



The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

News From Argentina

From now on, we will be providing the newsletter every two months. We had so much information to share in March that we were able to fill out a lovely newsletter. Things are back to normal. We have one story to share in this newsletter.

A young man's time came to prepare his mission papers. He and his hard working, humble family live in a rural area outside of San Juan. Thanks to a friend of the family, Ruben Malqui, this future missionary already knew that through the King Benjamin program, that he would have all the appropriate clothing he needed when the time came. For this reason, he shared that bit of informa-

tion when he visited with Antonio and Virginia Ripoll. Before hearing of the program, he and his family were very concerned about how they would acquire the clothing he needed. But instead, he was excited to hand in his papers, because he knew that he would be receiving clothing. His ward also provided the family assistance in getting this future missionary prepared in other ways.

When Brother Malqui took the young man to the Ripoll home he was overjoyed. Virginia described him as being "rey feliz", or very happy. And fortunately, he left their home with everything he needed

Ruben Malqui is a long-time friend of Antonio and Virginia-our coordinators in Argentina. He and Antonio reflected back to the 1970s when they served their missions. They recalled how much they sacrificed to be able to leave on a mission with a few shirts and ties and a pair of pants. They are both very happy to be instruments in the Lord's hands to make things a little easier for this new generation of missionaries from Argentina. In sharing this story with me, the Ripolls reminded me of the sacred nature of these visits to their home, and of how powerful they feel the spirit as they do this work.

Missionaries Provided Missionary Clothing in Cordoba and Santiago del Estero

During the past two months, the King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program has sent clothing to missionaries in two provinces in Argentina. In May a shipment of clothing was sent to a family living in Las Varillas in Cordoba.

And most recently, two sets of missionary clothing have been shipped for two young men living in the province of Santiago del Estero. Thanks to Antonio and Virginia Ripoll for going the extra mile in coordinating these arrange-

ments. And thanks to Eduardo Olivera in Santiago del Estero who is functioning there as our coordinator.

As of June 5, 2007, the program has provided clothing to 12 missionaries in 2007. In the April-May period, we shipped eight boxes of clothing to Argentina. The postal regulations have changed, and as of the middle of May we can no longer send boxes by surface mail to Argentina. In the past, these surface-mailed boxes cost \$50-60/each to send to Argentina. Now boxes sent by Priority Air will cost us from \$100-\$110/each. For that reason we've sent so many boxes out recently (before the regulations changed).



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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 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.

We'd like to thank all the individuals who make it possible that this program functions, through their donations of funds and clothing. Thanks also to 'Mr. Mac' for being such a faithful sponsor. And thanks to those angels who are sent from heaven who open doors for us and bring to pass the miracles.
