One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." That single step of faith in 2005 left a legacy in Guatemala that will last for generations. *Greg and Rachael McGaha*

"They changed my life by removing the load I carried that was blocking my personal growth. I would never be able to thank them enough for what they have done in my life." Hilda

"God put Lloyd and Melanie on my path to fulfill my dream of having a home. They have been a blessing to my family." Birma

"God has used them for his work and with a very big heart they help others." Eugenia



"There are no words that can describe my prayers for these people who have changed my life." Jeydi

I am grateful for the opportunity they have given me. They are great people with great hearts to help many. We miss them so much! Carmen

"Lloyd and Melanie have been instruments God used to bless me and others. They are like angels here on earth." Alvaro

"Never in my life have I had the blessing of meeting someone like Lloyd and Melanie and their entire family. Thank you for your dedication, work, patience, and love."
Mirna



"Lloyd has changed so many lives, especially mine. He has been like a father to me. I thank God for giving me the chance to meet him and work along with him during this amazing journey."
Noe



THE JOURNEY HOME

Porch de Salomon recently completed and dedicated our 146th home for our staff member Sergio "Iván", his wife Carmen, and his family (*photos on right*). Porch de Salomon is thrilled that Sergio received a new home, which will help provide more space and privacy for the nine family members who live there, from grandparent to grandchildren. Sergio was delighted and grateful! He thanked God and everyone who was involved in the donation of the house. With tears, they expressed that they have no way to pay for what has been given to them, but they pray God continues to help others in need through the ministry. Sergio thanks everyone for being part of this "factory of dreams" called Salomon's Porch!



Olga Cuc, 33 years old, and her five children (*photo on left*) are a humble family that lives in extreme poverty. Olga is a single mother who goes to work washing other people's clothes and embroidering blouses generating \$67 per month. She separated from her ex-husband, who was very violent while drunk or sober. The family has suffered physical and psychological violence from him. They currently live in a one-room house where the whole family sleeps together with a kitchen made of boards that their relatives helped to build. They do not have a bathroom and use a brother's bathroom who lives near her. Porch de Salomon has begun constructing a new block house with a kitchen and bathroom where this family can live safely.

Porch de Salomon staff and Sharon Church worked together to create a community event at Miriam and Blanca's house to celebrate their new home build! The hot dog cookout for lunch was the talk of the town! Thanks to Noe, we were able to borrow a grill and facilitate the purchase of supplies. Thanks for the funds donated by Sharon Church that allowed Dennis Durham to grill 100 hot dogs to feed the community! We supported Miriam and Blanca's business by serving ice cream they make and sell from their tienda for dessert!



A MUSICAL JOURNEY

Porch de Salomon was excited to host Sofama, Music Camp Guatemala! Eight students in the advanced band, from 14 to 18 years old, came from Fundaninos Guatemala, a home in Guatemala City driven by a passion for giving hope to Guatemala's orphans and vulnerable children. The students did an excellent job sharing God's love through songs and testimonials around Lake Atitlan, led by their director, Vivian Douglas. The students enjoyed sharing their talents and seeing the lake for the first time! The students expressed their gratitude to the Porch staff for their efforts in making their experience so wonderful! They were a blessing to many!



Concert at Rehabilitation Tat Loy



Concert at Golden Years



Music Director-Vivian Douglas

EVERY JOURNEY STARTS WITH A DREAM

A businessman from the states had a dream to start a micro business through Porch de Salomon. For \$1000, he helped Marta Tuiz with her three children begin a business making and selling chuchitos. Porch supported Marta's business by purchasing enough chuchitos for everyone to eat at the Sofama concert's intermissions! It was a hit! What single step will you take to help someone along life's journey?



DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

Milledgeville First United Methodist Church has used VBS to partner with Porch de Salomon to help the people of Guatemala for three years! The week of June 6-9th, Milledgeville First UMC raised \$3430.84! The VBS was themed "Food Truck Party," as the children learned how to trust God to provide food and be vessels in sharing God with others! This incredible donation will go toward our feeding program. Thank you, Brittney Lerzo, former Porch intern and Milledgeville First United Methodist Church! Help feed a family of five for a month for only \$60!

MARIA COJ UPDATE

As mentioned in previous issues, Maria, age 15, had a massive tumor on her leg. Due to Maria's tumor, it was necessary to amputate her leg to save her life. Unfortunately, Maria's tumor was cancerous and metastatic. She is currently undergoing Chemotherapy in Guatemala City. We will remain involved with her and her family during this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to ask about Maria. We ask that you keep Maria and her family in your prayers.



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