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Perry David Siddle, our esteemed national Royal Rangers training coordinator, was called home to be with the Lord early Friday morning, October 10, 2008 in Springfield, Missouri after a sudden yet valiant fight against cancer.

Perry joined the national team June 2007 after serving as a Royal Rangers commander at First Assembly of God in Augusta, Georgia, on the Georgia district staff, and on the Southeast Regional staff for numerous years. Like so many of our leaders, Perry was a model of godly manhood. He loved God most, was fully



invested in the wellbeing of his family, and worked a job to support his family and underwrite his involvement in the ministries of this church. As national training coordinator, Perry was diligent and effective, and always cheerful.

I first met Perry in 2002 and I quickly learned of his great love for missions. Years later Perry would challenge his district to raise missions funds for Royal Rangers International, suggesting that he would eat dog food if the goal they were aiming for was met. And, yes, as promised, he ate the dog food! He always quipped that the experience made his hair more shinny. Perry knew how to set worthy goals and rally others to help reach them.

As a member of the national Royal Rangers team, Perry was a go-to-guy; he always got things done with excellence. The plans designed for the future of Royal Rangers training have been thoughtfully and wisely established. The contribution Perry has made in just one year will influence Royal Rangers all across the nation for decades!

But Perry's greatest contribution has been in leaders. He knew that before we can reach a boy we must reach a man. Preparing men to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders was one of Perry's greatest ministerial joys. Perry's investment will endure because he lived his life motto found in 2 Corinthians 4:18, "Don't fix your eyes on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."

We will all miss Perry's friendliness and cheerfulness. Even while suffering pain in his hospital room, Perry would smile and refer to himself as Future Escapee 539-2 (his room and bed number). He fully intended to fight and beat his cancer with a great attitude.

He loved sweets. During a long staff meeting Perry laid Hershey Kisses on the table in the form of a

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Royal Rangers emblem humorously chastising anyone who dared eat one of them. While he knew the importance of our mission he always injected appropriate humor into the mix.

Perry is survived by his wife and fellow Ranger Kids Commander, Lisa, whom he married on July 10, 1982. Together they were blessed with three beautiful daughters, Heather (22), Natasha (18), and Michaela (11). They are an exemplary family— fully devoted to the Lord, His cause, and to one another. Please stand with Lisa and the girls in prayer during this time of loss.

It has been said that you don't appreciate what you have until you lose it. In Perry's case, we knew and valued who he was all along. Perry was an authentic follower of Christ, a devoted husband and father, and a highly motivated Royal Rangers leader. We have lost and will miss Perry, but we will never forget his example.

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