



The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

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News From Argentina

We've received updates from some of our coordinators in the past few weeks that are worth sharing with you.

First off, Marcos Presa, our coordinator in Santa Cruz province, wrote the following about two young men that have benefited from the program:

"I want to share with you a little about Elder Emanuel Castillo, who is serving his mission in Columbia. I don't know how many baptisms he's had, but he is doing very well. They've had some baptisms that took place in a river.

Elder Leonardo Cisterna is serving his mission in

the Sacramento, California Mission. He is happy serving the Lord."



Update from San Luis Province

Marcela Serra, our coordinator in San Luis, recently sent the following:

"Our bishops are aware of the program, and some youth have benefited by receiving clothing. Three of these youth belong to the Castillo family. They are a great family with seven

sons. The eldest, Juan, recently returned from the Buenos Aires South Mission. Mario is serving in Honduras, and Adrian is in the MTC (Buenos Aires) preparing to begin serving in the Resistencia Mission. Each year at least one brother from this

family will be leaving for the mission field-the program is a great blessing for them and for those others who are preparing for a mission. Thanks for your consistent help."

Missionaries Helped During 2008. We have provided clothing to 5 missionaries from 3 provinces. We are aware of five missionaries who will be leaving in the next several months. We've shipped two boxes of clothing, and had three individuals deliver clothing for the program.

We express our thanks to Brother Grant Cardon, who delivered a suitcase of clothing to the program in Argentina while traveling there in May to pick up his missionary son.

Another Generous Donation

The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program received a significant donation of men's dress slacks from a local retailer. We appreciate the continued support of the anonymous donors who so bless our efforts, and for Stuart Christensen at the downtown Mr. Mac location who facilitates these donations.

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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 June 2008, the program has assisted missionaries in the following provinces: San Juan, San Luis, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta, Santiago del Estero, Santa Cruz, Jujuy, and Formosa. 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.*

