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- \*Short-term service/mission teams in Guatemala
- \*Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- \*Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- \*Live music outreach
- \*Helping transform churches and individuals

# PorchTalk

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## 17 YEARS: Still Growing Strong

But *grow* in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. --2 Peter 3:18

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” --Anne Frank



### HEALTHY THINGS GROW AND GROWING THINGS CHANGE

18 years ago, God confirmed Lloyd and Melanie's "crazy" call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you... I will bless you, and you will be a blessing." -- Genesis 12:1-2. In obedience, they left much of what was familiar and moved to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon in 2005.

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

They passed the call to us in 2020, sharing the same scripture, Genesis 12:1-2. We gladly accepted this call and all the changes that have come with it. Change challenges us and forces us to trust God. God will remain faithful through the change!

True to the promise, God has blessed, and Porch has been a blessing to many. To Him be glory both now and forever!

*Greg and Rachael*



### Here are highlights from Porch de Salomon's 17th year in-country:

- Hosted 16 short-term service/mission teams which helped provide homes for indigenous families and local jobs for Guatemalans
- Built nine new, furnished houses for indigenous families, two of which were built in the impoverished Boca Costa Region
- Provided free medical clinics serving 990 patients
- Provided free dental clinics serving 200 patients
- Assisted Bible schools, fun, and instruction for over 150 children

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**PORCH DE SALOMON CELEBRATES OUR 17-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**



**LOVE GROWS HERE**



**We thank God for health, safety, provisions and resourcing. We thank our volunteers, staff, and workers for their year-round work. We also thank our mission partners for your love, prayers, encouragement, visits, and financial support. Your donations have kept our staff employed and serving during the 17 years of challenges, change, and growth!**





## STILL GROWING STRONG; our 17-year anniversary *(Continued from page one)*

- Funded 145 school scholarships for indigenous children and youth
- Placed 72 Ecofiltro clean water and home purification systems
- Installed 11 Ecoplancha wood-efficient wood stoves
- Launched five indigenous family sustainability business projects
- Instructed indigenous women in self-sustainability training events
- Passed out Christmas gifts to 1000 kids
- Provided protein-enriched rice to 2,500 families, combating nutrient deficiency
- Provided ever-expanding humanitarian relief: weekly food bags, clothing/shoes, infant formula, medicine, medical care, prenatal care, surgery, beds, and more for indigenous and street people
- Funded physical therapy and care for special needs kids
- Funded surgery and dental care for cleft-palate children



### GROW WITH US

All this would not have happened without our “senders” and supporters.

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**GRACIAS!** If you feel led to move from observer to supporter or participant, please get on board and contact us now.



- Operating our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment
- Gathering for weekly worship at our cafe; lives transformed, and hope offered
- Being “salt and light” in places of despair and spiritual darkness through service, relationships, school support
- Supporting alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation, and support—including hosting AA chapters, in-patient treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, encouragement, and continued partnership with the Casa Tat Loy rehab center
- Partnering with La Casa de la Paz to provide hope and help to the families of alcoholics or abusive men
- Partnering with the Golden Years adult day care center by paying their rent, utilities, and daily client transport costs (all totaling \$600 monthly)
- Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers for mission work and global service experience
- Continuing partnership with stateside congregations to encourage transformation and effective local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission

## KEEP GOING KEEP GROWING



Reunited with  
Faith  
Presbyterian  
from Tallahassee  
- the first team we  
officially hosted!



In August and September, we had the opportunity to travel around the states to meet and get to know our Porch supporters.

From Texas to Louisiana to Florida, we discovered that people love Porch de Salomon and the work done to help the lost, the least, and the last in Guatemala. We are grateful for the hospitality shown to us and for the many people who took the time to spend with us to get to know us better. We'd love to connect with you, your church, or your group next time we are stateside. Don't hesitate to contact us!

*Greg and Rachael*

**WE INVITE YOU**, on Porch's 17th anniversary, to help advance Porch de Salomon's high-impact work with monthly tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of "17" you choose. \$34, \$51, \$68, or \$85 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many.

Of course, we welcome \$170 and \$1700 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well.

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Gracias!

*Porch de Salomon*

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