

CHILE EARTHQUAKE REPORT

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From our relatives, the family Soto, I do not have any news; it is not possible to communicate with San Pedro (municipally in Concepcion) until now; there is not electricity, nor water.

Thanks for the concern of everybody; the situation in Santiago is good compared with the situation in the south; there are houses and buildings that are in a very bad shape, but it is not so terrible; the construction in Chile is built against seismic; some highways are cut ...it was only the scare; Sabrina, I never saw the house to move in this way!!!! I was moving together with the house; I went to the main door entrance, staying under the door, that is the most safe place (construction wise); I went as fast as I could to open the door of the main entrance to the house in case that the situation will get worst and then I came back to stay under the door; besides the sound of all the things that felt inside the house, the sound of the ground was terrified, without stopping; I felt that I was standing on a water mattress and that in any moment the earth/ground will open; seconds later, the light was cut, the illumination was coming from the reflection from the moon...Until now I cannot believe what I have lived, I mean, it was not the scare, but I am shocked, it was a strong experience, but always keeping the calm; I was quiet all the time; when I stand from the chair, at the moment that the movement started, I walked towards the door and in that moment I told myself "happen whatever has to happen"...in that moment I was only thinking on mama and papa; thanks God they are fine, in the south; it has been difficult to communicate by phone, but slowly slowly communication is improving; we are lucky that there were not cut of gas or tubes broken; the toilettes were flooded, do you know why? The water who was in the pond of the wc was on the floor, but not because the pond was broken, but because of the movement of the house!!!! Now we have the "replicas", some are quiet strong; to sleep in peace is not easy....

The houses with more damages are the oldest houses in the historical part of the city, in the centre of Santiago, some buildings in Maipu, are now the Pisa tower of Santiago; the really bad situation is in the south of the country (7 and 8 region) ; what has killed most of the people has not been the earthquake, but the tsunami; 700 people died from which 90% caused by the tsunami....; there were problems with the communication about the tsunami , there are different opinions within the authorities, but this is just politics....could you believe that the first people who arrived into the place of the catastrophe were the journalists!!!!???

It is very painful, a lot of people lost everything , poor people, with their children, and to see their faces with blood and scars; such strong experience...there is nothing we can do against the forces of the nature, we are so fragile, there is nothing we can do, only to thanks God for being alive....