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Dear Friends:

I thought I'd report on our humanitarian efforts in San Juan, Argentina in 2004.

Missionary Clothing. This year we've sent the following, in 6 boxed shipments.

For Elders

18 suits
17 white shirts
3 ties
9 t-shirts
2 pair socks
1 pair pants

For Sister Missionaries

1 raincoat
20 jumpers
9 dresses
6 skirts

For Others (including members in need)

4 pants
3 shirts
3 women's outfits
1 pajamas
3 blouses
6 hats

I recently spoke with Antonio and Virginia Ripoll. They repeated comments made earlier about the tremendous financial and emotional benefit these clothing donations provide for the outgoing missionaries and their families. They have concluded that there will be a significantly greater number of outgoing missionaries in 2005. We've sent 6 boxes of clothing in 2004, and plan to increase that (to 12 monthly shipments) in 2005.

Scouting

This year we've 'adopted' the "Capitan Moroni" scout troop. We've helped facilitate the following activities by the troop.

1. Cruzada Solidaria. A donation earlier this year provided funds for the purchase of 28 blankets. The blankets, along with many articles of locally-donated and collected clothing were presented to a Children's Hospital by the troop. Carry-over funds were used to purchase a bed and mattress and stove for a needy family.
2. LDS Scout Convention. A donation provided funds to pay travel expenses of a 14 year old scout to attend the 1st LDS Scout Convention in Buenos Aires in September.
3. PanAmerican Jamboree. Scholarships were provided for two members of the scout troop, to attend the Jamboree in neighboring Mendoza province in January of 2005.
4. 'Un Pedido Cantado'. A troop service project, where they brought toys and treats and happiness to the 20-30 orphans (9 months to 16 year old boys and girls) at the "Instituto de Menores" on Christmas Day 2005.

Thanks for your good works,
Thor Lindstrom