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THE GREAT GIFT EXCHANGE

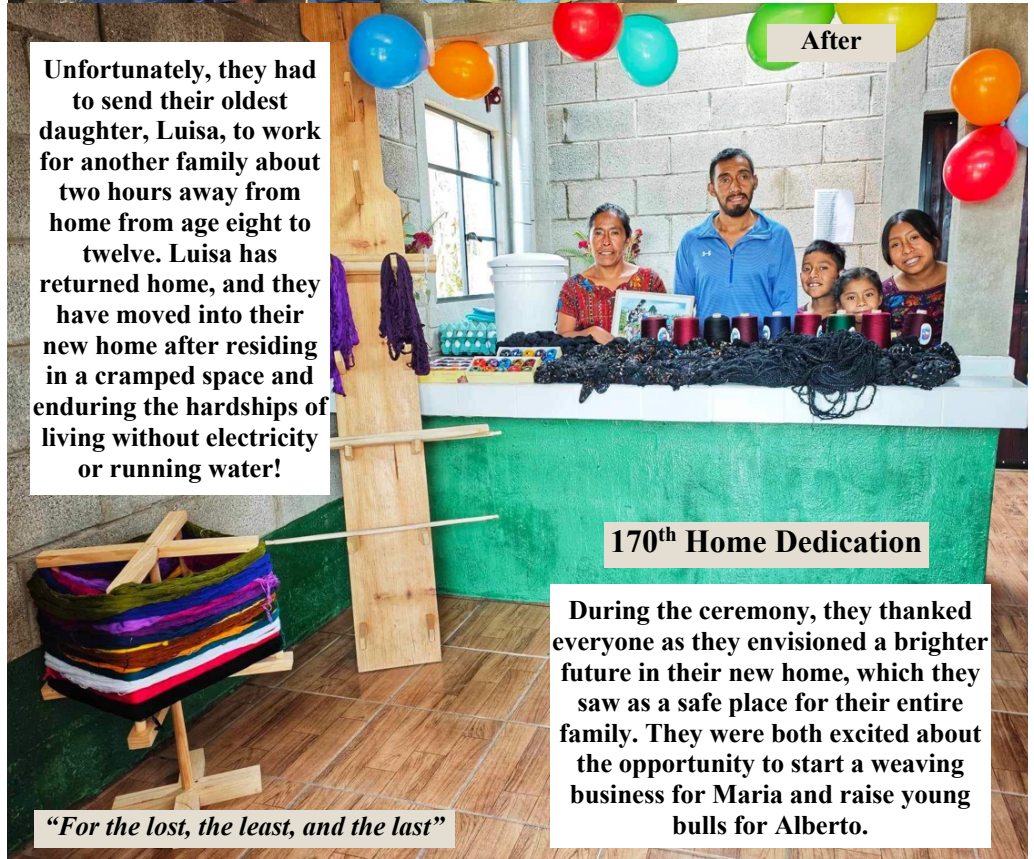
"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." — *John 3:16 (NIV)*

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." — *Oren Arnold*



To the hopeless, a home.

Porch celebrates another house dedication in Sololá! Maria Socorro Yaxon Chiroy and her husband, Alberto Xep Chumil, were hopeful as they celebrated this significant occasion alongside Porch de Salomon's staff. They are parents to three children—Luisa, Cesar, and Matilde. Alberto and Maria have faced overwhelming health challenges, leading to the family's economic crisis.



Unfortunately, they had to send their oldest daughter, Luisa, to work for another family about two hours away from home from age eight to twelve. Luisa has returned home, and they have moved into their new home after residing in a cramped space and enduring the hardships of living without electricity or running water!

170th Home Dedication

During the ceremony, they thanked everyone as they envisioned a brighter future in their new home, which they saw as a safe place for their entire family. They were both excited about the opportunity to start a weaving business for Maria and raise young bulls for Alberto.

"For the lost, the least, and the last"

To the discouraged, opportunity.



Porch staff delivered a young bull to Alberto! Alberto's deteriorating hearing and vision have made it increasingly difficult for the family to support themselves. Alberto expressed the difficulties of finding work in a world that often overlooks him and will not hire him due to his disabilities. He embraced the opportunity to help support his family by growing the bull and reselling it for a profit.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Porch de Salomon recently successfully launched twelve new small businesses, empowering families to build sustainable livelihoods. Your support can make a lasting impact. Consider donating \$1000 today to help foster a life-changing small business and transform a family's future.



Team Hillbrooke, Woodland UMC, and Team Williams helped Marta, Roberto, and their four children—Glendy, Wendy, Jennifer, and little Roberto—to construct their new home. Through their shared labor, love, and compassion, they build more than just walls; they build hope for a brighter future.

