



Chile



Introduction to CHILE

THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE is a narrow country edged between Argentina and South America's Pacific coast. The Andes Mountains cover much of the country, but the landscape also includes deserts in the north and fjords at the nation's southern tip that dips near Antarctica. Chile is considered one of the most stable democracies in South America.

The CHILEAN people

Total population:	16,601,707
Children under 15:	3,843,980
Average Life Expectancy:	77.34 years
Per capita annual income:	\$14,900
% children in primary school:	94.38%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	95.7%
Internet users:	5.456 million
Cell phones in use:	14.797 million

Major/official language(s): Spanish

Risk issues impacting children:

-Disadvantaged children receive poorer quality of education than middle- and upper-class children.

More about CHILE

Capital city:	Santiago
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	756,102
General terrain:	Low coastal mountains; fertile central valley; rugged Andes in east
Major industries/jobs:	Copper, other minerals, foodstuffs, fish processing, iron and steel, wood and wood products, transport equipment, cement, textiles
National motto:	"By reason or by strength"
Major airport(s):	Aeropuerto Internacional Arturo Merino Benítez in Santiago

Reaching CHILE

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 87.2%
Other	- 4.6%
None	- 8.3%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 78.7%
Independent	- 14.8%
Protestant	- 3.7%
Other	- 2.7%
Orthodox	- 0.1%
Anglican	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	2 (0.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.015
Average annual baptisms:	224,955
Foreign missionaries:	8,400
Per million:	515.49
National Christian workers/pastors:	15,000
Per million:	920.52
Number of churches/congregations:	23,197

Children's ministry in CHILE

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Chile. The following information regards general children's ministry in the South America, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

Overview: • The nations of this region are predominately Christian, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.

- There is a strong missionary presence in South America, with much of the outreach focused on children.
- In some areas (usually the more developed), churches have access to resources and have some sort of ministry for children in the community.
- Rural churches often have little or no access to resources or training for its children's ministry leaders.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
23,197 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
3,843,980 children for Christ