



# 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.

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