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HOPE FLOWS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."— *Romans 15:13 (NIV)*
"Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace"— *Robert Robinson*



THROUGH CLEAN WATER

*Written by Raquel Orellana
(Micro-business Program Leader)*

Porch organized a water filter distribution and invited ten of our microbusiness owners to each identify five families in their communities who could benefit from receiving a water filter. The goal was not only to provide clean water to families in need, but also to allow these entrepreneurs to serve their communities and share how their businesses have impacted their lives.

One year ago, Andrea Quieju received a new home through Porch, complete with a water filter and essential household items, as well as a microbusiness that enabled her family to build a more secure future. As I stood beside Andrea while families received their new filters, I noticed the smile on her face and asked if she was happy to be part of the event. She replied, "Yes. The water filter helped me so much. When you gave me my house, it came with a water filter, and I noticed my kids stopped getting sick. They used to have stomachaches very often, but after we started drinking clean water from the filter, they stopped getting sick. Seeing all these people receive this makes me very happy for them."



Andrea's story is a wonderful example of how God's blessings continue to multiply. The support she once received has strengthened her own family, and today she can help bring that same blessing to others in her community.

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





INTO EVERY HOME

Porch broke ground on a new home for Cecilia Meletz Vicente and her five children—Maria, Fredy, Tomasa, Rosa, and Elmer.

After enduring years of domestic violence, Cecilia found the courage to build a new life for her family. Thanks to a small piece of land donated by her father, they now have a place to call their own—but their current shelter, made of sheet metal scraps, offers little protection from the heat during the day or the cold at night.

Together, we are helping change that. Noé, relief co-director, shows them their new home plans, which represent more than walls and a roof; they are a place of safety, hope, and a fresh beginning for this family.

Scott Martin, pastor of Element3 Church, and his team helped move Rosa and Maria's new home one step closer to completion.



Team Roger from Vantage Church jumped right in, beginning the foundation for Cecilia and her five children's new home. From day one, they worked hard and formed a special connection with this family.

Team Tennessee (right) and Team Three Brothers (below), intergenerational teams, helped build a home for three brothers, and their mom, Cristina, making great progress and bringing their family one step closer to a safe place to call home.



WITH EVERY DROP

Porch staff recently traveled to a remote region of Guatemala where support is limited and access to clean drinking water is rare. Thanks to the generosity of Centenary Church from Modesto, California, and their water filter initiative, we were able to deliver more than 100 water filters to families in this underserved community where childhood malnutrition is a serious concern.



For children already struggling with malnutrition, clean water can make a life-changing difference. Waterborne illnesses such as diarrhea can quickly rob a child of the nutrients and hydration they need to grow, making recovery even more difficult. By providing access to clean drinking water, we help families reduce preventable illness, improve children's health, and give them a better chance to grow, learn, and thrive.



Suzanne Monroe, co-founder of Porch de Salomon alongside Lloyd and Melanie Monroe, recently returned to Panajachel to lead a special art therapy activity at our Golden Years Senior Center. With every drop of paint and every sprinkle of glitter, laughter, creativity, and meaningful connection filled the room.

As each masterpiece came to life, so did the smiles on every face. It was a beautiful reminder that even the smallest drop of kindness can overflow with joy.



“The joy, fellowship, and wonder we experienced at Golden Years was absolutely magical for all of us. The love we gave and received through artmaking exceeded all expectations. How beautiful is the love of God!”— Suzanne Monroe



Porch de Salomon held a special dedication for our newest ministry vehicle, the "Pink Lloyd." Named in honor of our founders, Lloyd and Melanie Monroe, the van celebrates both their legacy of faith and love of music. A bass guitar player, Lloyd occasionally performs in a band called "The Wicho Pink Lloyd Experience," making the name a perfect tribute.

The Pink Lloyd is much more than a vehicle—it is a ministry tool that will transport teams, supplies, and staff as they serve families throughout Guatemala. Every mile traveled represents another opportunity to share God's love in practical ways.

We are deeply grateful to the generous donors who gave above and beyond to make the purchase of the Pink Lloyd possible, and to Lloyd and Melanie Monroe for their faithful vision and continued involvement in the ministry they founded. Because of their enduring legacy and the incredible generosity of our supporters, lives throughout Guatemala will be transformed for generations to come.

Melanie writes: "Lloyd and I were touched by the naming of the new Porch van "Pink Lloyd". It honors Lloyd for his labor of love for Porch de Solomon through the years and his love for music. Music has always been a big part of our families' heritage. We both were proud and honored to be present for the dedication and appreciative. Ride on, Pink Lloyd! I know you will serve and help many."

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Porch Light: Lloyd and Melanie Monroe



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