We want to express our gratitude for the hard work of Porch's staff in Guatemala, as well as our volunteers and short-term team members. God has blessed Porch and our families by providing for years of ministry through the generosity of our partner churches, mission partners, and supporters. The work of Porch de Salomon is only possible because of your generous financial contributions.

To the lonely, companionship.



Porch de Salomon supports Golden Years, a senior center in Guatemala that provides companionship, community, meals, activities, and more to the elders of San José Chacayá and surrounding areas. It is a place of pure joy, endless hugs, and celebration.

The center has been closed since COVID-19. When gathered to announce its reopening, the seniors shouted and clapped for joy! Please consider making monthly donations of all or part of \$600 to help keep Golden Years open. Your contribution will directly support essential programs and services. Every dollar makes a difference.

To the helpless, empowerment.

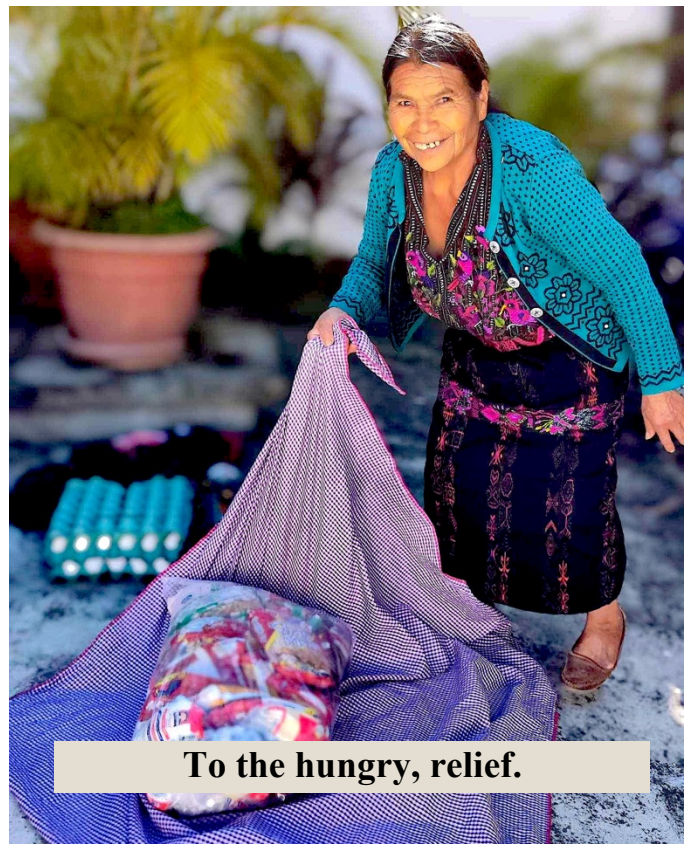
In Guatemala, over 50% of indigenous teenagers have not completed third grade. Grinding poverty is the predominant cause of this problem. Families cannot afford school fees as they struggle just to put food on the table daily.

Since 2006, Porch de Salomon has provided school scholarships each year through the generosity of our donors. We are proud to show off our 2024 high school graduates!



Rear (L-R): Kevin Pac, Jenifer Tocoeh, Iliana Nimacachi, Cristian Calel, Juana Tuyuc, Juana Yaxón.
Front (L-R): Yeimy Canux, Florinda Tol, Susana Yaxón.
Not pictured: Carlos Sacuj

Give the gift of education this season by renewing or beginning an annual school scholarship for the 2025 school year starting in January. A \$240 donation will allow a Guatemalan child or youth to attend school. For details, contact Hilda, director of our scholarship program, at Hilda.son03@gmail.com.



To the hungry, relief.

Porch de Salomon serves the lost, least, and last by providing food, formula, medicine, and other necessities to bring relief and hope. We are grateful to all who regularly contribute to our feeding program, which offers protein-enriched foods to help families combat malnutrition. Just \$60 a month will provide for one family!

And to all, love.



Our in-country team sends warm wishes to you and your families this Christmas. The jobs provided by Porch de Salomon and Café Hotel California support the families of our full-time Guatemalan staff, part-time workers, and contract builders. Your donations to the general fund make Porch de Salomon's work and mission possible. Thank you, and *Feliz Navidad!*

Each need that Porch de Salomon addresses involves financial costs for services, resources, and actions. Our monthly ministry and outreach budget empowers us to provide efficient, high-impact, life-changing hope, assistance, and support. Here are four ways you can contribute financially:

- 1) Make a year-end, tax-deductible donation for general support.
- 2) Fund a specific giving opportunity.
- 3) Commit to a monthly, quarterly, or annual pledge for 2025.
- 4) Give a donation in a loved one's name as a Christmas gift.

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