



# Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: **Gold-Bordered Merit**

## CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

**Note:** This merit, the International Service Merit, or the Light for the Lost Merit is required to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement.

1. Write a 300-word report based on an interview with a pastor or missions coordinator that will explain each of the following:
  - a. The definition of “missions”—home and world
  - b. The number of missionaries your church supports monthly
  - c. The number of countries represented by missionaries your church supports
  - d. The types or areas of home missionaries supported by your church
  - e. Three Bible references relating to missions
2. Research the following Assemblies of God ministries (or the equivalent ministries of your denomination). Write to the national office of each of the ministries listed below to ask for information. Then organize the returned information into a folder.
  - a. Light for the Lost—provides literature for worldwide evangelism.
  - b. Teen Challenge—provides help for troubled youth.
  - c. Speed the Light—provides communication and transportation equipment for missionaries worldwide.
  - d. Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade—equips children to know about, pray for, and give to missionaries worldwide.
  - e. Missions Abroad Placement Service—provides opportunities for service at world missions sites.
  - f. Mission America Placement Service—provides opportunities for service at home missions sites.
  - g. Ambassadors in Mission—youth world missions program.
  - h. Convoy of Hope—aid for poor families and disaster victims.
3. Choose a home missionary and a world missionary from your district, and write them to learn of their current activities and job descriptions. Also, ask them to describe the country or area in which they minister.
4. Either interview a visiting missionary or write a missionary from your district. Ask the missionary how he or she received the call to missions.
5. If possible, visit a home missions work or a pioneer church in your district.
6. Write a letter to, or go to the web site of, Assemblies of God World Missions or the world missions department of your denomination. Request a brochure about becoming a missionary. Read the brochure, then—without looking at the brochure—explain to your group leader all the steps a missionary goes through to get to the mission field. Address: Assemblies of God World Missions, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802-1894. Web site: [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org).
7. Make a Faith Promise to your church’s missions program and, with God’s help, work to fulfill it.



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8. Read two Mission America editions and two World Missions editions of Today's Pentecostal Evangel, or read two newsletters each from your denomination's home and world missions departments. Choose one article you have read and share it with your group. Have the group pray with you for the missionary or the work discussed in that article. Select a missionary, and pray for him for one month.
9. Select and read TWO of the following books about missions:
  - a. Any selection from the Heroes of the Faith series (contact Assemblies of God World Missions to order)
  - b. From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya, by Ruth A. Tucker
  - c. Any other missions book approved by your commander