

# Where is Chillán?



Much of Chillán is characterized by sprawling poblaciones — “neighborhoods” which to American sensibilities might seem to range from merely tolerable to primitive. Here, for some 17,000 people, poverty and struggle are a daily fact of life

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# Chillán, Chile



# What ministries are available in Chillan?

Casa Ursulina Diana Ortiz

[www.casaursulina.org/volunteers/](http://www.casaursulina.org/volunteers/)

The center is located in Chillan, Chile. It was started by a Kentucky Ursuline, Sister Mimi Ballard, and several women from the parish where she was pastoral minister. Here, women who are poor and young girls who are pregnant learn skills for life, including pre-natal and post-natal education.



Classes are offered in sewing, baking, painting, crochet, and English. There are experiences in massage and acupuncture to relieve stress and volunteers meet with women who help them with self esteem, nutrition, and natural medicine.



At Casa Ursulina, the volunteers' activities have included assisting in the program for pregnant and parenting teens, participating in the spinning and weaving class, teaching an English class for children, and leading exercise sessions.



Volunteers also work in the Casa Ursulina stand in the downtown plaza, where the women's crafts are sold. In the community, they teach English in the elementary grades in a poor school in the area. They also plan and conduct activities for the senior citizens who come to the weekly lunch and social time at a nearby church.

