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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

PorchTalk

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HAVE FAITH

"There is a season turn, turn, turn.
And a time to every purpose under heaven
A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together" —

Pete Seeger, performed by The Byrds, inspired by Ecclesiastes 3



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." —
Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

A TIME TO BREAK DOWN



Porch broke ground on a new home in San Andrés Semetabaj for Berta, Sergio, and their children, Gerber, Jonathan, Fernanda, and José. The family's house was in poor condition, with wood and sheet metal walls and a leaking sheet metal roof. Berta and Sergio dismantled their home piece by piece in faith and anticipation of rebuilding a new home.

"During your time in Guatemala, the images and labels that dehumanize people will be replaced with the image of God, as humanity is restored through tangible service alongside the beautiful people of Guatemala. People like Sergio. A Guatemalan, a Mayan, a dad, a husband, my friend, and a man who loves God." Tom Widlund (Leader of Woodland United Methodist Church)

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

A TIME TO WAIT



Sergio (left), Berta, and their children worked hard with teams on their new home. “Sergio, who worked right alongside us each day, shared that shortly before they met Porch de Salomon, he was considering crossing the border into the United States for work and a better life for his family. His wife, Berta, was adamant that their family stay together and told him repeatedly, “Have faith.” Because of Berta’s faith and the work of Porch de Salomon, this tight-knit family gets to stay together in hopes of a much brighter future.” Hanna Widlund (left)

A TIME TO HELP

We appreciate the work of Porch’s Guatemalan staff, our volunteers, and short-term team members. God has blessed Porch and our families by providing for these years of ministry through the generosity of our partner churches, mission partners, and supporters. Porch de Salomon’s work is only possible through your generous financial support.

Each need Porch de Salomon meets costs money in service, word, or deed. Our monthly ministry/outreach budget is \$35,000—this money empowers us to deliver efficient, high-impact, life-changing hope, help, and service. Here are three ways you can support us financially:

- 1) making a year-end, tax-deductible general support donation.
- 2) funding a specific giving opportunity, shown on page four.
- 3) making a much-needed monthly/quarterly/annual pledge for 2024.

We welcome appreciated stock donations or direct IRA roll-overs, both tax-advantaged.

Porch is a certified 501(c)3 organization.



Porch was disappointed to cancel teams due to the political protest in October but grateful to host our November teams, Team Woodland United Methodist Church, and Team Williams. Please continue to pray for peace and for the people of Guatemala.

A TIME TO BUILD

Porch is excited to announce our 159th house dedication to the Family of Litzy Gutiérrez!

Litzy, one of Porch's staff members, and her family had to worry about their home, which was in very poor condition. There was a lot of humidity, leaks, mold, and water entering the house and flooding it during the rainy season.

Litzy and her family (Walter, Lesbia, and Balter) thanked the donors, who generously gave; Mirna Recinos, who managed the project; and God, who made it all possible."

159th House Dedication



School Scholarship Program

In Guatemala, over 50% of indigenous teenagers have not completed third grade. On average, indigenous Guatemalan women have only 3.5 years of school. Grinding poverty is the predominant cause of this problem; families cannot afford school as they struggle to put food on the table daily.

Please renew or begin an annual school scholarship for the 2024 school year starting in January. A \$240 donation will allow a Guatemalan child or youth to attend school. You may contact Hilda at Hilda.son03@gmail.com for details.



Meet Gloria Celina Lisseth Xovin Sacuj, a 12-year-old girl from a low-income family. Her mother is a housewife, and her father is a farmer who struggles to make ends meet and provide for his three children. Due to their difficult financial situation, Gloria was on the verge of dropping out of school in 2023. Fortunately, they sought support from Porch, and with your help, Gloria could continue excelling as a great student in 2024 as a 6th-grade student.



Felisa Adriana Sacuj Sacuj is a 9-year-old girl whose parents work in the fields. However, they do not earn enough money to cover their four children's needs. Felisa dreams of becoming a doctor one day because she has not seen any doctors in her community and would love to help her community. She is in 3rd grade and will enter 4th grade next school year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A TIME TO CONTINUE

Porch de Salomon's is grateful to announce the unveiling of the "PT Cruiser II." During the commission service, Lloyd Monroe honored Price Thornal's memory and legacy, after whom the truck was named.

The memory and legacy of Price will continue to live on, meeting many needs of the people of Guatemala, ranging from house builds to medical clinics, food distribution, and more. Porch thanks all the donors who contributed to the purchase of the new truck and for their support in continuing the excellent work in the Western Highlands.



SPECIAL GIVING (OR GIFT!) OPPORTUNITIES

Your tax-deductible donations have high impact in Guatemala!

- One month's protein (eggs, beans, milk, more) for an indigenous family (\$60)
- One month's milk and medicine for a severely malnourished infant (\$60)
- A multi-purpose, concrete *pila* sink (\$85)
- An *Ecofiltro* clean water system for a family (\$90)
- One month's in-patient alcohol/drug rehab for an addict (\$100)
- An *Ecoplancha* efficient woodstove for an indigenous family (\$195)

It's easy! Please use our donation address or link from page one.

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