



The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

News From Argentina



A New Year Begins with an Unplanned Trip

It had been three years since my last trip to Argentina, to check up on the program and visit dear friends. In early February, I casually checked Travelocity to see how much airfare was to Men-

doza, and was blessed to find a half-price airfare. So a week later I was off, and spend two weeks there. It was good to visit with our principal coordinators in San Juan, and also visit with local church

leaders about our efforts. As a result of this trip, we've identified one (and possible two) new coordinators for the program in areas where we currently do not function.

Off to a Good Start. If my sources are correct, we've assisted at least three missionaries so far in 2009. Among these are two young men from San Juan, Alexis Castro (bound for the Argentina Resistencia Mission) and Francisco Barrera (bound for the Uruguay Montevideo Misson). Also, clothing has been sent to a Sister Quinteros en San Luis.

We're also pleased to note that thanks to an anonymous benefactor, in March we received a donation of 7 suits and two suitcases from the downtown Mr. Mac location. In February we received a donation of men's dress slacks from the same location. Many thanks to Stuart Christensen and Mr. Mac.

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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.*

