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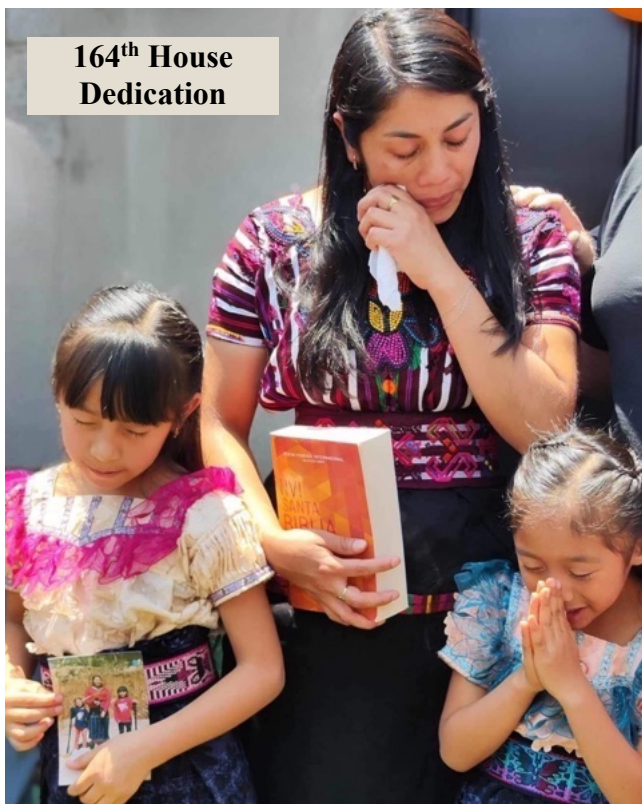
LIGHT DESPITE THE DARKNESS

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” — *Desmond Tutu*

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

— *II Cor. 4:8-9 NIV*

164th House Dedication



PERSECUTED, BUT NOT ABANDONED

Porch De Salomon completed our fifth and sixth homes of 2024!

Angelica Coj is a widow with two daughters, Noemy and Darlyng. 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 shared a single room with her parents, but now they have a beautiful and safe new home!

Angelica and her daughters, filled with tears of joy, thanked God for providing them with a new home!

This new home, located in Santa Maria, Solola, is for Petrona. Petrona is a single mother with one son, David. They were abandoned by her ex-husband when David was five years old.

Thanks to generous donations, Petrona and David received a new home, support for a chicken business, and support for Petrona's dream of having a baking business.

Petrona and David expressed their gratitude to everyone for making these dreams possible.

165th House Dedication



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



STRUCK DOWN, BUT NOT DESTROYED

Porch broke ground on a new home in Pujujil for Isabel and her sons, Victor and Kevin. Her husband, who had alcoholism, died seven years ago from being hit by a car. Isabel was pregnant with Kevin when she was widowed. Isabel became desperate and had to move back home to her village. One of her brothers took the initiative to help Isabel construct a small tin house where she could live with her two children, but the house, made of tin walls and a tin roof, is in poor condition. When the materials to build the new home arrived on her land, she said she could not stop crying for joy in disbelief!



With the support teams and generous donors, Porch initiated a new home project for Carmen Puac and her sons, Israel, William, and Moisés, in San Bartolo, Sololá. Carmen was abandoned by her husband when her youngest son was two. Despite the challenges, Carmen worked tirelessly to ensure her sons had access to education with the help of Porch's scholarship program.

These three sons, filled with gratitude, thanked God for His provision and their mother for her selflessness. They acknowledged her unwavering dedication, always putting their needs before hers, a testament to her love and sacrifice.



PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR

Faith Presbyterian Church, from Tallahassee, FL, served 350 patients in medical clinics. They also brought joy to over 300 children in Bible School while working on constructing Isabel and Roberto's home in Sololá. Memorial United Methodist Church, from Jacksonville, FL, served 315 patients in medical clinics and worked on a new home for Isabel, Victor, and Kevin in Pujujil.



Despite the inclement weather in Guatemala, Southern Crescent Baptist Church from McDonough, GA, showed unwavering enthusiasm for working with Carmen and her sons to begin the construction of their new home. Later, Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian from Knoxville, TN, joined in to help set the foundation.



Many hands make light work, with many children from the community helping Geist Christian Church from Indianapolis, IN, continue the work on Isabel and Roberto's home which will be completed soon.

The teams that collaborate with us impact the lives they help, and the generous donations from our faithful supporters also make a significant difference. Thank you to everyone!



HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, BUT NOT CRUSHED

Sometimes, people cannot travel to Guatemala to join a team, but they find other ways to use their gifts, resources, and talents to help. For example, Dee Jones from Tallahassee organized a group of women to sew over 80 beautiful dresses for Faith Presbyterian Church's mission in Guatemala. These dresses brought joy to many little girls.



While Faith Presbyterian Church from Tallahassee served with Porch, we were privileged to have the Mayor of Pana, Samuel Sahon, join us along with the Mayor of Tallahassee, John Dailey! The two mayors connected through meaningful conversation and hard work.

"Though living in different countries, we quickly realized the similarities in our lives and struggles as mayors. We connected on many levels and look forward to continuing our friendship."

— John Dailey

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