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- *Short-term service/mission teams in Guatemala
- *Humanitarian relief for indigenous families and others
- *Café Hotel California/Solomon's Porch ministry
- *Live music outreach
- *Helping transform churches and individuals

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19 YEARS: GROWING TOGETHER

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” — *Helen Keller*

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” — *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)*



PORCH DE SALOMON CELEBRATES OUR 19TH ANNIVERSARY!

Twenty years ago, God confirmed Lloyd and Melanie's 'crazy' call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: 'Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you... I will bless you, and you will be a blessing.'--Genesis 12:1-2. In obedience and trust, they left what was familiar. In 2005, they established Porch de Salomon in Panajachel.

In 2020, we were entrusted with the call, and we heeded it, moving to Guatemala in June 2022. God's promise has been kept, and Porch has been a conduit of His blessings to many, making a significant impact on the lives of those we serve. Your support and involvement have been integral to our mission. We give all the glory to Him forever! - *Greg and Rachael*

Over the years, God has provided for Porch and our families by enabling us to carry out our ministry through the generous contributions of our partner churches, mission partners, and supporters. The work of Porch de Salomon relies solely on your generous financial support. We welcome you to join us in our continued journey of growth.



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

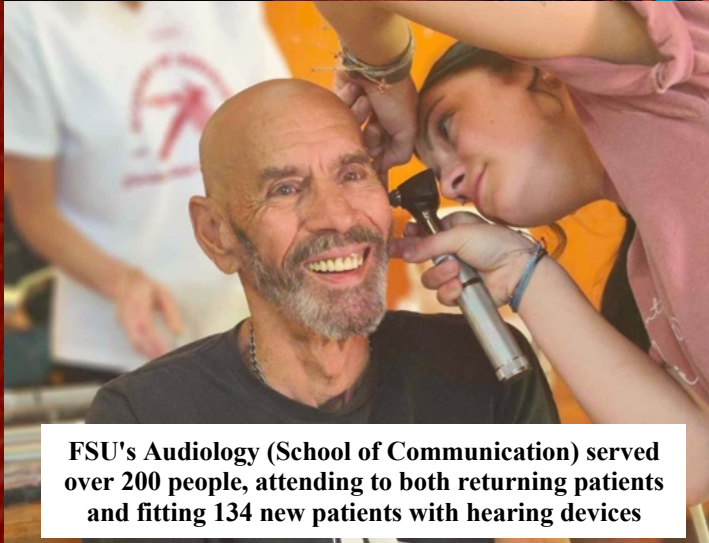
Highlights of God's provision from Porch de Salomon's 19th year in-country:



provided free medical clinics serving 2,500 patients



provided free dental clinics serving 200 patients



FSU's Audiology (School of Communication) served over 200 people, attending to both returning patients and fitting 134 new patients with hearing devices

We are grateful to God for His provisions. We thank our volunteers, staff, and mission partners for their support and dedication. Your generous donations have enabled us to provide our services for 19 years. Thank you for your continued support!



hosted Bible schools



hosted 38 short-term service/mission teams which helped provide homes for indigenous families and local jobs for Guatemalans



improved vision for 225 people

167th House Dedication

Porch dedicated our 167th home in Sololá to the family of Isabel and Roberto and their sons Elvis and Anderson! Roberto and Isabel expressed their thanks through tears to the teams who came to work with the family and donors who made everything possible. As an orphaned child who never met his father, Roberto remembered how he always hoped to have a family and home.

