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# The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

## News From Argentina

The following note was received from Eduardo Olivera, our coordinator in Santiago del Estero.

“I’m sending you pictures of the two missionaries from Santiago del Estero—Daniel Ibarra and Luis Perez. They have been called to the Argentina Mendoza Mission. They are also very grateful for the King Benjamin program for the possibility of receiving clothing through the Ripoll family in San Juan. They thank you a bunch for your help. These young men are the only members of the Church in their families, which has made it difficult for them to acquire the items needed for the

mission, and also to leave their homes.

It was a pleasant surprise to call them one by one and inform them that they could receive assistance from the King Benjamin program. At first they did not understand, but as I explained it to them how it worked they did. They couldn’t imagine being fortunate to receive this tremendous blessing. Each of them only had one suit with which to begin their missions, and they planned on checking with the local members as to how they could acquire the rest. With their faces full of joy and surprise, they thank you repeatedly for the help.

On behalf of the two elders we send a warm hug to the Ripoll family and to Brother Lindstrom.”

Thanks also to Antonio and Virginia Ripoll in San Juan, who facilitated the process of determining what size of shirts, pants and suits these two young men required, then selecting and sending these items to Brother Olivera.

Please go to page two of this newsletter to see a picture of these young men along with Brother Olivera.

## Ex-Missionary Delivers Clothing to Argentina

On Wednesday July 4, Peter Thomas took a return trip to Argentina, where he served as a missionary a few years ago in the Bahia Blanca Mission. We are all very grateful that he agreed to take along a full-sized suitcase as one of his check-in pieces of luggage.

This suitcase was carefully packed with brand new suits, shirts, ties and pants for the King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program. Thank you Peter for your selfless service. The clothing arrived in San Juan on Friday July 6. Antonio and Virginia Ri-

poll were very excited to receive this suitcase full of clothing items, and look forward to sharing it with the prospective missionaries who come to their home. And thanks to those who donated this new clothing for these deserving young men.

As of July 31, 2007; the program has provided clothing to 15 missionaries in 2007. In the past two months we’ve shipped one more box of clothing to Argentina, and also the suitcase of clothing highlighted above.

### Welcome to Tucumán

*Thanks to Eduardo Olivera, our coordinator up north (Santiago del Estero), we identified another prospective missionary and will be providing clothing for this young man from Tucumán province. We wish him a great mission, and hope to be able to serve other prospective missionaries from Tucumán in the future.*

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***"A man filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race."***  
*Joseph Smith, Jr.*

*The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program collects, prepares and sends parcels of used and new clothing and distributes it at no cost to outgoing LDS missionaries from needy families in several provinces in Argentina. As of 2007, the program functions in San Juan, San Luis, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Santiago del Estero, Tucumán and Corrientes. In 2006, we shipped 18 boxes of clothing to Argentina, containing some 516 clothing items. Some of the items shipped were: 45 suits, 127 white shirts, 108 pairs of dress slacks, etc.*

*We seek to partner with ex-missionaries returning to Argentina, or family members traveling to pick up a missionary, who are willing to take with them a suitcase of clothing for the program.*

