

31 December 2006

Dear Friends of Argentina:

We have had another wonderful year for the King Benjamin Clothing Project. Our objective is to provide slightly used (and occasionally new) clothing for outgoing missionaries in Argentina. To lift the emotional and financial burden that so many families face as they seek to acquire the needed clothing for their missionary son or daughter. A year ago, our efforts were limited to the two stakes in San Juan, Argentina. This year has seen us make initial efforts into the following areas: San Luis, Catamarca, La Rioja, and Corrientes (Paso de los Libres).

We now have a website that tracks our efforts in word and pictures.  
<http://www.reybenjamin.org/>

In 2006, we have sent out 504 articles of clothing, which is a record amount. Our previous best year was 2005, in which we sent out 358 items of clothing. Among the items sent this year were: 45 suits, 127 white shirts, 90 ties, 108 pair of slacks, 52 pairs of socks, 42 sweaters, 3 pair of shoes, 7 raincoats, 1 dress, 22 skirts, etc. We provided an additional three suitcases of missionary clothing to the MTC in Lima, Peru via the Utah based humanitarian organization Eagle Condor.

We continue to enjoy the support of a very kind and generous unofficial 'corporate' sponsor. Mr. Mac has made three donations of clothing for our program in February, August and December.

Most importantly, there have been 7 of you who have been regular donors to the cause. We've also had a family donate clothing. Thank you so much. Accounting wise, postage and clothing expenses were \$1518.84 in 2006. Thankfully, there was enough in the budget to cover that.

In 2007, we plan to expand our efforts in the following ways.

1. Work hand in hand with prospective eagle scouts whose project involves gathering missionary clothing for LDS missionaries in foreign lands. We will provide them technical guidance and assure delivery of the clothing to needy missionaries. They in turn will provide us with the clothing they gather during their project. One such scout has already been identified.
2. Associate with parents who travel to Argentina to pick up their missionary. We will request that they take along suitcases of missionary clothing on their trip. This will save on our shipping costs, and facilitate delivery of new clothing items that might cause problems with customs.

May the Lord continue to prosper our efforts as we head into a new year.

My sincerest thanks,

Thor Lindstrom  
[elvingo@fiber.net](mailto:elvingo@fiber.net)