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Chile



Patricio Alvial



Chile

Annual Conference

- Population: 19,180,000 (88% urban)
- Major Cities: Santiago (5.6 million), Concepción (1 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 23.02%
- FM Work Opened: 1986
- FM Churches: 26
- FM Membership: 1,864
- Ordained Elders: 18
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 8
- Superintendent: Patricio Alvial Proboste
- Missionaries: Rich & Laurie Sheriff
- Overseers: Area Director Ricardo Gómez and Bishop Linda Adams

The Free Methodist Church in Chile

Origins

In February 1985 Sergio Loyola, pastor of an independent holiness Methodist church in Chillan, Chile, wrote to the Latin America Area Director about the possibility of joining the Free Methodist Church. Personal contact followed. Groups of believers in three other cities also inquired. In February 1986, the Free Methodist Church of Chile was officially organized.

Present Ministries

The Free Methodist Church in Chile serves 18 cities within the country and has launched the denomination into other countries such as Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Bolivia. They are participating in transformational ministry by providing housing for immigrants, assistance for pregnant youth, ministry and a school for the indigenous people, as well as a center for Community Church Planting.

Outreach to the World

The conference has launched church-planting efforts in the capital city of Santiago and a mission to reach the indigenous Mapuche people in southern Chile. They also sent missionaries to begin the Free Methodist Church in Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay.

Pray for:

- development of healthy leaders, multiplication of committed disciples and continued empowerment of transformational churches
- vision and wisdom for Superintendent Patricio Alvial as he balances pastoral, familial and conference responsibilities
- God's intervention in the pandemic and the country's political situation