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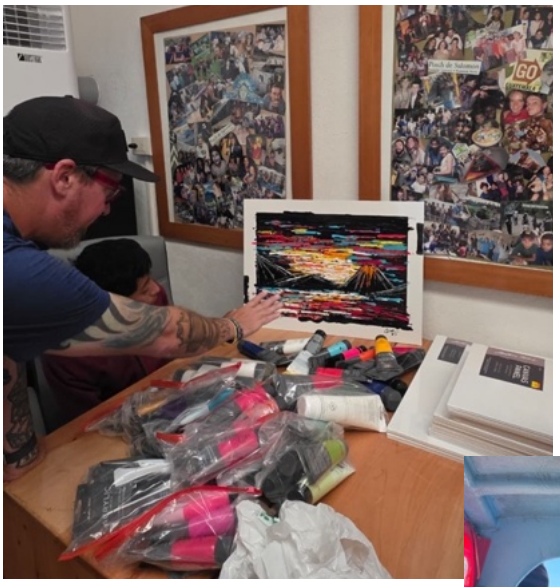
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LAYERS ON A CANVAS

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."— *Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)*

"We're made by the pigment of paint that is put upon us. Our stories are told by our hues."
— Gregory Porter, *Painted on Canvas*



Layers of Possibility

Through Porch de Salomon's microbusiness program, three talented young men participate in art classes and take turns showcasing their creations in silent auctions with our visiting teams from the United States. The money they earn helps cover the cost of school supplies, contributes to household expenses, and allows them to play a meaningful role in supporting their families while developing their artistic skills and confidence.



We were thrilled to welcome Corey Reeves from 813 Art House, who shared his passion for art by teaching the young men about abstract art and bringing plenty of art supplies to inspire their creativity.

The learning continued outside the classroom. Corey and a few Porch staff members took the boys on a special field trip across the lake to San Juan La Laguna, where they met local artists and visited an art shop. It was their first visit to San Juan, making the experience even more memorable.



The boys left the week feeling inspired, and their artwork turned out amazing. We love seeing their creativity grow, their confidence build, and new opportunities open through art.

Thanks to Corey for investing his time, talent, and heart in these young artists!



Layers of New Beginnings

Porch de Salomon dedicated a new home for Cristina Ben Chiroy and her three sons, Mario, Carlos, and Fredy, in Monte Mercedes, Sololá!

Cristina is a devoted single mother who has worked tirelessly at a tortilla shop to provide for her family. Their previous home was a small structure with tin walls and a tin roof, where one room served as both their kitchen and sleeping area.

During the dedication, Mario shared how difficult it has been for his mother to provide for them and how hard he knows she works to care for her family. His words were a touching reminder of a mother's sacrifices and a family's resilience.



Our generous donors provided Cristina with a sewing machine and the supplies needed to get started, including fabric for her first six Mayan blouses, thread, needles, and other essentials. She is now participating in an intensive 11-lesson sewing course, learning to make blouses, aprons, and other products. We look forward to seeing her grow her skills and build an income to support her family.





"One of the sweetest moments during the dedication was when Cristina used her new sewing machine to sew the edges of tortilla cloths as a gift of appreciation for the team members who were able to attend the dedication. It was such a thoughtful gesture and a beautiful way for her to express her gratitude."
Raquel Orellana, Microbusiness Director



Layers of Grief, Grace, and Healing

Porch celebrates a new beginning at the groundbreaking for María Mercedes and her sons, David and Alvaro. María is a courageous mother who has walked through seasons of deep hardship and loss. After enduring an abusive marriage, she made the difficult decision to leave, seek protection, and return to her hometown. Through it all—and after the heartbreaking loss of two daughters at birth—María has continued to work hard and care for her children with remarkable strength and determination.



No single act of service tells the whole story. Every home, every opportunity, every act of kindness, and every relationship adds another layer to the bigger picture God is creating through Porch de Salomon. Thank you for being part of the Porch family and helping families in Guatemala build brighter futures. Your generosity makes hope possible. To God be the glory!



María, David, and Alvaro worked hard alongside our teams from St. Benedict Knights (Atlanta, GA), LINX (Modesto, CA), and Stillnaz (York, Pennsylvania) to help build their new home. But there was plenty of fun along the way, too, from playing hide-and-seek with the kids in the ditches to spending meaningful time listening to María's story. Beyond building walls, these teams helped create a safe space for connection, laughter, and healing. Porch is deeply grateful for the teams who serve alongside our families, sharing not only their hands and hard work but also their hearts.



Layers of Love and Laughter





The St. Benedict Knights brought generous hearts and willing hands to their time at Porch de Salomon, sharing their time, energy, and compassion with our community. One of the highlights of their visit was a special afternoon they sponsored at a local orphanage. With a clown, delicious snacks, basketball, soccer, and, of course, a piñata, the children enjoyed an afternoon filled with laughter, fun, and unforgettable memories.

Porch Light: *Every Layer Makes a Difference*



Jason Roper



Ashley Devenyns

Porch de Salomon was grateful to welcome two of our board members to Guatemala to serve alongside our staff and the families we walk alongside. Their willingness to serve goes beyond board meetings, reflecting a genuine commitment to our mission and the people we serve.

We are thankful for all our board members who give their time, leadership, and hearts to help Porch continue making a difference in our community.