



# The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

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## News From Argentina

Since our last newsletter, we have identified and added on another coordinator. Marcos Presa is a returned missionary, living in the far southern province of Santa Cruz. He is very excited to be the newest member of our 'team'. Two future missionaries from Santa Cruz have been identified and contacted about the program. On December 27, we received word that they received their mission calls—one is going to Bogota Columbia, and the other to Sacramento California. We anticipate clothing will be sent from San Juan to these two young men early in 2008.

In October we were notified of a donation of new

clothing for the program. It was an early Christmas for us as we picked up the 60 new white shirts, several suits, 6 pair of pants and some suitcases for the program. We appreciate so much the generosity of this men's clothier and the anonymous donors who provided us with these items.

On November 30, Matias Bravo and his parents visited the Ripoll home in San Juan to pick up his missionary clothing. His father is a handyman, the mother has cancer and is making frequent trips for treatments. She was especially emotional when their son received all the clothing he would need on his mission to Chile.

The Bravo family has three other boys coming along in the family who will one day serve missions. We wish him well.

Since our last newsletter, our coordinator in Catamarca, Norma Ferré, has helped a sister missionary with some of her clothing needs. We wish Estefanía the best of luck as she begins her mission in January 2008 in Bolivia.

## Here we come, Jujuy!

On November 5, 2007 a box was sent from San Juan to the province of Jujuy, with missionary clothing for a young man from that northern province. We appreciate the efforts of our coordinators in identifying outgoing missionaries from prov-

inces other than their own. We are more than glad to help. We wish this elder, a recent convert to the Church, the best of luck during his full-time mission in Bolivia, which began in November of 2007.

We look forward to significant progress in 2008 in

identifying and assisting future missionaries from these many 'new' provinces, where our efforts began this past year.

**Missionaries Helped During 2007.** We have provided clothing to 19 missionaries from 6 different provinces. We are already aware of 4 or 5 young men who will be leaving in the first few months of 2008.

**Donations in 2007.** In 2007, the program received cash donations of roughly \$1350 to cover shipping costs; and donations in kind of new clothing of over \$5000. Three individuals delivered clothing to Argentina in 2007, and one Eagle Scout project collected clothing for the program.

### Willing hands, a giving heart

*On December 31, 2007; Alejandra Teschner traveled to Argentina. In addition to her own luggage, she willingly accepted to take along several items of new clothing for the program that we squeezed into her luggage. Her husband Josiah is a ex-missionary who served in the Argentina Mendoza Mission.*

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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 Jan. 2008, the program functions in San Juan, San Luis, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Santiago del Estero, Santa Cruz, Corrientes, and Jujuy. In 2007, 20 shipments of clothing were either mailed to or hand delivered to Argentina; benefiting 19 missionaries in 6 provinces.*

*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.*

**FREQUENT FLIERS:** *Also, if any are willing to donate frequent flier miles to help cover a trip to Argentina to visit the coordinators, please notify me.*

