

The Loco Lynches

We are fools for Christ's sake
(1 Corinthians 4:10-13)

LOCO is the Spanish word for foolish, crazy. For Christ's sake we are **LOCO** ↑

God has placed us on an incredible journey to minister cross-cultural among the **Mapuche Indians of Chile**.

How did we start?

Through short-term mission experiences, courses on the "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" and involvement with local Spanish ministries, we have sensed God drawing us to a long term cross-cultural commitment. To fully realize our calling, by faith, we left our computer and nursing careers, said good-bye to friends and family, loaded our 3 children (Marcus 6, Brandon 4 and Anna 2) into the van and headed across the country. Our destination was Columbia, South Carolina to attend Columbia International University. For several years we had spoken of total commitment before God, but now it was time to change our words into action. Our desire to serve God meant complete sacrifice.



Where are we now?

For the last three years, we have been preparing for our cross-cultural ministry at Columbia International University (CIU) in South Carolina. CIU is internationally recognized for its mission program. CIU has challenged both our missionary vision and spiritual maturity as Chad pursues a Masters of Divinity in Intercultural Studies. During this time, God has focused our global vision to a ministry among the Mapuche Indians of Chile in South America. We have so much to learn, but God has used CIU to place us in the proper direction with the proper resources and the desires to see all of God's people come to salvation.


Where are we going?

We will be ecstatic to finally see Chad graduate this December. It has been a tremendous experience but only a piece of our educational journey. After CIU we will head to the Center for Intercultural Training (CIT) in Union Mills, North Carolina (www.cit-online.org). Here we will receive 3 months of specialized mission training related to United World Mission's vision and strategy. The area of focus will be: language acquisition, cultural adaptation, ethno-church planting, and many other necessary skills for missionary survival. At CIT, the entire family will participate in cross-cultural training. Following CIT, we will move the family to Costa Rica for 9 months to complete our Spanish language studies. We have learned that a key trait to learning any language is humility and the ability to laugh at your numerous mistakes. We currently speak basic Spanish. However to share the gospel effectively we need to immerse ourselves in language study. Finally, we will move to Chile contingent on raising the necessary funds.

What will we be doing?

Once we arrive in Chile, we will continue our studies in language and culture. We will join an established mission team, who is currently working among the Mapuche Indians. Ruthanne hopes to utilize her nursing skills in community health evangelism while Chad focuses on training existing Mapuche pastors to plant churches among their own people. The vision of our Mission agency, United World Mission (www.uwm.org) is to see a church in every town, village, and neighborhood. Our prayer is that a Church Planting Movement (CPM) is established among the Mapuche so that every Mapuche may have an opportunity to receive the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lynch's Time Line

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- May 2007 Enter Field in Chile
 - Aug 2006 Spanish Study (Costa Rica)
 - June 2006 Start Mission Training at CIT
 - May 2006 Graduate from CIU

Chile Facts:



Population: 15 Million
Capital: Santiago
Capital Pop: 5.2 Million
Official Language: Spanish
Climate:
North: Desert
North Central: Mediterranean
South Central: Temperate
South: Polar

Geography:

Western Coast of South America
Width: Max. 150 miles
Length: 2700 miles = distance from Calif. to NY

United World Mission: (www.uwm.org)



Interdenominational Mission
based in Charlotte, NC
Established in 1946

Purpose: to advance church planting movements

Vision: To see a church in every town, village and neighborhood!

Core Values:

Church - Serving the church in everything we do.
Facilitation - Helping others succeed in ministry.
Training - Equipping God's servants for ministry.
Integrity - Living in the truth and doing it.
Interdependence - Working with others in partnerships.
Innovation - Embracing creative initiatives.
Accountability - Evaluating our efforts.

Kids Korner:



The kids are looking forward to:

Marcus: 9 – Catching chickens, riding horses & playing soccer in South America.

Brandon: 7 – Making new friends, playing soccer & seeing a llama.

Anna: 5 – Living in a new house, sleeping in a new bed in Chile & riding horses.

Mapuche Info.







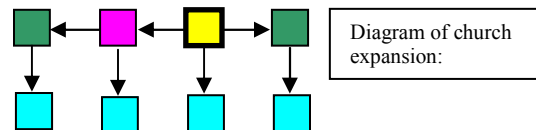
Population: 1.4 Million
Official Language: Spanish
Native Language: Mapudungun
Occupation: Farmers and Fishermen
Main Religion: Animism
Location: The Mapuche are located in the south central part of Chile with a portion entering into Argentina.

Church Planting Movement (CPM):



Our objective in this section is to provide a better understanding of CPM concepts.

The purpose of a church planting movement is to provide the vision, training and resources which allow indigenous leaders to spontaneously plant their own churches. The key concept of a CPM is the multiplication of churches. A single church  will plant two new churches . These two churches will plant two new churches . Next, these four churches will plant four new churches , etc.



The church expansion is defined by 2^2 (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, etc). This is our aim as CPM strategists: To provide the foundation to initiate this movement.

Prayer Requests:



- Pray for our children as they prepare and adjust to a new culture.
- Pray that the family will effectively acquire the Spanish language.
- Pray that we can develop some key relationships to establish spiritual leadership among the Mapuche.
- Pray that Mapuche leadership will embrace the concepts of a Church Planting Movement.
- Prayer against the Spiritual warfare which occurs when groups of people make a decision to follow Christ.
- Pray for our team building and support raising.

We will be contacting you to discuss how you may be involved

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