

Project Update: November 2002

November through February are the best months for planting *Polylepis* seedlings in the Sierras Grandes Mountains of Argentina. So things are getting busy for our weekend volunteers. During the first two weekends of November we had 30 volunteers, schoolchildren, their parents and their teachers from two schools of nearby Cordoba City. We planted 300 seedlings in the most degraded areas of our fenced in valley in Los Gigantes which we are restoring, and braved a fierce summer storm with lots of wind and temperatures nearing 0 degrees.

Restoring mountain woodlands is lots of work and we welcome help from anyone who is able to walk up to Los Gigantes mountain (2-3 hour walk) carrying seedlings in their backpacks. For those of you who live too far away from the Sierras Grandes to volunteer on weekends, you might want to consider volunteering from January 25 to February 1, 2003. We offer free lodging in a mountain refuge, lovely views and lots of work to be done! More information can be requested from Daniel Renison drenison@com.uncor.edu or else please visit www.welcome.to/reforestacion (in Spanish only).