



## CHILE MISSION



- *Ever-widening geographical ministry scope*
- *Sowing Gospel seeds in the wake of repeated disasters*
- *Lutheran schools provide outreach opportunities for 1000+ students and families*

LCMS involvement in Chile began in the 1960s in Valparaiso, a port city. Since the late 1990s, LCMS Disaster Response efforts have helped extend the reach of the Gospel. The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile has ten congregations in Santiago, Valparaíso, Viña del Mar, Talca and Constitución.

The seven pastors serving the Chilean church are stretched very thin. For example, Pastor Obed Coronado serves with Rev. Marcelo Rivas, a 2022 Concordia the Reformer Seminary graduate, to provide spiritual care for more than 1000 students attending Lutheran schools in Viña del Mar and Valparaiso. They also pastor local congregations.

Intentional outreach to the local communities has borne much fruit. For example, in Valparaiso, wildfires in early 2024

provided an opportunity to assist those impacted by the disaster and share the Gospel with them.

The Chilean church is seeing rapid growth. With that growth comes the challenge of identifying and nurturing future pastors. Pastor Rivas was ordained in March 2023, and Rev. Rafael Flores and his wife, Deaconess Jamielynn, arrived in late 2024. A new residential pastoral formation student is studying in the Dominican Republic. Many more are needed. We pray the Lord will bless His Church with workers for the ripe harvest fields.

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