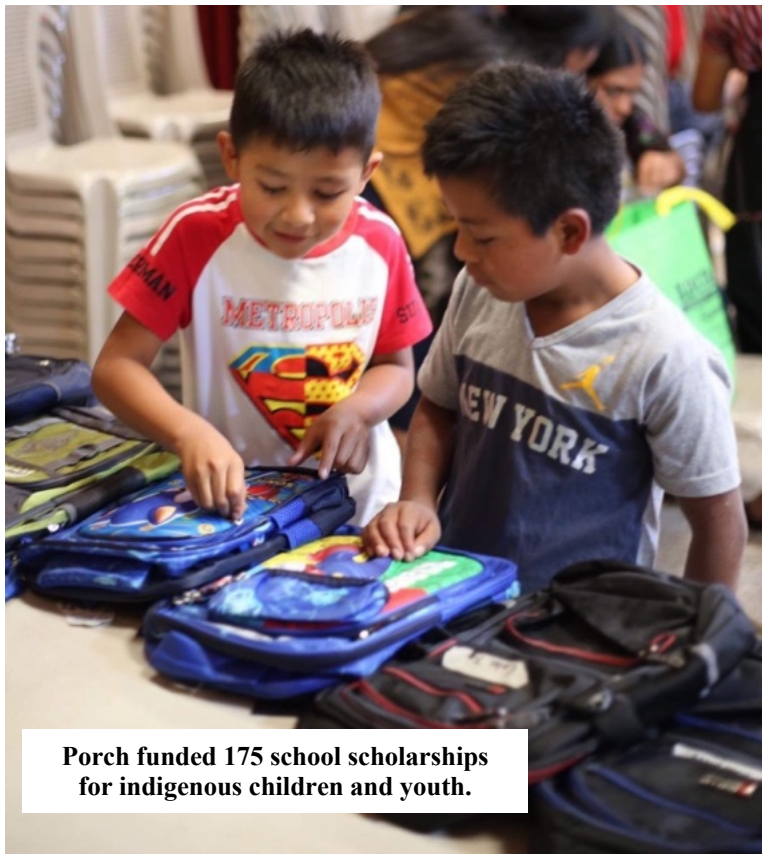


So far this year, Porch has built nine new furnished homes for Indigenous families with Ecofiltro water purification systems and Ecoplancha wood-efficient wood stoves and hopes to dedicate four more by the end of the year.

In addition to building homes, Porch has also launched eight micro-businesses for indigenous families, including the corn grinding business (above) for Isabel and Roberto, empowering them with the resources and support needed to create sustainable livelihoods.

Highlights continued...

- Training women in self-sustainability
- Passed out Christmas gifts to children
- Provided ever-expanding humanitarian relief: weekly food bags, clothing/shoes, infant formula, medicine, medical care, prenatal care, surgery, physical therapy, and more
- Operated our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events/fundraisers, and entertainment
- Gathering for weekly worship at our café
- Supporting alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation, and support—including hosting AA chapters, food, jobs, detoxification, encouragement, and continued partnership with the Casa Tat Loy/ Casa Ixoqi' rehab centers and Animo
- Partnering with La Casa de la Paz to provide hope and help to the families of alcoholics or abusive men
- Hosting and deploying interns and individual volunteers for mission work and global service experience
- Continuing partnership with stateside congregations to encourage transformation and local, national, cross-cultural, and global mission



Porch funded 175 school scholarships for indigenous children and youth.

19 Years of Growth: We Invite You to Grow with Us!



Margaret Rodgers, from this summer's Sequoyah Hill's Presbyterian construction team, created this amazing quilt from the t-shirts the team members wore while helping to build Carmen Puac's home. We are excited to present it to Carmen and her sons when her home gets dedicated in October!

In August and September, we traveled to connect with Porch supporters across the states. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet new and familiar faces, deepen our relationships, and share our vision.

We would love to continue this momentum and connect with you, your church, or your group the next time we're stateside. Don't hesitate to reach out—let's create more meaningful connections together!

Greg and Rachael

WE INVITE YOU, on Porch's 19th anniversary, to advance Porch de Salomon's high-impact work with monthly tax-deductible auto-donations in whatever multiple of "19" you choose. \$38, \$57, \$76, or \$95 monthly will help us make a difference in the lives of many. Of course, we welcome \$190 and \$1900 (or whatever!) lump-sum donations as well.

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Gracias!

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