
A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: BOLIVIA

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Historical Overview of Bolivia:

Independence from Spain:	1825
Peru-Bolivian Confederation:	1836-1839
Independent Republic established:	1839
Religious liberty established:	1906
Number of North American Agencies in 1989:	74
Number of North American Agencies in 1996:	61
Indicates European Society *	

Significant Protestant Beginnings:

- 1827 - *British and Foreign Bible Society - BFBS (first colporteur, Luke Matthews)
- 1846 - *Anglican Indian Mission (founded by Allen Gardiner)
- 1877 - *BFBS (colporteur Joseph Monguiardino, first martyr)
- 1883 - American Bible Society - ABS (colporteurs Milne and Penzotti)
- 1890 - American Bible Society (resident colporteur and house church, J.B. Arancet)
- 1895 - *Christian Missions in Many Lands (Plymouth Brethren), William Payne (permanent work in 1911)
- 1898 - Canadian Baptist Convention, A.B. Reekie
- 1901 - Methodist Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions
- 1903 - Andes Evangelical Mission (originally known as the Bolivian Indian Mission, now part of SIM)
- 1906 - Peniel Missionary Society (merged with World Gospel Mission in 1949)
- 1907 - Seventh-day Adventist General Conference

- 1913-1917 - Assemblies of God missionaries began work in Bolivia from Ecuador; Hubert C. Cragin and wife Clara, beginning in November 1913; they returned to Ecuador in 1917.
- 1915 - *San Pedro Mission to the Indians of South America
- 1920 - The Salvation Army
- 1920 - Swedish Pentecostal Mission
- 1920 - Assemblies of God from the USA began work in Cochabamba; Thomas Anderson and wife Fannie; missionary J.R. Hurlburt worked in Bolivia from 1922 to 1924; in 1928 the Andersons became affiliated with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, which left Bolivia without Assemblies of God missionaries until 1946.
- 1920 - Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church (INELA)
- 1922 - South American Missionary Society (Anglican)
- 1922 - South American Indian Mission (note: in 1970 became SAM)
- 1925 - Central Yearly Meetings of Friends
- 1928 - International Church of the Foursquare Gospel – the Andersons left the Assemblies of God and became affiliated with the Foursquare Gospel Church.
- 1931 - Evangelical Friends Mission
- 1932 - New Testament Missionary Union
- 1937 - Gospel Missionary Union (USA and Canada)
- 1937 - Evangelical Union of South America
- 1938 - World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran)
- 1942 - New Tribes Mission (note: first country entered)
- 1943 - World Gospel Mission
- 1943 - Child Evangelism Fellowship
- 1945 - Church of God (Holiness) Mission
- 1945 - Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 1945 - Church of the Nazarene, World Mission Division
- 1946 - Assemblies of God, Foreign Mission Department; missionaries Hale and Nicodemus began work in Cochabamba in January.

- 1948 - United World Mission (an independent movement)
- 1951 - Grace Ministries International
- 1957 - Heifer Project International
- 1959 - Mennonite Central Committee
- 1960 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1962 - World-Wide Missions
- 1963 - Maranatha Baptist Mission
- 1965 - Baptist Missionary Association of America
- 1965 - Campus Crusade for Christ
- 1966 - National Association of Bolivian Evangelicals (ANDEB)
- 1969 - Baptist International Missions
- 1969 - Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference (Canada)
- 1971 - Every Home For Christ
- 1971 - Mennonite Mission Network
- 1972 - LOGOI Ministries
- 1974 - Church of God (Anderson, IN) – now Avant Ministries
- 1974 - Church of God of Prophecy
- 1974 - United Pentecostal Church
- 1975 - Compassion International
- 1976 - Partners International
- 1976 - Servants in Faith & Technology
- 1977 - Food for the Hungry
- 1978 - Evangelistic Faith Missions
- 1978 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1978 - Evangelical Methodist Church
- 1978 - Food for the Hungry, Inc.

- 1978 - Mennonite Economic Development (Canada)
- 1979 - Southern Baptist International Mission
- 1982 - Servants in Faith & Technology (SIFAT)
- 1984 - Habitat for Humanity International
- 1984 - Pioneers USA
- 1985 - Primitive Methodist Church in the USA
- 1985 - Christ's Mandate for Missions
- 1986 - American Baptist Churches in the USA
- 1986 - MAP International
- 1987 - Apostolic Team Ministries International
- 1987 - World Concern
- 1989 - World Indigenous Missions
- 1989 - MAP International
- 1990 - Latin America Mission
- 1990 - Ripe for Harvest, Inc.
- 1990 - World of Life Fellowship, Inc.
- 1991 - ISOH/Impact
- 1993 - Source of Light Ministries International, Inc.
- 1993 - Precept Ministries International
- 1993 - World Indigenous Missions
- 1994 - Correll Missionary Ministries
- 1995 - Amazon Focus
- 1995 - American Baptist Churches in the USA, International Ministries
- 1998 - Envoy International
- 1998 - Fellowship International Mission
- 2000 - Hosanna

- 2001 - Bethany International Ministries
- 2001 - Congregational Methodist Church
- 2001 - International Partnership Ministries
- 2001 - Walk Thru the Bible Ministries
- 2002 - Missionary Ventures International
- 2003 - Leader Treks
- 2004 - The Luke Society, Inc.
- 2004 - Macedonia World Baptist Missions
- 2004 - Ministries in Action
- 2004 - Palm Missionary Ministries
- 2005 - Christ for the Cities, International

Date of Origin Unknown:

- Baptist International Missions
- BCM International
- Christian Aid Mission
- Free Methodist World Missions
- Global Outreach Mission, Inc.
- International Pentecostal Holiness Church
- International Teams, USA
- Literacy & Evangelism International
- Spanish World Ministries
- United Evangelical Churches
- World Venture
- Youth For Christ USA – World Outreach
- Youth With A Mission (YWAM)



NOTES: (1) Dates listed are the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated by the sources.

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