

TO MISSIONARIES CALLED TO THE ARGENTINE AND NORTH ARGENTINE MISSION

Medicine:

Any special or unusual medicine prescribed by your doctor should be brought with you. It would be well to bring a copy of the prescription. With the exception of those products which are very new and have recently been put on the market, all medicines are available here. Do not bring vitamins with you. All types and brands are available in Argentina.

Luggage:

Recommended luggage is two suitcases and a briefcase for Elders. Lady Missionaries should substitute the briefcase for a very large purse. More luggage than this will be an undue burden on the Missionary and an unnecessary expense. Storage is unavailable and shipment is expensive. It must be borne in mind that travel to Argentina will be by air with a weight limit of 44 pounds. Excess weight for personal luggage will be charged at a rate of approximately \$5.00 per pound.

Clothing:

Styles, materials, prices and types of clothing vary somewhat from those in North America. Buy clothing of very good quality when making your purchases. The washing methods, very hot summers and high humidity make it imperative to buy for serviceability.

Woolen materials of all types are available in Argentina. The cost is more reasonable than in the States and the patterns and quality are in every way equal.

Cottons, dacron, dacron and cotton blends, and other newly developed materials, which are so very expensive in Argentina, and when they are available, are of inferior quality. The facts are, some are not yet available here. Therefore, emphasis is stressed to purchase materials of top quality.

Mark all clothing indelibly with your name and sew your identification on all items with name-tape. This is very necessary in order to keep loss of clothing at a minimum. You and your companion will be much happier when each can distinguish his personal clothing.

ELDERS:

We suggest you bring the following:

4 suits. Bring one woolen and three wash and wear type suits of good quality and conservative colors. Avoid a definite bold striped or checked suit. White or near white suits are not practical nor advisable.

12 Dacron and cotton "Wash and Wear" type shirts. You should select six shirts with short sleeves and six shirts with long sleeves. The "Wash and Wear" shirts are much easier for Elders to maintain. They will save expense in laundering and ironing. The Arrow Shirt Co. markets "Dectoline" shirts. The price is double the amount of most shirts. However, they are by far the most satisfactory garment yet discovered for missionaries. One need only purchase 6 or 7 of these shirts.

12 pair of durable socks. Orlon socks are preferable to nylon or cotton socks because of their durability and their absorption of perspiration. They are much cooler than nylon in the summer.

12 conservative ties. Your ties, along with your socks, should be selected to harmonize with your suits.

1 pair of pajamas. If you choose well one pair will last you well into your mission. Pajamas can be purchased in Argentina.

1 raincoat of excellent quality material. The light, small packet type raincoat has proved very practical. Storms are very severe in Argentina during all seasons of the year. Galoshes and rubbers are available here. Those using large sizes should bring them from the States.

1 overcoat. You should carry your coat on your arm because of the change in seasons after crossing the Equator.

12 pair of garments. Bring four pair of cotton garments for the summer months because of their absorption quality. Do not bring any rayon or nylon blends. All nylon are very serviceable. felt hats are not worn in Argentina. One pair of shoes. If you have difficulty in properly fitting your feet, bring a second pair with you. Special fits may possibly be obtained in Buenos Aires, but is is questionable that they can be obtained in outlying sections.

LADY MISSIONARIES: Will you please bring the following articles of clothing: Three pair of low-heeled shoes for walking. It is imperative that you purchase the best quality available. The type of streets and sidewalks in Argentina are very difficult to walk on and are very hard on shoes.

2 pair of medium or high heels for dress.

12 pair of nylon hose. Nylon hose are available in Argentina, but the quality and fit are inferior. During the summer months the Lady Missionaries wear ped and not hose. If you wish, you may include these among the items you bring.

1 warm winter coat of practical color and material. Carry your coat on your arm or wear it, because of seasonal change when you cross the Equator.

1 wool suit for winter. 4 tailored cotton, dacron or orlon blend dresses.

1 or 2 cotton dacron blend or orlon blend washable suits.

1 pair of pajamas and robe. One pair of house slippers.

8 blouses. Chose white and pastel colors of wash and wear blouses of a cotton blend, dacron, orlon or any of the new wash and wear fabrics. These are a must.

2 or 3 very practical washable skirts are very essential. Skirts must combine well with blouses

1 pair of properly fitted slacks to wear for outings or for cleaning your rooms.

1 very excellent quality rain coat and galoshes. The rain storms in Argentina are very severe during all seasons of the year. Bring the compact type raincoat and galoshes which you can carry in your bag.

6 pair of nylon garments and 3 pair of bemburg garments. Nylon for the winter and bemburg for the summer.

Lady Missionaries, will you please bring all the personal lingerie you will need to last for two years. North American styles, sizes and fittings and materials are not available in Argentina. Find room in your purse to tuck at least 6 toothbrushes of the best quality available.

