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MANY RIPPLES

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” — 1 Peter 4:10

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” — Mother Teresa

RIPPLES THAT CREATE A WAVE

Porch is excited to announce our 162nd house dedication in the municipality of Sololá for Wendy and Fredy and their children, Janzer and Cándido. The family's house was 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.



162nd House Dedication

Several positive changes occurred when teams came to serve alongside Wendy and Fredy. Janzer underwent two surgeries to improve his vision, and their chicken business received upgrades to enhance productivity. Additionally, Janzer and Cándido received scholarships to attend training courses that will help them pursue careers as mechanics. The family will also receive financial assistance to supplement the income their sons would have made to support the family while they are in training. These ripples of kindness have made a significant difference in the lives of this amazing family!



Wendy didn't own a *traje* (traditional indigenous Maya dress) because she could not afford one. Thanks to a generous donor, Wendy received two *trajes* and a new pair of shoes for this special celebration! Wendy, Fredy, Janzer, and Cándido thanked God for their new home, new friends, and many blessings. Filled with joy, Fredy and Wendy celebrated with a dance.



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

RIPPLES THAT BRING HOPE



Porch broke ground on a new home in Concepción for Feliza Juracan Solis. Feliza is a single mom with three kids: Emmanuel, Juan, and Dominga. Due to physical and psychological abuse from her ex-husband, Feliza had to flee with her children. Feliza's parents welcomed her and gave her a small space in their home as well as a piece of property. Feliza is currently in debt due to a loan she took to construct a small tin house for her family, which is in poor condition.



At twelve years old, Emanuel must take on the role of the man of the house. He helps his mother with his siblings, tends to the corn, and completes other household tasks while still attending school.



Feliza cried out to God for help, and God heard her cries! Overwhelmed with gratitude that her family is receiving a home, Feliza thanked God and the donors who are making this dream possible.

RIPPLES THAT GO BEYOND WHAT WE EXPECT

Woodlake UMC and Crossroads UMC, both from Virginia, worked hard on building homes for two families: Fidelia, German, and their children, and Petrona and her son David. These families are very excited to see their homes almost completed. We want to thank Crossroads and Woodlake UMC for their hard work and presence and extend our thanks to all our donors who continue to make a difference with their support!



Petrona's son, David, had to walk a long distance to school daily. Thanks to Crossroads UMC, now he has a new bike to ride! David was so excited to receive this gift!



Team Centenary spreads hope at much-needed medical clinics, serving around 330 patients. They also helped continue the construction of Angelica's home, which will soon be complete! We are very thankful for Centenary Church's kindness, empathy, and continued collaboration.



Team Burke from Texas has begun constructing Feliza's home in Concepción. Unexpectedly, team members paid off Feliza's loan. Also, Emanuel wants to continue his education. Unfortunately, he will have to travel to another community to go to school because his village does not have classes beyond 6th grade. Team members sponsored Emanuel for school, and someone pledged to pay for his daily transportation to and from school. In addition, the team also surprised Emanuel with a new bike! Thanks for being faithful stewards of God's grace.



Emanuel worked hard daily with the team unless he needed to care for his baby sister.



**RIPPLES THAT SERVE THE LOST,
THE LEAST, AND THE LAST**



“Robin Bateman has served as Porch de Salomon’s volunteer treasurer since 2015. In this important and essential role, Robin always exhibited the same can-do-with-a-smile attitude shown in this 2016 photograph of her helping build a house for an indigenous Guatemalan family. We will forever be thankful for Robin and her volunteer service. She has helped Porch serve thousands of the *lost, the least, and the last*. Robin, here’s to many years of happy retirement to you and Michael, along with many ‘stars in your crown.’ Bless you, friend!” — Lloyd Monroe

Porch is grateful to have Calvin Stephens as the new Treasurer!

Calvin, a seasoned certified public accountant, brings a wealth of experience to his new role. He has a strong background in public practice, having worked in the field since 1985. He has been married to Kay since 1980, and they have two grown daughters. Their journey began when they married at Memorial UMC in Fernandina Beach. After a successful career as a CPA, he semi-retired in 2017. In 2023, he embarked on a new adventure, following Kay to Guatemala to serve with Porch for the first time with a team from Memorial UMC.

Calvin and Kay Stephens serving with Porch in 2023



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