

ORGANIZATION OF BRANCHES IN CHILE, 1956-1969

(* indicates branches in Santiago)

<i>Under auspices of Argentine Mission</i>		
1956 July 5	*Santiago Branch <i>(within a year renamed Ñuñoa Branch)</i>	Organized by Elder Henry D. Moyle. Initial missionaries: Verle M. Allred and Joseph C. Bentley
1957 Feb. 19	Concepción Branch	Initial missionaries: Verle M. Allred and Gerald W. Peterson
May 27	Viña del Mar Branch	Elders arrived in Valparaíso 15 April 1957, but no meetingplace being found, branch was opened in Viña instead, with missionaries moving there in late May. Initial missionaries: Marvin B. Cannon and Danny R. Good
July 28	*Providencia Branch	Division of Ñuñoa Branch
1958 Nov. 16	*Gran Avenida Branch <i>(soon called San Miguel Branch; became San Miguel 1st Branch, 8 Dec. 1968)</i>	Initial missionaries: Richard P. Snowball and Stephen R. Myers
1959 Mar.	Valparaíso Branch	Possibility of opening branch discussed during Spencer W. Kimball's 5 February 1959 visit to Valparaíso. Initial missionaries: David H. Pratt and J. Ross Mortensen (listed on 31 March 1959 mission roster as assigned to Valparaíso Branch); 3 May 1959 mission roster shows David H. Pratt, David L. Pearce, Joseph E. Tomlinson, and Kirt B. Adams as missionaries in Valparaíso Branch
Apr.	*Parque Cousiño Branch <i>(combined with Quinta Normal Branch on 2 June 1963 to form República Branch)</i>	Initial missionaries: J. Ross Mortensen, Stephen Jarman (listed on 3 May 1959 mission roster as assigned to Parque Cousiño; branch not listed on 31 March 1959 mission roster)
<i>Under auspices of Andes Mission</i>		
1960 Nov. 7	Talcahuano Branch	Initial missionaries: Richard F. Raymond, Gerald R. Riley, Louis H. Quackenbush, and Lawrence V. Despain
Nov. 18	*San Bernardo Branch	Initial missionaries: Rex C. Lundquist, Arthur

		R. Jackman, Thomas L. Tyler, and Briant R. Burt
Nov.	Quillota Branch	Intention to open branch, along with Talcahuano and San Bernardo branches, announced by mission president on 28 October 1960. Initial missionaries: Allen Scott, Roger S. Trimnal, Loren D. Mounteer, and Ivan L. Thomas (arrived prior to 12 November)
1961 Jan. 27	Arica Branch	Initial missionaries: Ronald L. Clark (branch president) and Claude W. Iverson. Remained in Andes Mission; later transferred to South Andes Mission. Did not become part of Chilean Mission until 7 December 1969
Mar. 8	*Quinta Normal Branch <i>(combined with Parque Cousiño Branch 2 June 1963 to form República Branch)</i>	Initial missionaries: Donald H. Burt (branch president) and Darwin P. Leavitt
June 4	Viña del Mar North and Viña del Mar South branches <i>(recombined 31 March 1963 as Viña del Mar Branch)</i>	Created by division of Viña del Mar Branch
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Nov. 13	Rancagua Branch	Initial missionaries: William M. Wadman (branch president) and Sherman J. Cummings
Nov. 13	Chillán Branch	Initial missionaries: Alexander Burr McRae (branch president) and Douglas T. Rhoton
Nov. 13	Quilpué Branch	Initial missionaries: Richard L. Clarke (branch president), Richard D. McBride, David L. Church, and E. Wayne Elwell
1962 Jan. 8	*Independencia Branch	Initial missionaries: John P. Davis (branch president) and Robert L. Nelson. On 5 February Richard P. Beard and Thomas C. Smith were sent to join them
Jan. 8	*La Cisterna Branch <i>(renamed La Cisterna 1st Branch, 23 February 1969)</i>	Initial missionaries: Ronald L. Shumway (branch president) and Renold W. Farnsworth. On 5 February Carvel D. Perkins and Howard M. Hamilton were sent to join them
Jan.	Talca Branch	Initial missionaries: Robert B. Arnold (branch president) and Gudelicio Sánchez. On 5 Feb-

