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# PorchTalk

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## BREAKING BARRIERS

“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.” — *Maya Angelou*

“So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” — *Luke 10:32-33 (NIV)*

## JUMPING HURDLES



Thanks to our generous donors, Porch de Salomon funded nine new small businesses to help our families break barriers. Our latest small business owners valued attending Porch's seminar to boost their business skills and exchange tips for running successful businesses on their journey to self-sufficiency.



Petrona Tuy Bixcul (left) enjoyed the seminar. She recently received a new home, a chicken business, and assistance to pursue her dream of owning a baking business. Petrona now makes delicious cakes. With the income from her businesses, she was able to quit her job and work from home.

Isabel Cuc Zet (above) also attended the seminar. She shared her excitement about her upcoming move to her new home and the launch of her weaving business.

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



## LEAPING FENCES



Porch de Salomon joined Maria Socorro Yaxon Chiroy and her husband, Alberto Xep Chumil, at the groundbreaking ceremony for their new home in Sololá. The couple, who have three children named Luisa, Cesar, and Matilde, have faced numerous economic and health-related challenges. Alberto's deteriorating hearing and vision have made it increasingly difficult for the family to support themselves.



Porch de Salomon expresses gratitude to our faithful donors whose continuous and generous support positively impacts these and many other people in Guatemala's Western Highlands.



Currently, they are living in a small space provided by a neighbor with no electricity or running water and an outdoor toilet. Matilde and Cesar help at the groundbreaking and eagerly look forward to having their own home.



## PENETRATING WALLS

Team Roger from Tallahassee began construction for Maria and Alberto. The entire family eagerly joined the effort, and despite Alberto's deteriorating hearing and vision, he was present and enthusiastic to help start the construction.

Due to complex and delicate health circumstances, the community shunned Maria and her family, and other children in the community were not allowed to play with Luisa, Cesar, and Matilde.



“Whenever you posture yourself in a position of gratitude and love, it breaks every single barrier.”  
— Kai Robinson  
(Member of Team Roger)



As construction continued, Journey Church from Griffin, GA, and Our Savior Lutheran from Austin, Texas, brought Maria, Alberto, and their three children (Luisa, Cesar, and Matilde) closer to their community through Bible stories, singing, playing, and a pizza party to counteract the rejection they have faced due to their dire circumstances.



Imagine the joy as children dashed through the cornfields, eager to join Team Roger, Journey Church, Our Savior Lutheran, Luisa, Cesar, and Matilde in the lively Bible School games, skits, stories, crafts, pinatas, and more! It was a vibrant, engaging experience that brought the community together.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan



## FULL OF HOPE



Part of Team Roger, from Tallahassee, helped the Pana community by spaying and neutering dogs. They partnered with Dr. Israel, a local vet, to serve pets and street dogs alike. Jeanette Burdette had the vision for this clinic last year during her first time in Guatemala. Jeanette said, "Why not help the dogs, too?" The clinic came to life with help from local animal advocates Carlos Diaz and Mirna Recinos.

Porch de Salomon serves the lost, least, and last with food, formula, medicine, and other necessities to bring relief and hope. Thanks to all who regularly give to support our feeding program, which provides families with protein-enriched foods to battle malnutrition. Only \$60 a month provides for an entire family!



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