Money:

- A. Please bring \$150.00 with you, which can be carried in the form of Travelers Cheques. This amount will enable you to make initial purchases such as a Spanish Bible, Spanish Dictionary, Spanish Grammar, etc., and it will enable you to travel to your first assignment. It will also afford you sufficient money for your first month or six weeks in the Mission Field, until you can receive your first remittance from home.
- B. We recommend that each Missionary maintain a reserve emergency fund of \$65.00 which he must not spend except under extreme difficulty. This may be retained in his possession or may be maintained on deposit at the Mission Office.
- C. All remittances to missionaries should be made through the International Exchange Agency in Salt Lake City, and parents should allow a lapse of up to thirty days from the time of their remittance until the time of receipt of the money by the missionary.
- D. Missionaries in the Argentine and North Argentine missions average from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per month except under unusual circumstances. We suggest that the missionary receive no more than \$70.00 per month unless he should request an additional sum with a reasonable explanation.

Books:

- A. A missionary should bring with him the Standard Works in English. The small size has proven to be the most satisfactory. Spanish Standard Works may be secured in Argentina.
- B. If the missionary has previously studied Spanish and has available good grammar books, he may bring them with him. However, we maintain in the Mission Literature Department a supply of good Spanish Grammars, and they may be obtained upon your arrival here if so desired. Spanish Dictionaries may be secured in Argentina.
- C. If weight does not allow, the Spanish Grammar books and other good Church books may be mailed to you as indicated below.
- D. We suggest the following books as a source of study: A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, Articles of Faith, Jesus the Christ, and Prayer and Testimony by Ashton. Missionaries are discouraged from bringing and accumulating excessive books, as they become a burden and an expense in traveling. They can, however, be mailed in or out of the country without difficulty if marked "Books" or "Libros" and are mailed in packages of less than five pounds. Mail the books uninsured to avoid being stopped in customs and no time or charge will be involved in procuring them.

Example

"Libros" Argentine Mission

TO: Elder John Smith (name of Elder)
Calle Virrey del Pino 2130
Buenos Aires 26, Argentina

North Argentine Mission

TO: Elder John Smith (Name of Elder)
Calle 10 No 304
Cerro de las Rosas
Cordoba, Argentina

Cameras:

Contrary to common belief, cameras cannot be purchased cheaper in Argentina than in the States. If a missionary intends to use a camera, we recommend that he bring it with him. However, we request that you please avoid complicated and expensive instruments as film and processing are extremely expensive. Parents should encourage their missionaries to be content with simple pictures. Missionaries will be required to declare their cameras, without fee, as they come through Argentine Customs and they should, therefore be prepared to state the brand name, model number and serial number of the camera.

Miscellaneous:

- A. In order not to become involved in customs, please unwrap all items and remove all labels. If possible you might wash your new clothes at least once.
- B. Do not accept articles from anyone to bring to Argentina or North Argentina Missionaries or members unless their request has been cleared by the Mission President or with the mission home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Because of weight limitations, such clearance will not be granted except in cases of extreme emergency.
- C. The electric current in Argentina is 220 volts, 50 cycles. In some few cities it is direct current while in most others it is alternating current. Do not bring irons or heavy wattage equipment. Get them in Argentina, if necessary. To use electric shavers it will be necessary to have an electric transformer, although "Remington" markets a "World" model which is convertible to 220 without transformer at very little extra cost. Also Norelco and perhaps other companies sell similar models. A transformer must be of the round type plugs and we suggest you Purchase it in the States. The manufacturer of your shaver will have such an instrument available or there is one made by the Todd Electric Company which can be used almost anywhere in the world.

- D. It is a complicated, tedious and often costly procedure to remove items mailed through Argentine Customs. It is suggested, therefore, that you advise your friends and relatives not to send things which must pass through customs. This includes almost everything except books. Items necessary for comfortable living are available in Argentina, and it will not be necessary to receive them from the States. The amount of time and money involved in securing packages from customs make it prohibitive to have them mailed to you while in Argentina. All customs expenses are borne by the missionary.
- E. Please do not resort to tactics of mailing articles to missionaries under the form of subterfuge. This means do not label items as books unless they are books and do not secrete articles within books, nor secrete articles of clothing within newspapers and magazines. The Postal Authorities know all the tricks and the Church can ill-afford to be involved in problems of postal infractions.
- F. We suggest you bring a flannel-board with you. The pictures may be obtained from our Literature Department.
- G. It would be well for the Lady Missionaries to purchase and acquaint themselves with the executive manuals of the Primary and Relief Society.
- H. Please pay strict attention to the above instructions. DISREGARD any advice or counsel received from outside sources which may differ from these herein written.

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