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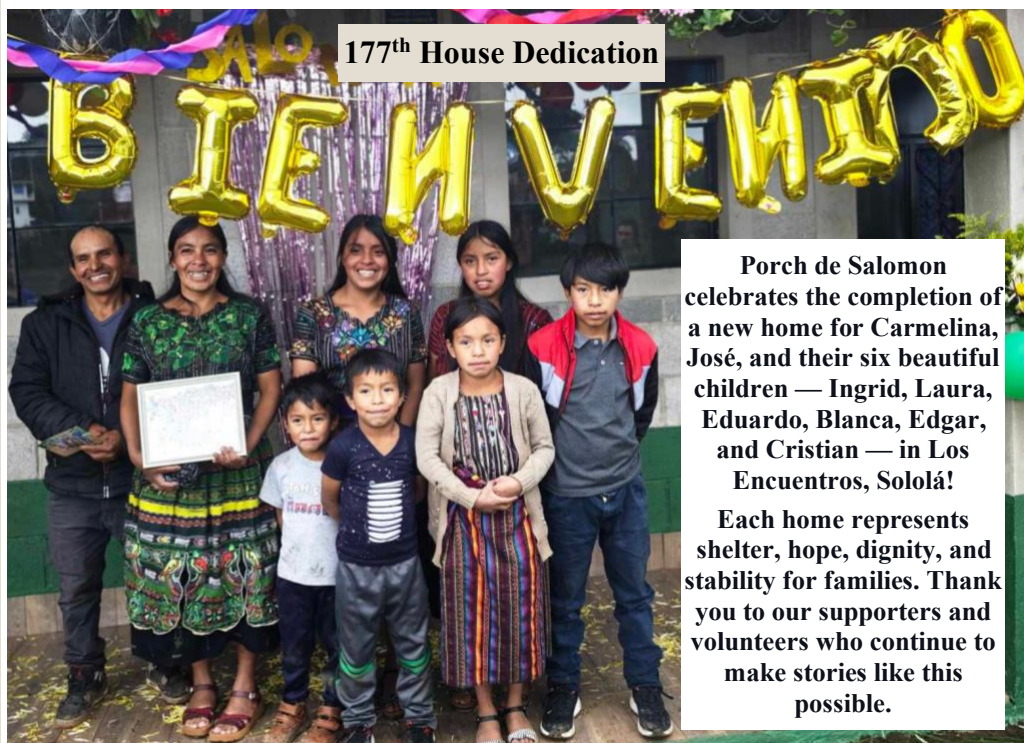
## DO AS I HAVE DONE

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

— John 13:14-15 (NIV)

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

— Martin Luther King Jr.



Porch de Salomon celebrates the completion of a new home for Carmelina, José, and their six beautiful children — Ingrid, Laura, Eduardo, Blanca, Edgar, and Cristian — in Los Encuentros, Sololá!

Each home represents shelter, hope, dignity, and stability for families. Thank you to our supporters and volunteers who continue to make stories like this possible.



Carmelina and José received support to grow their small business—raising chickens and pigs—to help create sustainable income.

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



## SERVE WITH GRACE



Porch has broken ground on a new home in San José Chacayá for Ceferina and her two children, Micaela (8) and Elías (6).

After being abandoned by her husband, Ceferina has worked tirelessly to care for her family. They've lived in a fragile one-room shelter offering little safety or comfort.

Thanks to the support of our generous donors, we're building them a safe and stable home—a place where they can heal, grow, and dream of a brighter future.

Mission teams Woodlake UMC and St. Matthew's UMC (Virginia), as well as The Village Church (Florida) and Comrades (Georgia), recently worked alongside Ceferina's family, and their servant's hearts were on full display. They poured love, time, and compassion into every moment of their mission. Throughout their time here, they symbolically washed Ceferina's feet through countless acts of kindness and care—and in a powerful expression of love and humility, some team members did so literally as well. What a moving reminder of Christ's example and our call to serve one another with grace!



Christ the King, from Georgia, also served faithfully, continuing to build a new home for the Hom Tax family in the village of Panca, Sololá. Despite limited income and ongoing health challenges, Rafael and Francisca have faced adversity with strength and determination, working tirelessly to provide for their three sons—José, Leonardo, and Dilan. Keeping up with little Dilan (right) was a task of its own at the job site—his energy, joy, and eagerness to help and play brought life to every moment.



## SERVE WITH JOY



This Father's Day, Element 3 (Florida) and Geist Christian Church (Indiana) partnered with Porch to bring joy, music, and heartfelt connection to the seniors at Golden Years, a local day center. The impact of a father extends throughout a lifetime. What moved us most was seeing many of these fathers receive a Father's Day gift for the very first time. The gratitude and emotion in their eyes were a powerful reminder: everyone deserves to feel seen, celebrated and loved.

Team Conte from California brought care and compassion to Santa Lucía Utatlán by running medical clinics for local families. Their dedication helped provide essential health services to over 400 people in need—thank you, Team Conte, for being the hands and heart of healing!



Porch began building a new home for the Méndez Tax family—Isabel, Emanuel, Ingri, and José—who live in San Andrés.

Isabel, unable to work due to a seizure disorder, helps in her father's store without pay. Emanuel works as a day laborer, but their income isn't enough for a safe home. The family (right) gets excited as they review their house plans!

Thanks to Team Conte and Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian (Tennessee) for starting the foundation—a brighter future lies ahead!

## 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!



Meet Walton Monk (left) and Brian Causseaux (right) from CopyFax of Tallahassee, Florida.

For well over a decade, they have helped Porch de Salomon by printing our PorchTalk newsletter without charge. Their service saves us hundreds of dollars each month.

Walton and Brian write: At CopyFax, it's not just about business—it's about giving back to the community, both local and global. We understand the importance of Porch's work and are pleased to help share the compelling stories from Guatemala each month.

## SERVE WITH GENEROSITY



Porch de Salomon continues its vital Feeding Program, and we give heartfelt thanks to our supporters who make it possible. Join the fight against chronic malnutrition—your monthly gift of \$60 provides a family with protein-rich food and essential vitamins.

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