



The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

News From Argentina

A note from Virginia Ripoll from San Juan. She recently shared with me the story of a missionary who came with her mother to the Ripoll home. This sister's mother is not a member of the LDS Church, and was quite worried about how she was going to take care of all the expenses related to her daughter's mission.

Of particular concern was the request on the mission clothing list of a raincoat. "Where are we going to find a raincoat for you?" So Mother and daughter visited the Ripoll home, where the Mother thought they would receive a small handful of items for her daughter's mission. They received a significant amount of the clothing this sister will need for her mission. The mother was so overcome with emotion she cried with joy. They were given a raincoat that appeared tailor made for this sister. Needless to say, the Mother left the Ripoll home very content.

Mother attended the daughter's farewell-the first time she had attended a LDS meeting. And she was present when her daughter was set-apart as a full-time missionary.

We are so grateful for the opportunity we have to see these young men and women in Argentina depart for the mission field, and be a small part in helping them get there.

Frequent Flyer Helpers

In the past three months, we have been greatly blessed by having five new friends deliver clothing for the King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program. We recognize Todd Edwards, Brother

and Sister Love, and Sister Wahlstrom and her daughter for their efforts. Whether on business or traveling to pick up a missionary son or daughter, these individuals have served as angels for our pro-

gram by delivering suitcases of clothing to both Argentina and Chile. We acknowledge the efforts of the Crespo family in Santiago, Chile for meeting those individuals who traveled to Chile.

Annual Summary of Missionaries Assisted During 2008. In summary, we've assisted 15 missionaries from 7 different provinces during 2008. We've had six individuals deliver clothing for the program to both Santiago, Chile and to San Juan, Argentina. We've received one major donation of clothing from the downtown Mr. Mac location, and a donation of 22 new white shirts from a friend of the program. Six individuals have greatly blessed the program through their consistent financial support during the year. We appreciate all who help the King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program achieve it's goal-each one of you is critical to our success in blessing the lives of these young men and women as they depart to serve the Lord.

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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 December 2008, the program has assisted missionaries in the following provinces: San Juan, San Luis, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Santiago del Estero, Santa Cruz, Jujuy, Formosa, Corrientes and Mendoza. In 2008, 13 shipments of clothing were either mailed to or hand delivered to Argentina; benefiting missionaries in 7 provinces.

We seek out and appreciate opportunities 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 or a travel voucher to help cover a trip to Argentina to visit the coordinators, please notify me.*