		ruary Gary L. Perkins and Kenneth N. Smith were sent to join them
Apr. 2	Villa Alemana Branch	Initial missionaries: Dan A. Branch (branch president) and Larry R. Deleeuw
May 5	*Macul Branch	Initial missionaries: Lawrence V. Despain (branch president), Richard M. Smith, Leo E. Boyce, and Jackie H. Denham
Sep. 26	Curicó Branch	Initial missionaries: G. Lane Van Tassell (branch president) and Benjamin L. Riggs. On 29 October Gabriel Gómez and Barry W. Sylvester were sent to join them
Oct. 29	Playa Ancha Branch	Division of Valparaíso Branch. Initial missionaries: Richard P. Beard, Ronney L. Noyes, Jerry W. Hoopes, and Ronald F. Bybee. Local members constituted branch presidency from time branch was organized
Oct. 29	Chiguayante Branch <i>(closed during third quarter of 1963; members returned to Concepción Branch)</i>	Division of Concepción Branch. Initial missionaries: Thomas D. Dazley (branch president) and Carvel D. Perkins
Nov. 19	Linares Branch	Initial missionaries: Lawrence V. Despain (branch president) and Michael D. Thorpe. On 1 January 1963 David M. Smith and Michael Taylor were sent to join them
Nov. 19	Los Andes Branch	Initial missionaries: Richard K. Francis (branch president) and Martin L. Numbers. On 17 December James R. Berry and Lynn G. Peterson were sent to join them
1963 Feb. 4	Limache Branch	Initial missionaries: John S. Andrews (branch president), Donald G. Bliss, Joe W. Miller, and C. Stanley Jarvis
Apr. 8	San Felipe Branch	Initial missionaries: Ebbie L. Davis, Darrel K. Turner, Steven A. Smith, and Robert S. Goforth
June 2	*República Branch	Resulted from merger of Parque Cousiño and Quinta Normal branches, due to purchase of facility at Avenida República 401. Missionaries serving at the time: Dee O. Tolman, Kenneth A. McNab, Ronald M. Gill, Norman

		C. Bender, Barry W. Sylvester, and Robert S. Davenport
1964 Sep. 18	San Fernando Branch	Initial missionaries: George R. Cannon, Lynn G. Peterson, Steven E. Sandberg, and Charles H. Cowley
Nov. 26	Temuco Branch	Initial missionaries: Wayne R. Echols and Norman J. Miller. On 21 December James E. Starr and Charles H. Cowley were sent to join them
Nov. 26	Valdivia Branch	Initial missionaries: Robert M. Walker and Grant S. Stephens. On 7 December William C. Dunaway and Charles R. Duke were sent to join them
Nov. 30	Osorno Branch	Initial missionaries: Gary L. Parnell and Norman C. Whiting. On 21 December William H. Whetten and Walter J. Atamanczyk were sent to join them
Dec. 3	Puerto Montt Branch	Initial missionaries: Noel J. Roundy and Alan B. Winder. On 21 December Clead M. Christiansen and Van A. Pershing were sent to join them
1965 Oct. 24	*República 2nd Branch	Division of República Branch
1966 Sep. 8	*Puente Alto Branch	Initial missionaries: G. Evan Bybee and Bruce E. Westover
Nov. 7	Antofagasta Branch	Initial missionaries: Warren P. Clarke and Carlos A. Osorio. On 15 November Mark B. Hains replaced Elder Clarke and Michael P. Merz and Gary E. Manwill were sent to join Elders Hains and Osorio
Nov. 15	La Serena Branch	Initial missionaries: A. Lynn Snow, Lynn R. Nelson. On 26 November, Richard F. Dickerson and Dwight D. Allen went sent to join them, with Elder Dickerson as branch president
1967 July 17	Chuquicamata Branch	Initial missionaries: James S. Wagner (branch president), Morris N. Poole, Dee A. Winegar, and Eddie R. Clothier
July 17	Los Angeles Branch	Initial missionaries: H. Wayne Kester (branch

