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# PorchTalk

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## BENT AND BROKEN

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — *Psalm 34:18*

“I have been bent and broken, but—I hope—into a better shape.” — *Charles Dickens*



## GROUND BREAKINGS

Porch broke ground on a new home in Solola. Angelica Coj is a widow with two daughters, Carmen Noemy and Darlyng Dayana. Her husband died five years ago due to a cancerous tumor.

Angelica's husband had built a house on his parents' land. However, when he died, his family took everything, including the home, from Angelica, and she had to return to her parents. Angelica and her daughters share a single room with her parents and are looking forward to having a safe home for themselves.

Porch also broke ground on a home in San Andrés for Fidelia and her husband, German, and their children Angela, Dailin, Yasmin, and Emerson. The oldest siblings cried and thanked everyone for making their dream come true. They said their big brothers and dad had been working hard to build a decent house. But they were losing hope because it seemed impossible no matter how hard they worked.

Mixed feelings arose after Fidelia (right) received confirmation that Porch was ready to build their new home but also asked to tear down their current home to begin construction.



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

Porch De Salomon broke ground on another home in Caserío Santa Maria, Solola, for Petrona. Petrona is a single mother with one son, Walter (14). Her ex-husband abandoned them when Walter was five years old. She lived with the in-laws under challenging conditions. Petrona's family decided to help her by giving her a room where the two could live. Petrona's mother donated a parcel of land to her to construct their new home. They give thanks to God in prayer!



## HOMES TAKING SHAPE



Wendy's visual impairment from birth did not stop her from working on her new home with enthusiasm.

Teams Comrade, Hillbrooke, Christ the King, and Dirty Feet Missions worked in unity and made significant progress on two building sites: Wendy and Freddy's family and Angelica's family. The families associated with these sites, in collaboration with the teams, received much-needed hope. Members of the teams pledged scholarships for Angelica's two daughters (Noemy and Darlyng) and Wendy and Freddy's older sons (Janzer and Cándido), enabling them to return to school and pursue their careers. The proximity of the work sites made it possible to end the week with a communal cookout, celebrating all the beautiful ways God had provided.



Walter enjoyed working alongside teams to build his new home!



Community Christian School from Georgia, Chris and Heather Williams from Virginia, and Wamego UMC from Kansas worked on the home for Fidelia and German's family. Dailin (14) and Yasmín (11) had to quit school to help the family make money to make ends meet. The girls received school scholarships, allowing them to return to school immediately. The family worked hard alongside the teams to help construct their new home!



## HOPE FOR THE BROKEN

Our medical teams ensured that every patient felt seen and experienced compassion. The healthcare professionals from Fresno, California, traded their latex gloves for leather gloves to work on the foundation of Petrona's house for a couple of days!



Silvia Pamela Isabel López is a 22-year-old who has a complete loss of kidney function and requires a kidney transplant. Fortunately, her brother has agreed to donate his kidney. However, Silvia needed a specific medication to proceed with the transplant, which they were unable to obtain. With the help of doctors, pharmacists, and donors, Silvia now has the necessary medication, and the transplant is scheduled for April 9th. Let's keep Silvia and her family in our thoughts and prayers.



Medical clinics continued along with Bible Schools and construction on Petrona and Walter's house with our friends from team 4TZ (Four Time Zones)! In rural Guatemala, access to healthcare and medicine is often non-existent, leading to various health issues. The Lord lifted the brokenhearted and crushed in spirit through this team's compassion, love, and laughter.





## INTO A BETTER SHAPE

Porch continues our mission of building homes for families needing safe shelter in full force! Recently, we purchased a new truck to help support our building program. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who generously contributed to the purchase of the new truck and for their unwavering support in continuing the work we do in the Western Highlands.



(L-R): Santos Mendoza, Juan Carlos Congo, Edras Mateo, Macario Leonado, Henry Choguaj, Alejandro Morales, Obed Rosales, Erwin González



“We are happy to share that our building crew has expanded, allowing us to build more homes for families in need. We can work on four houses simultaneously with four work crews now in place. Thanks to our new truck, dividing the workload and transporting heavy materials such as concrete and *Ecoplancha* stoves is easier than ever. Our team is grateful to our generous donors.” — *Noe Perez, (Relief Co-Director)*

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