



Chile

Stretching 2,800 miles in length, Chile is a beautiful country of diverse landscapes. Chilean people are very proud of their unique culture and achievements as a small country of just 18 million inhabitants.

The capital of Chile is Santiago, a major metropolitan city of seven million (nearly 40 percent of Chile's population). Baptist Mid-Missions began its ministry in Santiago in 1996 with a focus on reaching the professional class, a largely unreached group. The BMM Chile team has sought to plant churches in upper-middle-class neighborhoods.

NEEDS

Chile has experienced tremendous prosperity over the last three decades, creating a materialistically minded society. The pursuit of prosperity and a false confidence in their Catholicism has created an apathy to spiritual things. Interest in the American culture and a desire for true friendship has opened the door for the gospel for those who are willing to be patient. North American missionaries have a unique opportunity to reach the professionals of Chile.

Neighborhood ministries among children have proven to be a fruitful way of reaching families. AWANA and VBS ministries are needed in church-planting efforts in the suburbs.

The youth of Chile have little or no interest in spiritual things. Drugs, alcohol, and promiscuity are a common part of youth culture. Ministries utilizing soccer, camps, retreats, and true friendship are needed.

HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Church planters are needed who have the patience to reach a secular-minded sector of the populace, the professional class.
- Church planters are needed who have the interpersonal skills to make and build friendships for the sake of the gospel. Neighborhood ministries in the gated communities, called *condominios*, have proven to be fruitful.
- Church planters are needed who can focus on the unique needs and challenges of Chilean youth.
- Church planters are needed who have experience with children's ministries.



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