

THE DEEDS FAMILY

SERVING IN PANAJACHEL, GUATEMALA WITH PORCH DE SALOMON



January 2015

Dear family and friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Deeds family! We had a good holiday season in Guatemala. To be honest, the holidays are difficult being so far away from our friends and family, but we are also faced with the great need of the people here for the love and hope that Jesus offers.

This is what keeps us going, knowing that the true meaning of Christmas is not the warm fuzzy feeling we get as we gather around a tree full of presents, but the life-transforming power of Jesus! This January we will celebrate 2 years of serving and seeing Jesus transform lives in Guatemala! Over those 2 years we have witnessed God doing amazing things in our lives and the lives of those we get to walk alongside. We want to share some of the recent activities with you in this newsletter.



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Albino and Cruz

On Christmas Eve, we finished building a new bedroom and bathroom for Albino and Cruz. Albino is severely handicapped from being run over by 2 cars. After 8 operations and 7 months in the hospital, he survived. This new addition will improve their quality of life.



Micaela and family

received a new house just before Christmas as well. After having her husband abandon her and the kids, Micaela needed some hope in her life. A new house, beds, and a stove has given her a new start and hope for the future.



Elena's birthday!

Last year we started the tradition of celebrating Elena's birthday with her family. We shared a meal and her favorite ice cream cake, and then we watched a Christmas movie. This year it was a Muppet's Christmas Carol. It's so much fun to share with their family.



Celebrating 12 years of marriage!

December 28th we celebrated our 12th anniversary. When we dedicated our marriage to God 12 years ago, we had no idea where He would take us. It has been a grand adventure, and we look forward to many adventurous years to come! Want to get us something for our anniversary? We still have student loans from our college years that we have been working to pay off throughout these last 12 years of ministry. If you would like to help us pay them off more quickly, here is a link to donate specifically toward this:

<http://gofund.me/jd64a8>

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We would love to be rid of these loans by the end of 2015 with your help! Please Donate at the provided link or at www.porchdesalmon.org/donate and designate Will and Amber Deeds.



Abra's Dance Recital!

Abra has been taking ballet lessons this year. We are so proud of her. The lessons are all in Spanish. She was great in her performance and is making lots of new friends. We are thankful she gets to participate in dance because this is something she really enjoyed back in Indiana.



New Community Center

Will recently handed over the keys to a new community center we built this year for the village of Chuaxic! The guys may not look thrilled, but we promise you they were. Guatemalans don't always smile for pictures. The Center has a computer lab, doctor's office, a meeting room, and office for community leaders.



Olive Branch Church

The first week in December we enjoyed serving with Olive Branch. They have been a great support to our family and Porch de Salomon. They helped us build Albino and Cruz a house. It's so fun getting to serve with people we love so much!



Bill and Joni Hafner

Our long-time friends, the Hafners, came down in November and spent 3 weeks doing Chiropractic work on lots of people with aches and pains. It was great to watch Bill and Joni in action bringing their gift of natural healing to the hard working people of the Lake area.