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- *Short-term service/mission teams in Guatemala
- *Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- *Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- *Live music outreach
- *Helping transform churches and individuals

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18 YEARS: Continuing to Trust

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)



PORCH DE SALOMON CELEBRATES OUR 18-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Nineteen years ago, God confirmed Lloyd and Melanie's "crazy" call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you... I will bless you, and you will be a blessing." --Genesis 12:1-2. In obedience and trust, they left what was familiar and moved to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon in 2005.

They passed the call to us in 2020, sharing the same scripture, Genesis 12:1-2. We gladly accepted this call and moved to Guatemala in June of 2022. God has kept His promise and blessed Porch, which has blessed many. Glory to Him forever! *Greg and Rachael*



"For the lost, the least, and the last"

Highlights of God's provision from Porch de Salomon's 18th year in-country:



hosted 29 short-term service/mission teams which helped provide homes for indigenous families and local jobs for Guatemalans



provided free medical clinics serving 2,425 patients



improved vision for 590 people



provided free dental clinics serving 135 patients



fitted 180 hearing devices through FSU Audiology (School of Communication)



hosted Bible schools

We are grateful to God for His provisions. We thank our dedicated volunteers and staff for their hard work throughout the year. We also sincerely thank our mission partners for their love, prayers, encouragement, visits, and financial support. Your generous donations have enabled us to provide our services for 18 years and keep our staff employed. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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157th House Dedication

Porch dedicates our 157th home to an indigenous family in San Lucas Tolimán. Leocadia Sabuc, 68, and Francisco Pecher, 70, are Daniel and Marelin's grandparents who now care for them since their mother abandoned them and their father, an alcoholic, passed away a year ago due to alcohol consumption.

Porch learned about Daniel and Merelin from the late Bill Lange. Bill and his wife Sherry envisioned building a home for the family and raised funds to purchase the land to make it possible. Additionally, in 2017, Amanda Rodriguez felt compelled to save money to sponsor a home build for someone in need in Guatemala.

This year, Porch built nine new furnished homes with Ecofiltro water purification systems and Ecoplancha wood-efficient wood stoves for indigenous families.

157th HOUSE DEDICATION by Amanda Rodriguez from Ashburn, VA: I was forever changed when I started going to Guatemala in 2008 with Porch de Salomon. Over the years, I've been back and tried to continue to support their work even when I physically couldn't be there. In 2017, I wanted to do more, so after some chats and prayers, it became clear I would donate funds for a house. In June, I went to work on the house's foundation, and on September 6, 2023, the house was dedicated to the family. I don't share this for the accolades. I share because sometimes God puts something BIG and crazy on our hearts, something that feels impossible. BUT GOD... there are so many connections: from the family who donated money for the land, the location, the family's names... It was an honor to be a part of this family's story and to be able to leave a tangible sign of my love for this country there for decades to come. I will never forget this day!! So friends, go do the BIG scary thing... do it with love, prayer, and hope for what could be.



Porch also launched two sustainability projects and five micro-businesses for indigenous families.



Porch funded 144 school scholarships for indigenous children and youth.

Highlights continued...

- Training women in self-sustainability
- Distributed a thousand Christmas gifts to children
- Provided ever-expanding humanitarian relief: weekly food bags, clothing/shoes, infant formula, medicine, medical care, prenatal care, surgery, physical therapy, and more
- Operated our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment
- Gathering for weekly worship at our cafe
- Supporting alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation, and support—including hosting AA chapters, in-patient treatment, teaching, food, jobs, detoxification, encouragement, and continued partnership with the Casa Tat Loy rehab center
- Partnering with four Guatemalan non-profits to help the families of alcoholic men and women or abusive men
- Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers for mission work and global service experience
- Continuing partnership with stateside congregations to encourage transformation and local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission

Porch de Salomon stateside leadership enjoyed getting together at Wakulla Springs State Park to celebrate Porch's past, present, and future.



In August and September, we had the opportunity to travel around the states to meet and get to know more Porch supporters. We drove over 3000 miles to connect with new and old Porch friends. We'd love to connect with you, your church, or your group next time we are stateside. Don't hesitate to contact us!

Greg and Rachael

WE INVITE YOU, on Porch's 18th anniversary, to advance Porch de Salomon's high-impact work with monthly tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of "18" you choose. \$36, \$54, \$72, or \$90 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many.

Of course, we welcome \$180 and \$1800 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well.

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Gracias!

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