



The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

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News From Argentina

Greetings to all of you. The first quarter of 2008 has gone well for the King Benjamin Program. The two missionaries from Santa Cruz mentioned in our December newsletter have both departed for their missions. Thanks to our coordinator Marcos Presa for his efforts, and to Antonio and Virginia Ripoll who selected the clothing and arranged delivery to Marcos Presa.

Marcos sent me the following about one of these two young men receiving the clothing from the program:

“Both Leonardo and his family were quite emotional. First off, they were a bit surprised that

the clothing came (what a miracle). His mother is an ex-missionary, and the father less active. Receiving this donation of clothing was very important for the family, and a tremendous blessing for them”.



Clothing via Air Mail to Argentina!

We have also been very fortunate in that two individuals, Josiah and Alejandra Teschner, made significant deliveries of clothing. We appreciate their efforts, knowing that they doing so was a sacrifice while on their respective journeys from Salt

Lake City to the airport in Mendoza. Through their efforts, much of the new clothing donated last fall is now in the hands of our coordinators, and in the hands of the two missionaries from Santa Cruz.

We've identified a couple

who will be traveling to Argentina to pick up their missionary son at the end of May. They have expressed willingness to assist the program by taking some clothing down with them.

Missionaries Helped During 2008. We have provided clothing to 2 missionaries from 1 province. We are aware of a couple sister missionaries and a few elders who will be leaving in the next several months. We've shipped two boxes of clothing, and had two individuals deliver clothing for the program. We've received clothing donations from a few individuals in the past months, along with several shirts and suits collected at the Kaysville Utah East Stake Relief Society Humanitarian Day.

Helping Where You Can

A neighbor of mine was recently put to work in behalf of the program. Amy Roberts spent a few hours on a recent morning trying on clothing, selecting items that fit her. We are aware of a sister missionary leaving in the coming months from San Juan, who is about the same size as my neighbor Amy.

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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, 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.*

