

Promised Land - Salvation Army Children's Home new captains Donelle Manton

David and Marianela Sanchez have been assigned as the new captains for Mazatlán's Salvation Army Children's Home located in the north part of the municipality in the Venadillo community.

Arriving in mid-summer, the couple said, "When we received the notice that God was sending us to Mazatlán's Children's Home, our first expression was, "This is our 'Promised Land!'"

Sr. Sanchez, who has a degree in accounting, shares, "My parents were pioneers in The Salvation Army in Mexico City and I grew up knowing about Jesus Christ. I accepted Jesus into my heart when I was 19-years old.

Sra. Sanchez grew up in Costa Rica. She said her father was an alcoholic and her mother was a laborer in the coffee bean fields. When she was 12, her father was invited to come to The Salvation Army alcoholic rehabilitation center. She accompanied him. Along with her mother, she began to attend church on Sundays where she accepted Christ as her Savior. Her studies led her to become a business administrator.

In 1989 Marianela accepted God's call to serve Him and come to The Salvation Army Training School in Mexico City where she and David met and fell in love. At that time, her future husband was the music teacher at the training school and wanted

to serve God fulltime in The Salvation Army.

Now married, they have three girls: Joselyn Andrea 17, Dyna Nohemi 15 and Maryan Rebeca, 2.

Prior to being assigned to Mazatlán, they served four years in San Luis Potosí's Children's Home, five years in Guatemala and six years in Costa Rica. Sr. Sanchez also spent time at the Salvation Army in New York City.

In Guatemala and Costa Rica they served in administrative capacities but prayed daily the Lord would allow them to work closely with people in need.

Sr. Sanchez shares, "Mazatlán is the 'Pacific Pearl' and the Children's Home is like a chest of pearls. We want to make the best pearl in each one of the kids here." "We have 33 children in the Children's Home from 5 to 17 years old and they receive the Love of God in their lives because we teach and practice with them the word of God.

"We are blessed by God with the true friendship of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund with their weekly purchase of food for the children and school shoes, uniforms and school supplies and Tres Islas' support of structural needs for the Children's Home." "We want to make the difference in the children's lives with God. We have begun planning to establish our church in the middle of the community. We pray to make



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an impact in the lives of the people and the kids can have the opportunity to think and get interested in others – like people have taken the interest in them."

"Our best time is when we spend time practicing the heart and hand of God to man. God Bless you and if you take time to visit us you will be blessing to all of us." If you'd like to support the 33 children at the Salvation Army Children's Home please visit www.orphanagefunds.org to download a donation form and learn more how you can help.

Cole Philipp

You remember Cole Philipp - our young friend who is making a difference by raising \$13,133.60 selling Funky Monkey Cupcakes for the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund? Well, Cole was in Mazatlán and wanted to spend his birthday lunch at Yoopers meeting Mike. That's where Televisora Grupo Pacifico's Channel 7's Vanessa Osuna caught up to Cole for this interview. You can follow Cole's story and progress, or contribute on his website - <http://web.me.com/cole.philipp>

