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BY GOD'S HAND

"Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

— Psalm 139:10 (NIV)

"I have unanswered prayers; I have trouble I wish wasn't there... But when my world is shaking, Heaven stands. When my heart is breaking, I never leave Your hands."

— JJ Heller, "Your Hands"



176th House Dedication

WE ARE HELD

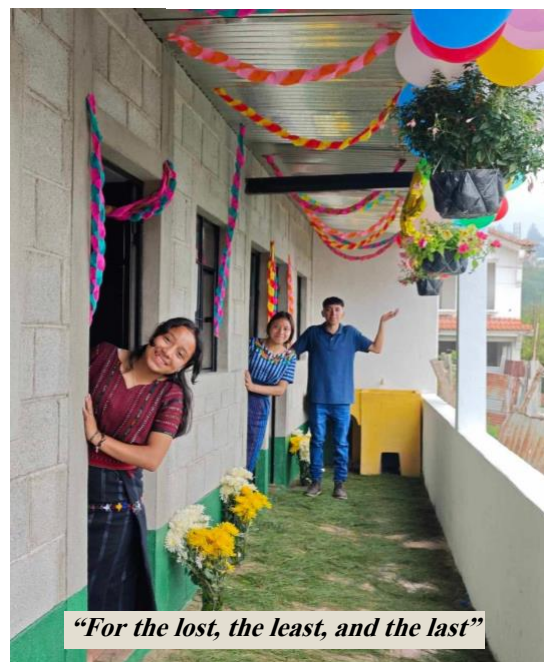
In the highlands of San Bartolo, Sololá, a story of resilience and hope, reached a beautiful milestone as Porch de Salomon dedicated a new home to three brave siblings—Osman (19), Ruby (15), and Amelia (13).

The trio has endured unimaginable hardship since losing their mother to cirrhosis four years ago, a painful outcome of her long struggle with alcoholism. Left to face the world alone, Osman, Ruby, and Amelia have faced life's challenges with strength and unity. Through tears, they shared how much they wished their mother could see their beautiful new home and gave heartfelt thanks to God and all who supported them.

This home is not just a building—it's a testament to the power of love, community, and faith in the face of adversity.



Porch de Salomon is honored to have walked alongside Osman, Ruby, and Amelia on this part of their journey, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.



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

WE ARE LED

Porch de Salomon breaks ground in the village of Panca, Sololá, for the Hom Tax family!

Rafael and Francisca work tirelessly to support their sons—José, Leonardo, and Dilan—but life hasn't been easy with limited income and health challenges. Their youngest, Dilan, is recovering from malnutrition with support from Porch.

Their home, made of metal sheets and tarps, offers little protection. Thanks to your support, a safe and dignified home is finally coming.



Teams from FSU Wesley Foundation, Trinity UMC (Tallahassee, FL), and Christ the Shepherd (Atlanta) joined the Hom Tax family to begin building their new home.

Along with hard work came laughter and connection, as the teams also enjoyed playing and spending time with the family and local community.



Trinity UMC also hosted medical clinics, providing care to over 325 patients. These clinics met vital health needs in the community, offering compassion, attention, and hope to those who often lack access to basic medical services.





WE ARE LOVED



This past month has been full of heartwarming moments and joyful celebrations! Mother's Day was especially meaningful, as Trinity UMC and FSU Wesley Foundation helped host a beautiful celebration at Golden Years—complete with a mariachi band!

Another special highlight was taking José and Leonardo shopping for flowers for their mother, Francisca, bringing smiles and lasting memories. In addition, Christ the Shepherd led Bible schools both at Golden Years and in the surrounding community, sharing faith, fun, and love with everyone involved.



VOLUNTEER PORCHLIGHT

By Lloyd Monroe

Since Porch de Salomon's inception in 2005, we have depended exclusively on stateside volunteers rather than paid folks for administrative tasks. Of course, that lowers Porch's overhead. We appreciate them very much!



Mark Niver, an Indiana native, lives in Phoenix, AZ. He is our volunteer webmaster.

Mark writes: My first visit to work with Porch in Guatemala was in 2018. I was immediately hooked and knew that I wanted to be a part of this organization. Although my role as the webmaster is small, I hope I'm able to offer a hand in helping Porch fulfill its mission. It's a joy to serve, love, and encourage the wonderful people in the Panajachel area. Working with Lloyd, Melanie, Greg, and Rachael has been an amazing experience.

A big thank you to John Shinner for sharing his incredible gift of photography with Porch de Salomon. His work helps us tell our story and connect with you in meaningful ways.

Have a talent or skill to share? Join us and make a difference!



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