



# Chillin' in Chile

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## New Experiences

### My experience in Chile (am I Deaf ?)

My eyes scanned the entire room. I wasn't understanding anything around me. There were a few signs I could read but what did they mean in this context. My world is so confusing to me . God need your help.

*I had spent the whole day in the Civil registration office. I heard the words "otro lado" (other side) more times than I wanted to remember. I saw the number 67. I thought it was finally my turn only to find out that it was E68 not B68. There were still 200 people in front of me. The building was now closed and only the people inside would be helped. I bowed my head and said Lord, " help me make sense of his confusion"*

*I'm happy to say that after many long lines clear around the block, wrong advice from people who wanted to help but hindered instead, the Lord helped me get my carnet card. I am officially a temporary resident in Chile.*

### Mario's experience in Chile (Mario is Deaf. )

His eyes scanned the room. He wasn't understanding anything around him. There were a few signs he understood but what did they mean in this context? His world is so confusing to him. God I need your help to reach Mario.

*Mario is 16 yrs old. He was adopted by a Presbyterian minister and his wife. He doesn't even know how to spell his name. I took Mario upstairs to my computer and began the beginner's lesson in Spanish. Mario soon realized he needed to match the picture with the phrase. If he got it right, he would see a checkmark on the computer. If he got it wrong ,he would see an X and he would get another chance. Mario was learning to read Spanish just like me.*

*His father entered the room to find his son beaming at his accomplishments. After Mario left, my boss proceded to tell me that Mario doesn't read because his teachers say that he is mentally retarded.*

*It seemed that misinformed people had been trying to help Mario just like they tried to help me in the government offic. The difference is that I needed help for the day and Mario needs help for a lifetime. Thank you so much for your support that helps me to open up the world to kids like Mario!*

*Whether Deaf in reality or just circumstances, only our Creator has the answers we need.*

*You made my whole being . You knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because you made me in a wonderful way. Psalm 139:13,14*

#### Praises

- . I got my Visa.
- . I just moved in to my safe, warm Apt.
- . Mario

#### Prayers

- . More Spanish
- . Wisdom for me working with Mario
- . Wisdom for a possible new church plant in Vina

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