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The King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program

News From Argentina



Soaring with Eagles

I'd like to dedicate this issue of our newsletter to Rene Vasquez. We congratulate him on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, Rene conducted a clothing drive to benefit the King Benjamin Missionary Clothing Program. The clothing drive was held in two stakes in

Provo, Utah. We also congratulate his proud parents, including his father who serves as an assistant scoutmaster in the troop. His Eagle was presented to him at a Court of Honor held Sunday October 11, at which a total of 8 young men from his Spanish language troop received

their Eagle Award. Elder Adrián Ochoa of the Young Men General Presidency attended and participated in the Eagle Court. Of the 8 eagle projects, his was the only one mentioned specifically during the Court of Honor, as "benefitting missionaries from Argentina".

Progress Report. We've assisted between 10 and 12 missionaries so far in 2009 from 8 different provinces. There are another five prospective missionaries in the process of completing their missionary papers and receiving their call. So we're anticipating a flurry of activity in the final months of 2009. We're involving more individuals in some new areas of the country.

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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.*

