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A NEW DAY

“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.”

— Rainer Maria Rilke

“A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful.”

— Luke 1:78 (GW)



Porch is excited to announce our 160th house dedication in San Andrés Semetabaj for Berta, Sergio, and their children, Gerber, Jonathan, Fernanda, and José! Before they met Porch de Salomon, Sergio considered crossing the border into the United States for work and a better life for his family. However, his wife, Berta, was adamant that their family stay together and told him repeatedly to have faith. Now, the family celebrates with balloons, confetti, and fireworks as they move into their new home!



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

Porch begins the new year with gratitude to all our supporters who make our work possible.

We are pleased to report that Porch de Salomon ended 2023 in strong financial shape, thanks to generous year-end donations from mission partners.

Gracias Donantes, y gracias a Dios!

Full of Gratitude

Our friends at Golden Years senior center enjoyed receiving Christmas gift bags filled with goodies!



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



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.



We appreciate the work of Porch's Guatemalan staff, who make the holidays extra special for so many people.



Edwin was very pleased with his Christmas basket this year!






Full of Light

Porch broke ground on a new home in Sololá for Wendy and Fredy and their children, Janzer and Cándido. The family's house is in poor condition, with sheet metal walls and a leaking roof. Wendy and her son Janzer were born with a visual impairment, and Fredy had an accident years ago that permanently damaged his arm. Fredy thanked everyone involved and said he never considered having a decent house for his family, knowing their limitations. In tears, Wendy thanked God for the miracle of getting a new house after having two mudslides in the middle of her home. She was so concerned about her family and prayed harder to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Porch began the new year with Wamego United Methodist Church of Kansas, who started the foundation work for this new home.



“This was my first time coming to Guatemala and helping a family through Porch de Salomon. I loved every minute of it, and I will always have love in my heart for this family. They are beautiful people. Special thanks to Porch de Salomon and to Noe Benjamin Perez and Hilda Mux Son.”

— Eric Webb (team member from Wamego UMC)

Porch de Salomon congratulates our 2023 scholarship high school graduates!



(L-R): Marta Ibaté, Daena Xamines, Yeimi Tereta, Irma Chopen

Full of Hope for a Brighter Future

Since 2006, Porch de Salomon has provided school scholarships each year through the generosity of our donors. We are proud to announce our 2023 high school graduates!

There's still time to donate for the 2024 school year (which runs from January to October). A \$240 donation will allow a Guatemalan child or youth to attend school for a year. You may contact Hilda at Hilda.son03@gmail.com for details.

We are grateful to God for His provisions. We thank our dedicated volunteers and staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Thanks to Robin, our volunteer treasurer, you will soon receive your 2023 donation tax receipt letter (if you haven't already!).

We are ever grateful for Robin's continuous service and dedication.

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