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THE HOPE OF THANKSGIVING

Rejoice always, pray continually, *give thanks* in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“What if you woke up *today* with only the things you thanked God for *yesterday*?” --
Max Lucado

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Porch de Salomon would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! We are truly grateful for your support, encouragement, love, and compassion that makes Porch de Salomon possible. Gracias a Dios!

Photo credit: *Edgar O'Neal*

Greg and Rachael

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

THANKSGIVING IS A LIFE OF AWARENESS



Our October teams became aware of many needs while attending to over 300 patients at medical clinics and serving alongside the family of Josephina, Alejandro, and their beautiful children to build them a new home. As the Dirty Feet Missions Team Founder, Genia O'Neal, was preparing her team to return home to the states, she said,

“Maybe you came here not realizing how much need there is in the world. But now you know.

Now you have seen it and experienced it for yourself. Now you are responsible...so what are you going to do about it?”



Ingrid's teacher referred Josephina and Alejandro's humble family living in poverty to the Porch due to Ingrid's severe malnutrition. Their daughter's malnutrition was due to a lack of guidance and economic resources.

Thanks to God, Porch staff, and supporters of Porch, Ingrid (*left*) has received increased nutrition and is gaining weight. Teams, along with our builders, are building them a new home. Also, individuals who have seen the family's needs have stepped up to pay for school scholarships so that all five children can get an education.

We welcome your donations to support our feeding program, school scholarship program, or build a home for a needy family. May God make us all more aware this Thanksgiving.



Ingrid Before (age 11)



Ingrid Now (age 11)

THANKSGIVING IS A LIFE OF GIVING



148th House Dedication

Antonia is a caring and loving mother to Elena (left), with cerebral palsy, in the remote, impoverished area of Boca Costa. Thanks to the generosity of a Porch partner, our staff and builders built this modified house, far from their own homes, in only three weeks.

“Every home dedication is unique and wonderful, but this home dedication reaches deep into my soul, and my heart rejoices with thanksgiving! As an educator of students with disabilities all my life, I cannot fathom the difficulties and trials this family endures each day.”—Rachael McGaha

Join us to thank God as we celebrate Porch de Salomon’s 148th house dedication!

Olga Cuc, 33 years old, and her five children are a humble family. Olga separated from her ex-husband, who was very violent while drunk or sober. The family has suffered physical and psychological abuse from him. Now they have a new home that is safe and secure. The kids jump with joy as Porch celebrates our 149th house dedication! Through tears, the family thanked God, saying they prayed to God to provide a home, and God heard their cries for help. Thanks to the donor for this home, dedicated to their Granddaughter, Ava. Thanks to our teams and staff for pouring love and hope into Olga and her beautiful children! Giving together, we make a difference!



149th House Dedication

THANKSGIVING IS THANKFUL LIVING

"I'm just back from a trip down with a dozen other folks and am writing to tell you all how wonderful it was. The people at Porch and Hotel California were warm and welcoming. Everybody in my group was enormously impressed with the scope and scale of the excellent work for folks in such deep need. New homes for beautiful families, scholarships and laptops for schoolchildren, food for hungry people, medical care for children who otherwise wouldn't get it, a little girl getting up off her pallet to walk again because of what Porch did for her... it's just too much to imagine. I've been down more than a few times now, and it just overwhelms me to see how far the mission has come over the years.

For me, as a special friend of Casa Tat Loy, what Porch has done to facilitate the mission across the lake of helping save whole families from the bleak destruction of alcoholism is incredibly moving. Tat Loy celebrated its 12th anniversary while we were there, and the number of sober graduates of the program who came back to help celebrate, and to help the newly sober alcoholics at the house, was beyond what was dreamed of when that program began. Thanks especially for what Porch has done there.



Somebody on our trip said, 'Wow, just think, it all started with you meeting Bill Lange and going over to Tat Loy 10 years ago.' I said, 'Well, it actually started decades ago, at least as far back as I know of, with a farmer's wife from Waukeelah, Florida, who somehow developed a passion for mission work.' Thank you, Betty Monroe."—Bill Peebles

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