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The Power of Hope

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

“The miserable have no other medicine but only hope.” – William Shakespeare



HOPELESS to HOPEFUL

These two humble stepsisters, Miriam and Blanca, lived alone in hopeless poverty. They started a tiny store business in a small, dark hole in the wall, which was their source of income to survive. The power of hope has transformed their countenances and their lives!



In tears, Miriam and Blanca from Las Minas San José Chacaya, thanked everyone who made this dream possible, including the teams, the staff, donors, and God. They shared they always prayed to have a better "casita" and "now it is a reality and a miracle." They are excited and grateful for their new home and tienda, Las Minas.

PORCH DE SALOMON CELEBRATES OUR 147TH HOUSE DEDICATION



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

SUMMER OF HOPE



This team received the rare opportunity of the family dressing them in traditional Mayan clothing!

This summer, teams found an outstanding balance between work, love, and play. They poured love and hope into Olga and her beautiful children. It was a summer filled with laughter, tears, words, gifts, and blessings for all with memories to treasure.

Teams give hope and life not only to the lost, the least, and the last, but also hope to the staff at Porch de Salomon.

We look forward to hosting you. Please get in touch with us to schedule your 2023 team!

"I have missed teams coming more than anyone. I feel alive again!"

Lonny Mitchell



"After a three-year hiatus, there was an explosion of energy returning to Porch de Salomon which once again enriched each and every one of us."

**Nancy DiGisi (below right)
(Leader of Team Flower Nancy)**



"What a wonderful place to serve, especially when the whole family can share in the joy!"

**Scott Rogers
(Leader of Team Rogers)**



"My encouragement to anyone considering a trip to Porch de Salomon is to get there as quickly as you can. Our time was transformative in so many beautiful ways."

**Tracie Ashley (above left)
(Leader of Team Grace Community UMC)**



**LEARN FROM THE PAST,
LIVE IN THE PRESENT,
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

Años Dorados (Golden Years) supports senior citizens around San José Chacaya. To promote aging with dignity, neglected seniors spend quality time here, sharing meals, activities, crafts, and painting.

Porch de Salomon thanks Nancy Upthegrove and Elaine Cappellino from Vantage Church for their partnership and vision for the Golden Years Book Project that will allow our friends' faces and stories at Golden Years to pass into the future through a beautiful coffee table book.

Porch de Salomon supports Golden Years with \$650 a month. The proceeds from the Golden Years Book Project will help fund the center.



"Photography is an art of teleporting the past into the future."
— Mehmet Murat ildan



SHARING HOPE

Porch believes in providing help, hope, and healing for those with addictions. Our partner Casa Tat Loy (casatatloy.org) has the primary mission to provide detox, treatment, and family reconciliation services to a population of indigenous Mayan men and their families ravaged by the disease of alcoholism or drug addiction.

Porch was grateful to receive help and hope from our friends at Casa Tat Loy. It would have taken our builders weeks to remove the dirt in preparation for the home of Carlos and Eugenia (social worker for Porch), but with joyful spirits they completed the task!

Porch de Salomon thanks our faithful and generous mission partners/donors who keep our staff employed and "in the field" year-round, bringing hope and more.
Muchas gracias!





Loads of Hope

Maria Paula Lacan is a 23-year-old who suffers from harlequin ichthyosis (fish skin disease). She travels many miles from Tonicapan to receive her Aquaphor. Thank you to all who have donated Aquaphor creams and shampoos to Porch so that Maria and others with this condition can find some relief.



Also, a big thanks to the teams who brought loads of vitamins and other supplies to fill our humanitarian center with hope!



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