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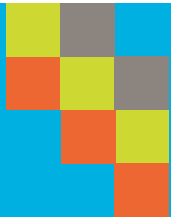
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Conference Superintendent Patricio Alvia Probeste

## Chile

### Annual Conference

- Population: 17,363,894 (88% urban)
- Major Cities: Santiago (5.6 million), Concepción (1 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 18.4%
- FM Work Opened: 1986
- FM Churches: 29
- FM Membership: 1,668
- Ordained Elders: 18
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 8
- Superintendent: Patricio Alvia Probeste
- Missionaries: Kay Stotts Godoy
- Overseer: Bishop David Roller

## 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

An active social outreach program to needy children, a vital youth group, and an evangelistic outreach program are helping establish the church in Chile. A conference goal is to cover this country from north to south with Free Methodist churches. A seminary for training workers has been established in Chillan, and classes by extension are offered in other cities.

### 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 have also sent missionaries to begin the Free Methodist Church in Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay.