## CHILE

## http://www.operationworld.org/country/chil/owtext.html

Chile is a 2800 miles long about 100 miles wide string bean shaped country on the southern and western side of South America. The Andes Mountains divide it from Argentina. The population is about 17.3 million. In the north, the Atacama Desert is the driest place on earth. The 700-mile central valley is densely populated. Agriculture, mining, and manufacturing make up a diverse economy.

Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion at about 87% with about 18% being evangelical.

<u>Prayer Challenges</u>: The upper strata of society have traditionally avoided evangelicalism, although this has started to change. There is a massive gap between rich and poor that needs to be addressed.