A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: URUGUAY

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Historical Overview of Uruguay:

Independence from Spain: 1814
Independent Republic established: 1825
Religious liberty declared: 1830
Separation of Church and State established: 1919

Number of North American agencies in 1989: 39
Number of North American agencies in 1996: 29
Indicates European society

Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

1838 - Methodist Episcopal Church, Board of Foreign Missions (permanent work begun 1860)
1858 - *Italian Waldensian Church among Italian immigrants (1875), now known as the Waldensian Evangelical Church of the River Plate
1866 - *South American Missionary Society (SAMS, The Anglican Church in the Southern Cone, established in 1981, encompassing Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina)
1882 - *Christian Missions in Many Lands (Plymouth Brethren)
1891 - The Salvation Army (1917)
1906 - Seventh-day Adventists, General Conference (1895)
1908 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board (1911)
1908 - YMCA International Commission
1919 - Reformed Evangelical Uruguayan-Hungarian Church
1926 - Armenian Brotherhood Evangelical Church
1930 - United Pentecostal Church International
1936 - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
1944 - Assemblies of God Foreign Missions (1946)
1945 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
1946 - Evangelical Mission of Uruguay (Dabold family)
1948 - Mennonite Central Committee
1948 - Mennonite Brethren Church of Uruguay
1948 - United Lutheran Church in America (formed in 1918 through a merger with three other Lutheran bodies; merged in 1962 to form the Lutheran Church in America, which in 1988 merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)
1949 - Church of the Nazarene, World Mission Division
1950 - *WEC International (Worldwide Evangelization Crusade)
1950 - Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services
1952 - Augustana Lutheran Synod (1851-1962; merged in 1962 to form the
Lutheran Church in America, which in 1988 merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

1952  -  Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
1954  -  Mennonite Board of Missions / Mennonite General Conference
1954  -  Armenian Missionary Association of America
1956  -  Federation of Evangelical Churches of Uruguay (FIEU)
1957  -  Church of God of Prophecy
1958  -  Baptist Bible Fellowship International
1960  -  Christian & Missionary Alliance
1961  -  Free Will Baptist Association
1965  -  Biblical Ministries Worldwide
1968  -  Baptist World Mission
1970  -  Christian Church of North America / Disciples of Christ
1970  -  Gospel Mission of South America
1978  -  Every Home for Christ
1982  -  Grace Ministries International
1984  -  Church of God (Anderson, IN)
1988  -  Alliance of Evangelical Churches and Institutions (ACIERU)
1990  -  Operation Mobilization of Canada
1991  -  Baptist General Conference
1993  -  Walk Thru The Bible Ministries
1995  -  SIM USA (a merger of various mission agencies)
1995  -  International Board of Jewish Missions
1996  -  Global Missionary Evangelism
1996  -  International Pentecostal Church of Christ
2002  -  OMS International
2004  -  International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Date of Origin Unknown:

Baptist Missionary Association of America
Christian Aid Mission

NOTES:

(1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
(2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

SOURCES:


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