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Hope on the Horizon: Building Homes, Feeding Hearts, Supporting Futures

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — *Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

"The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change."

— *Maya Angelou*



171st Home Dedication

To end 2024, Porch celebrated with the family of Mrs. Alma Judit García, her son Carlos, and daughter Kelly as we dedicated their new home in San Andrés. This family has faced significant hardships, including the heartbreaking loss of a young son and brother due to medical complications after an appendix operation. The loss deeply affected Carlos, who cared for his younger sibling while his mother worked. Despite these challenges, the family has shown hope. Alma's family now has a new home—a fresh start—and a small business to help them become self-sufficient.

We also completed a new home in Peña Blanca Village for Marta, Roberto, and their four children: Glendy, Wendy, Jennifer, and little Roberto. This new home symbolizes hope, transformation, and a brighter future for the family. But more than just a home, it is also a tribute—a heartfelt dedication to the memory and honor of John Sheffield, whose generosity and spirit live on through this project and the family's new beginning.



172nd Home Dedication

The family is deeply grateful for the fresh start offered by their new home, the launch of their new chicken business, and the addition of a young bull to their growing livelihood.

Porch de Salomon extends heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, whose unwavering support positively impacts families, helping them rebuild and thrive.

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

BUILDING HOMES



Porch broke ground on a new home in Rosario Los Encuentros, Sololá for María Mendoza Chuc. Maria is a determined and hardworking woman. Despite her relentless effort to support her three children—Juana, Ana, and Maynor—Maria's family has long struggled to make ends meet, and what they generate is insufficient to build a decent home. With Porch's support, however, their dream of having a safe and stable place to call home begins with a team from Wamego United Methodist Church of Kansas. Maria's dad entertained the team by playing marimba music as they worked!



FEEDING HEARTS

At Porch de Salomon, the holidays' true spirit was about sharing love, kindness, and support with those in need across our communities.

Porch de Salomon celebrated Christmas with Golden Years, a senior center in Guatemala that provides community, meals, activities, and more to the elders of San José Chacayá and surrounding areas. They enjoyed the gift bags full of goodies and a warm meal for the holidays!



Our toy drive allowed us to make a real difference, especially for families in the Solola communities, where affording a meal is a challenge. Purchasing toys is a luxury many cannot afford.



Every gift given came directly from our general budget to meet the needs of our community. We invite others to donate and join us in spreading joy to those who need it most.





Jela, an 8-year-old in 2nd grade, dreams of becoming a nurse to help her mother. After losing her father to cirrhosis and with her mother facing health challenges that affect her ability to work, Jela's family can no longer afford her tuition. We seek scholarship donations to help cover her education costs and allow Jela to continue pursuing her dreams.

SUPPORTING FUTURES




Kansas State University IT students have provided laptops and bags to Porch de Salomon scholarship students. These laptops are vital for the students' education, and the K-State team also offered training to help them maximize their use. We sincerely appreciate the generosity and commitment to investing in our students' futures.

Juan is a determined 16-year-old who is responsible for his family. After losing his father, Juan stepped up to help his mom care for his younger sister by working at a hardware store. Despite the challenges, he continues his education, achieving 9th grade this year. He dreams of becoming an electrician. Your donation of \$240 a year will help him pursue his studies, reduce his financial burdens, and bring him closer to a brighter future.



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