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REFRESH and RENEW

“Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth and for a brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color.”—Martin Luther King Jr.

“I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.”—Jeremiah 31:25



150th House Dedication

Porch celebrated our 150th house build with Victoria Sahom's family (photo left) in Panajachel! Victoria's husband passed away a few months ago, leaving her a widow. Victoria cares for her son Manuel, who has suffered from hydrocephalus since birth, and her blind father, Julian, who is 75 years old. Prayers that the comfort of their new home will satisfy the faint.

151st House Dedication

Porch's 151st house, built for Josefina and Alejandro's family (photo right), brings renewed vigor! This family was fighting to restore the health of their two daughters, who they thought they might lose because of their fading health due to malnourishment. They were thankful for giving their daughters life again and for their new home.



152nd House Dedication

Porch's 152nd home serves Santa, a young widow, her two children, Brayan and Lester, and her mother, Maria, refreshes the weary. Santa's husband died while working as a construction bricklayer when a power line electrocuted him. Life has been a struggle without him. Now this family has a safe place to live, and Ana sends blessings to everyone who made this possible.

Three families are refreshed and renewed to begin 2023 with a new home! These three homes were possible because of generous donors and teams who came to work. Let us know if you'd like to fund a home in a loved one's memory or honor (\$8500).



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

REFRESHED SOULS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Porch shared fun food baskets and gifts with families in our feeding and school scholarship programs.



We appreciate the work of Porch's Guatemalan staff, who make the holidays extra special for so many people. Please consider giving to this cause in part or whole (\$1200).



Porch provided tamales and *ponche* (a special Guatemalan spiced fruit punch served warm at Christmas) for a celebration at Golden Years senior center!



Porch sent refreshments to Casa Tat Loy and Casa Ixoq'i (above) to lift spirits during the holidays.



As custom for five years, Porch delivers toys to the communities of Solola, where putting food on the table is a struggle and buying a toy is a luxury for many families.



Edwin was very pleased with his Christmas basket and was eager to eat his cookies!

NEW YEAR BRINGS RENEWED VIGOR

Wamego United Methodist Church, from Kansas, comes with renewed vigor and strength as our first team for 2023!

After breaking ground last month, Ana Chalcu and her family are excited to see the construction of their home begin! Ana, her two children, and her mother live in extreme poverty. Ana has suffered since birth with an intellectual disability affecting her personal and social development. She tries to look for work but has difficulty due to her disability.



Kansas State University IT students partnered with Wamego United Methodist Church to bring laptops and bags to Porch de Salomon scholarship students. In Guatemala, over 50% of indigenous teenagers still need to complete third grade. On average, indigenous Guatemalan women have only 3.5 years of school. Laptops have become a vital part of their education. We are grateful for their willingness to share resources and to take the time to train our students!

We appreciate Wamego UMC, KSU, and our generous donors and mission partners who make the work at Porch de Salomon possible.



2023 Renewed School Scholarships

Porch de Salomon thanks those who have provided 2022 scholarship donations. We continue to need and accept donations for the 2023 school year (from January to October). Annual scholarships cost \$240 each, and Hilda will match donors with a recipient! Please consider funding one or more of these life-changing gifts.



Marta Julia Ibaté (above) is 25 years old. Marta Julia had to quit school when she was 18 because her parents couldn't afford her schooling. Her strong desire to be a professional made her look for an opportunity to continue her education. She has been in the scholarship program for three years and will soon reach her dream of becoming an accountant!



Josué Ismael Cojón (below) is a 13-year-old boy living in a humble house of adobe and nylon. He desires to continue studying so he can one day help his family build a better home for them. Both his parents are old, and they don't get much work in the field, so he and his brother try to make some income for their family. Despite the circumstances, he's making good grades at school and loves to practice sports. He'll be in 7th grade and dreams of being a graduate one day.

Refreshed Donations!

We are pleased to report that Porch de Salomon ended 2022 in strong financial shape, thanks to generous year-end donations from mission partners. Gracias donors, y gracias a Dios!

Thanks to our volunteer treasurer, Robin, you will receive your 2022 donation tax receipt letter if you haven't already. We are grateful for Robin's continuous service and dedication.



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