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THE FRUIT OF COMMUNITY

“We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.”— *Cesar Chavez*

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

— Galatians 6:2 (NIV)



Porch is grateful to our summer teams for spreading seeds of hope throughout the highlands of Guatemala, giving and receiving generously. Papermakers, Impact Racing, and St. Paul's CC enjoyed giving and receiving generously with Martha Tuiz and her family. Martha received gifts of flowers and plants from teams, and the teams received her delicious homemade tamales that Martha sells for her business! The flowers and plants hold a special meaning for Martha, who once dreamed that North Americans brought her flowers. These gifts of flowers represent the prayers she has sent to God, and He has answered through many people who have spent time working on her new home, loving her family, and providing for them in many ways.



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

An encouraging community is one where we can share our experiences and receive support and friendship regardless of our circumstances.

Edwin, who has cerebral palsy, was so encouraged and excited to receive his new kicks (Air Jordans)! Lloyd and Melanie Monroe returned to Porch for a visit this summer and made a special trip to bring Edwin this gift that made his day. Edwin was grateful for the present but enjoyed seeing his friends again even more!



ENCOURAGEMENT

Porch builds community while building homes for indigenous Mayan families. Our teams enjoy fostering fellowship among families, our staff, and other community members while they serve.

The cost of building a home for a family is \$9500, but the experience of building community is truly priceless!



FELLOWSHIP



SERVICE

EMPOWERMENT



EMPATHY

Porch de Salomon is grateful to partner with Aila, a volunteer from Japan who teaches women with disabled children to make soap to sell at Porch. The proceeds from the project provide income to help mothers buy essentials like diapers, medicine, flour, eggs, etc. Aila also teaches math, budgeting, and other skills to help the moms.



TEACHING

“The goal of my project is to achieve financial independence for people with disabilities and their families as a step towards a society where all people are equal.”

— Aila Midorikawa

THRIVING



Lonny has been busy this summer working with teams. Throughout the years, he has helped Porch construct more than 150 homes. Now that teams have returned in full force, he is thriving!

"I love what I do! Every week is like a barn-raising where people work together in community, building relationships and not just homes."

— Lonny Mitchell

Ilene (16), from Panajachel, joined Porch de Salomon as an intern during her break from school. Porch appreciates her hard work translating and contributing in every way possible.

"Two months were not enough to meet these incredible people in my life, people that today I can call friends and even family. I will always keep in mind every smile, every tear of joy, and every accomplishment during these eight weeks. I will miss each of the amazing people I have met, and I will always look forward to our reunion to create a new story together." — Ilene Ajanel



FRIENDSHIP

Thanks to generous donations from our faithful supporters, many people experience the fruit of community!

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