



**A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS:
FALKLAND / MAVINAS ISLANDS**

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Historical Overview of Falkland / Malvinas Islands:

Independence from Spain declared:	1816
Republic of Argentina founded:	1853
Religious Tolerance established:	1853
Number of North American (USA & Canada) agencies in 1997: Indicates non-North America Church or Missionary Society *	66



Significant Protestant Beginnings:

- 1806 - *British and Foreign Bible Society colporteur, D. Greighton
- 1818 - *British and Foreign Bible Society colporteur, J. Thomson
- 1820 - *Anglican Chapel services
- 1822 - *Mission to Patagonia, Allen Gardiner (independent Anglican mission among the Indians)
- 1823 - Presbyterian Church in the USA, Board of Foreign Missions
- 1824 - *Presbyterian Church of Scotland immigrant mission work; Scottish agricultural colony established at Monte Grande in 1825.
- 1825 - *Anglican Church (Anglican Cathedral of St. John The Baptist)
- 1829 - *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Scottish Presbyterian) organized in Buenos Aires; church building constructed in 1833.
- 1836 - Methodist Episcopal Church Board of Missions
- 1843 - *Arrival of immigrant churches from: England, Wales, Scotland, France, Italy, Holland, Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Armenia, South Africa, etc.
- 1843 - *Bremen Society for German Protestants in South America (Lutheran)
- 1843 - *German Lutherans (Evangelical Church of the River Plate: Russian-German & Swiss immigrants)
- 1843 - *German Lutheran Church in Buenos Aries
- 1845 - American Mission Society (to the Patagonian Indians), Alan Gardiner
- 1859 - *Waldensian Church (French-Italian immigrants who settled in Uruguay in 1856)
- 1864 - American Bible Society (Andrew Milne)
- 1864 - Welsh Protestants in Chubut Valley (now part of the Reformed Church)
- 1882 - *Christian Missions in Many Lands (English Plymouth Brethren)
- 1882 - *Danish Lutheran Church
- 1887 - *Regions Beyond Missionary Union
- 1889 - *The Salvation Army
- 1890s - *Reformed Churches in Argentina (Dutch immigrants)
- 1893 - Swiss-born Paul Bettex joins the Salvation Army and is assigned to Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil; he works there until 1903 and then returns to the USA; he later becomes a missionary in China where he was assassinated in 1914 (while a

- seminary student at Princeton in 1890, he experienced the “baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues,” according to Louisa Jetter de Walker, p. 19).
- 1894 - Seventh-Day Adventist Church (first country entered)
 - 1895 - Christian and Missionary Alliance
 - 1898 - *South American Missionary Society
 - 1900 - *San Pedro Mission to the Indians (independent originally; affiliated with the Conservative Baptists in 1947)
 - 1901 - YMCA, International Commission
 - 1903 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board
 - 1904 - Christian Woman's Board of Missions (Christian Church-Disciples of Christ)
 - 1904 - James Stewart arrives from Ireland as an independent missionary (with Oneness Pentecostal convictions) and later becomes affiliated with the Christian & Missionary Alliance; however, complaints against him and others with Pentecostal convictions results in their expulsion from the C&MA on 9 December 1911; Stewart and his wife, along with David Buchanan and his wife, leave Argentina in January 1912, the Stewarts to Ireland the Buchanans to the USA.
 - 1905 - Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
 - 1906 - United Christian Missionary Society
 - 1907 - Peniel Missionary Society
 - 1908 - Evangelical Lutheran Church, General Synod
 - 1908 - Missionary Thomas B. O'Reilly wrote a letter (published in a Pentecostal journal) stating that he had previously conducted missionary work in Argentina, which resulted in conversions, divine healing and baptisms in the Holy Spirit (Louisa Jetter de Walker, p. 19).
 - 1909 - October, Italian Pentecostal missionaries arrive from Chicago, IL: Luigi Franciscon, Giacomo Lombardi & Lucia Menna; work begins in El Tigre & Tres Arroyos, Buenos Aires Province; their pioneer work led to the later founding of the Italian Christian Assemblies in Argentina)
 - 1909 - Grace Brethren Church, Foreign Mission Society (Winona Lake, IN)
 - 1909 - Church of the Nazarene, World Mission Division
 - 1910 - January, Independent Canadian Pentecostal Missionary, Miss Alice C. Wood, begins work in Gualeguaychú, Province of Entre Ríos (later affiliated with the Assemblies of God in USA, in 1914)
 - 1915 - *Inland-South-American Missionary Union
 - 1916 - Christian Assembly (Italian Pentecostal missionaries from USA)
 - 1917 - Mennonite Board of Missions
 - 1917 - Brethren Church Missionary Board (Ashland, OH)
 - 1917 - Swedish Lutheran Church (Svenska Kyrkan)
 - 1919 - *United Evangelical Lutheran Church (among Slovaks, Hungarians, Latvians and Estonians)
 - 1921 - Canadian Assemblies of God Mission
 - 1922 - Evangelical Congregational Church (German immigrants)
 - 1923 - *Armenian Evangelical Church
 - 1927 - Church of God (Anderson, IN)
 - 1930 - Pentecostal Holiness Church

Date of Origin Unknown:

- Armenian Brethren
- Armenian Congregational Church



NOTES:

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the one most frequently indicated by the sources.
- (2) Liberty to begin Spanish language services was granted in 1867.
- (3) Arno W. Enns, *Man, Milieu and Mission in Argentina* (Eerdmans, 1971)
- (4) North American agencies include U.S. and Canadian (John Siewert and Edna Valdez, *Mission Handbook: MARC*, 1997).
- (5) Jean-Jacques Bauswein and Lukas Vischer, *The Reformed Family Worldwide* (Eerdmans, 1999)
- (6) Lutheran World Federation, *2000 Directory* (Geneva, Switzerland: 2000)
- (7) Daryl L. Platt, "Who Represents the Evangelical Churches in Latin America? A Study of the Evangelical Fellowship Organizations." Pasadena, CA: an unpublished Doctor of Missiology Dissertation, School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 1991. Used by permission of the author.
- (8) Louisa Jetter de Walker, *Siembra y Cosecha*, Tomo 2, *Las Asambleas de Dios de Argentina, Chile, Perú, Bolivia, Uruguay y Paraguay* (Editorial Vida, 1992).