		president) and Ray H. Metcalf, Jr.
Aug. 10	Ovalle Branch	Initial missionaries: Crae J. Wilson (branch president), Douglas L. Bundy, Stephen K. Miller, and Francis Call Alder
Aug. 10	San Antonio Branch	Initial missionaries: Karl W. Turley (branch president), Michael J. Bake, Leslie M. Brower, Jr., and Gordon K. Hinckley
Sep. 25	Punta Arenas Branch	Initial missionaries: Vestell L. Wright (branch president), Arden L. Ashton, John D. Cummings, and Lloyd J. Fenn
Nov. 10	Tomé Branch	Initial missionaries: John M. Coleman (branch president), Danny H. Sundquist, John E. Garrett III, and James L. Winn
1968 Apr. 15	Copiapó Branch	Initial missionaries: Brian L. Sullivan (branch president), David E. Valdez, Ruben Munguia, and Philip K. Cook
May 3	Melipilla Branch	Initial missionaries: Larry L. Hill, William G. Zundel, Thomas G. Saldivar (branch president), and Bruce H. Whiting
June 22	*Maipú Branch	Initial missionaries: Carlos G. Bonny (branch president), Douglas D. Anderson, Steven E. Truscott, and unidentified greenie
Aug. 8	La Calera Branch	Initial missionaries: Glenn L. Peterson (branch president), Gordon I. Irving, Curtis W. Steele, and David E. Brown
Aug. 8	La Unión Branch	Initial missionaries: Paul T. Burdett (branch president), Clive J. Romney, Paul B. Mouritsen, and Kenneth L. Youngquist
Dec. 8	*San Miguel 2nd Branch	Division of San Miguel Branch
Dec. 10	Vallenar Branch	Initial missionaries: Grant H. Layton (branch president), Timothy L. Hansen, Charles B. Preston, and David R. Hansen
Dec. 14	Constitución Branch	Initial missionaries: Clive J. Romney (branch president), Rulon D. Stapley, Ronald M. Partridge, and Randy G. Waite
Dec. 22	Viña del Mar Sur Branch	Division of Viña del Mar Branch

1969 Feb. 23	*La Cisterna 2nd Branch	Division of La Cisterna Branch
May 11	Concepción Norte Branch	Division of Concepción Branch
Dec. 8	Iquique Branch	Transferred from South Andes Mission. Branch was organized 24 March 1967 under auspices of that mission; initial missionaries: Michael R. Cox (branch president) and Harry P. Terrill. On 14 April 1967 Paulo R. Puerta and Darwin L. Merrill were sent to join them

SOURCES (ALL IN HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT ARCHIVES)

Argentine Mission manuscript history, 1949-1956 and 1957-1960: quarterly reports until October 1959

Andes Mission manuscript history, 1959-1963: summary of activities to October 1959 and quarterly reports until October 1961

Chilean Mission manuscript history, 1961-1975: quarterly and annual reports, as well as index and missionary change sheets

Santiago District manuscript history, 1960-1970: quarterly reports

Manuscript histories of following branches: Concepción, Viña del Mar, Providencia, San Miguel, Valparaíso, and Iquique

NOTE

In some cases it was difficult to determine the precise day on which a branch was organized, either because the mission and branch histories fail to mention it or different dates are given (including date the organization of new branch was announced, date first missionaries were assigned, date missionaries left Santiago for the new branch, date first meetings were held).

Except where a branch is listed as the division of an existing branch, the dates shown here reflect the arrival of the first missionaries assigned to a new branch, although in a few cases only the month is given and sometimes that was an educated guess.