

SEAN "ALTO BIO BIO" PROJECT – 2007 to 2009

LOCATION:

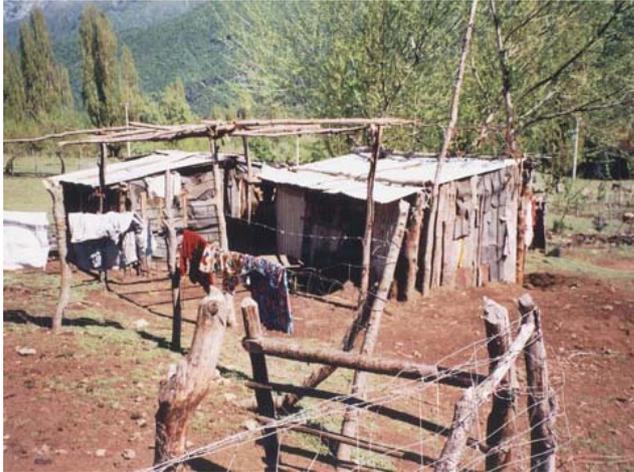


In Southern Chile high in the Andes mountains, 12 miles from the border with Argentina.

It is the habitat of the Pehuenche Indians, the poorest Indian tribe in Chile.

LIVING CONDITIONS:

- INADEQUATE HOUSING
- MUD FLOORS
- WALLS COVERED WITH NYLON OR FLOUR SACKS
- DAMP



SPIRITUAL SITUATION:



Five small Christian churches have come into being through the faithful evangelization done by converted Indians. However, they have no theologically trained leaders or ordained pastors. They are visited sporadically by visiting pastors of the Anglican Church.

HOUSING PROJECT



The Anglican Church is also supporting the Pehuenche Christian community by teaching them to build good houses and by are working with them in social economic projects to raise their standard of living.

THE SEAN PROJECT

However, the great and urgent need is to train the Pehuenche Christian leaders in Bible and Ministry, so they can effectively pastor their churches and grow spiritually.

The Pehuenche Indians are spread out thinly high up in the hills. Most of them walk up to three hours each Sunday to get to one of the small chapels for worship.

For this, using their building skills, and funds donated by a Church in the UK they are in the process of building a small chapel in a strategically located place with a small flat so SEAN and teachers can visit and develop for them a tailor made Theological Education program.



SEAN's worldwide ministry came into being, through ministry to the Mapuche Indians of Chile. Hence our great interest to take SEAN to this new Pehuenche area and thus continue to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission given in Matthew 28:19 – 20.

The project, over the next three years contemplates several aspects:



1. Setting up a practical TEE (Theological Education by Extension) programme to train the local church leaders.
2. To use the TEE infrastructure and the technological expertise that we have in the Chilean Church to also train Pehuenches in other practical matters to better their living conditions. Amongst other things that could be added:
 - a) Bee and honey industry (X).
 - b) Bettering their goat live stock
 - c) Horticulture and gardening
 - d) Community health
 - e) Marketing and perfecting their typical handicrafts
 - f) Help them to organize Eco-adventure tourism expeditions
 - g) Teaching the ladies to sew to repair and make clothes

NEEDS:

1. Finances to cover the travel costs of visiting teachers and experts (X).
2. Finances for each individual project.
3. A computer and a printer.
4. A Data Show projector
3. Sowing Machines
4. A diesel 4x4 jeep vehicle
5. Funds for TEE materials (X)