

Mobile phones are expensive in Chile,

but I set a goal in 2016 to earn enough money to buy one. For an entire year, I bought candy and *alfajores** wholesale and sold them to my friends at school. I saved everything I made. I didn't go out to lunch, and I didn't go to the movies.

I didn't want to ask my parents for a phone. I wanted to be able to say I earned it myself. My dad encouraged me. "Carol, keep it up," he would say.

I learned a lot. Nothing is free. Goals take effort, but we should never give up. When we earn things and realize how much work it takes to get them, we value them more.

I learned that I have to decide what I want to achieve and where I want to go. If I want to get married in the temple, I need to go to church and seminary and later institute and young single adult activities. And I need to date worthy young men. Achieving goals requires sacrifice now for something better later.

Carol, 15, Chile

* A traditional South American cookie.

