



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016

The New Year always brings a lot of images of “new” to our minds; new resolutions, new goals, new diets to recover from Christmas gluttony.

But the most exciting “new” of all is a new heart and life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says “if any man be in Christ he is a new creation.” Danny Montano, one of our workers in our home in Guachochi is a prime example of a new heart and life.

Danny came to live with us 14 years ago. He was just 9 years old. Danny and his two brothers, Cesar and Irving, were given to us by Child Protective Services. In Danny’s own words, his family was a fairly normal and stable one until drugs attacked his father. Danny was 8 years old when his dad started drinking. Alcohol increased to marijuana then to “speed”, cocaine, and hard drugs. His father started to sell all the things of the house and rob to support his drug habit. His father was sentenced to prison and his mother ran away with another man. How quickly his family fell apart.

Danny came to Lily and was strongly drawn to the love of Jesus. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of eleven. Several years later his father left prison and Child Protective Service sent Danny and his two brothers back to his family. His father quickly returned to his drug and stealing habits. Danny at the age of 14 boldly told both of his parents, “I refuse to live like this. I am a Christian and I want to return to Lily of the Valley” His parents and his parents gave him the money for the hour and a half bus ride. I still remember the day when I was driving down the dirt road from our house and I saw the figure of a young man walking toward the home. I asked myself, who could that be? As I approached the young man I was thrilled to realize it was Danny. “What are you doing here”, I exclaimed. Danny replied that he could not serve the Lord at his house and that he wanted to live here. We and the authorities agreed to Danny’s decision.

By the time Danny completed Junior and Senior High School we had opened up our new home in Guachochi. Because Danny had lived in the mountains close to Guachochi, we asked him to consider being on staff at the new home while he completed his college education.

As I said before, the new year of 2016 is a time for rejoicing in the new creation of Danny Montano. The former victim of a drug destroyed family is now the leader of the young men of the Lily of the Valley orphanage, the Director of Worship at the local church, and an honor student studying Forestry Engineering at the local college. Danny also mentors the young men in their lives in Christ and their musical gifts. I cannot imagine how he manages to do all of these things and do them all well, but he simply thrives in all of his roles.

We thank you so much for your support and prayers for the Lily of the Valley homes over the years. We hope that in the New Year of 2016 God will inspire you to a new commitment to His children in Mexico. There are more "Dannies" out there, I am totally convinced of it. The Lord wants to use us all to reach more and more Dannies.

May God richly bless you and your families in 2016.

Ed & Rosa Salo

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If you feel lead by the Lord to support this ministry, donations can be made to our San Diego office, marked Lirio Chihuahua or Lirio Guachochi. Thank you!

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