



I'm Bárbara from Chile

From an interview by Amie Jane Leavitt

Bárbara lives in Chile, a country on the western coast of South America. It is long and skinny and shaped like a ribbon. Some areas are hot and dry (like the Atacama Desert), and some are tropical and wet (like Easter Island). She lives in Chile's capital, Santiago.



I am the only member of the Church in my school class. This gives me chances to tell my friends about Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon. One time my best friend asked me to teach her how to pray. So I did. Then we both said a prayer over lunch at school.



I am nine years old and have two younger brothers. I try to be a good older sister and help take care of them and play games with them. I like taking care of children. I want to be a teacher when I grow up.

In 2013 I turned eight and was baptized and confirmed by my dad. I was so excited! It was a special experience that I'll always remember.

¡Hola, amigos!*

* "Hello, friends!" in Spanish

We celebrate fun holidays in Chile. September 18th is Independence Day, and the 19th is Armed Forces Day. During these two days, we dance our national dance called "La Cueca" and eat yummy meat turnovers called empanadas.



On the weekends, my family loves to hike and drive four-wheelers in the mountains near our home. We also like to go to the beach.

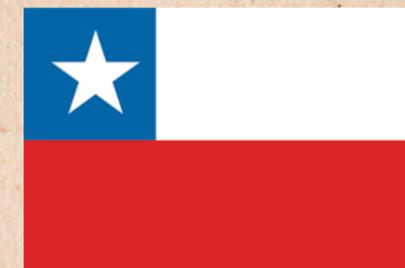


We have a special Christmas meal—tomatoes stuffed with tuna. In Chile, Santa Claus comes at exactly midnight on Christmas Eve. We even get to stay awake until he comes!

Find a recipe for stuffed tomatoes on page 17.



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I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

The Santiago Chile Temple was the first temple built in a Spanish-speaking country. It was dedicated September 15, 1983. It was the second temple built in South America.



READY TO GO!

Bárbara's bag is packed with some of her favorite things. Which of these things would you pack in your bag?



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