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# PorchTalk

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## THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”  
— 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)



156<sup>th</sup> House Dedication



Porch constructed our 156th house for Juliana, Domingo, and their nine children. Chris and Sunny Turner, present during the groundbreaking in Guatemala last April, returned with their team to finish the construction. They raised funds to build two homes in memory of their son Andrew.

Patricia and Sunny



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

The dedication day was emotional for the family, the Turners, and the team as they witnessed the unveiling of the new home and the family's new chicken business. The four youngest boys were so excited to enter their new room! (above)

Patricia, Julianna's oldest daughter, was asked if everyone slept comfortably in their new beds the morning after the dedication. Patricia responded that she woke up in the middle of the night and thought it was a dream, but it was real!



## HE COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR TROUBLES

Porch broke ground on a new home for Martha Tuiz Chalcu and her family in Sololá! Martha is a single mother who sells snacks for little money to support her once-malnourished children, Yeimy, José, and Esdras. The family has faced many troubles and lives in a two-room house without electricity or a bathroom.



Chris and Sunny Turner, and Team Andrew started preparing the land for a strong foundation for Martha's new house also in memory of Andrew Turner. A week later, Sharon Church youth (GA) and Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian youth (TN) took a break from construction and had a cook-out to celebrate with the family. Sharon Church then took the family on a grocery shopping spree; later, Maxwell Street Presbyterian (KY) also assisted Martha Tuiz in purchasing a new refrigerator for her new home and business! Martha's family enjoys working alongside the teams. Martha believes that God is providing for her family and answering her prayers. She expresses gratitude to everyone who has helped make every gift possible.



## MAY WE COMFORT OTHERS



God brings comfort to many through generous donations from our faithful supporters. Gracias!



Team Flower, led by Nancy DiGisi (also known as Flower Nancy) from Tallahassee, FL, came to serve and celebrate the memory of the lives of two former team members, Frank Ball, and Morgan Van Horn. Frank and Morgan both loved helping others in need. Team Flower followed in the footsteps of Frank and Morgan, spreading comfort, love, and peace to all they encountered through hard work, play, and gift-giving.

Sharing personal experiences can be a healing process as you cope with grief and help God turn your 'mourning into dancing,' remembering the best parts of a life well-lived.

Porch is grateful for Frank and Morgan's positive impact on Guatemala and the world.



*In Loving Memory of Frank Ball and Morgan Van Horn*

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- Free your heart from hatred...Forgive.
- Free your mind from worries...Most never happen.
- Live simply and appreciate what you have.
- Give more.
- Expect less.

—Anonymous

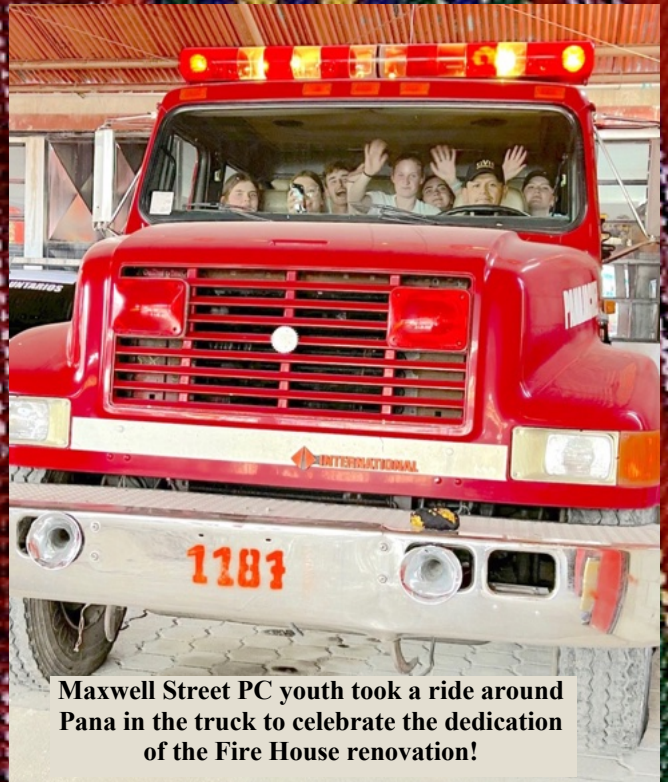




**WITH THE COMFORT WE RECEIVE FROM GOD**



Last November, Porch de Salomon held a fundraiser for the volunteer firefighters in Panajachel. They wanted to convert an old truck into a firetruck for carrying water through narrow alleyways in town. Generous donations from our supporters raised \$7000 towards this cause. Unfortunately, the truck couldn't handle the weight of the water tank, so we brainstormed alternative ways to assist these local heroes. Upon inspecting their station, we found that the second-floor sleeping area was in poor condition with a leaky tin roof. Thanks to Porch de Salomon's supporters, the firefighters replaced the tin roof with added insulation and sheetrock, improved the building's wiring, and provided new beds for the firefighters to sleep comfortably.



Maxwell Street PC youth took a ride around Pana in the truck to celebrate the dedication of the Fire House renovation!

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