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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