



A Chance for Success

Julio Cesar Palacios is a 16-year-old special needs child from Mano Amiga Morelia. Raised by a loving grandmother, Julio is taking the steps needed to lead a positive and productive life. This is his first year in the Mano Amiga school system.

Julio is significantly learning disabled, due to an unfortunate situation during his birth, in which he was deprived of oxygen. Despite challenges, Julio does not give up. He puts forth effort to complete all of his assignments, and has settled in well to his classroom environment. However, Julio is behind his classmates academically. The school is working to secure testing and documentation to allow Julio to continue with his secondary education with a slower paced curriculum. "Julio has the ability to take high school level classes," his teacher says. "He just needs to be supported in his pace and way of learning."

Mano Amiga has helped Julio in ways outside of academics. Among his other challenges, this teen suffers from epilepsy. School counselors have helped him with social and emotional growth, and may refer him for professional help as needed in adjusting to school and managing life at home.

For Julio, life is not always easy. But he knows that he can rely on teachers and administrators of Mano Amiga to carve a path for him that will allow him to use the gifts God gave him and look forward to a happy future.



How I love your teaching, lord! I study it all day long.
Your command makes me wiser than my foes, for it is
always with me. *Psalm 119:97-98*