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Africa Summit 2015

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The Africa Summit convened April 7 – 9, 2015, in Madagascar. Five nations were represented by twenty-three participants. Some of the highlights included an evangelistic outreach being conducted, regional officers being elected, national reports being presented, and part two of the Johnnie Barnes Excellence Initiative (JBEI) being taught. Part one of the JBEI was taught in Ghana in 2011. Eight leaders completed both parts one and two, to earn the distinguished JBEI award.

About one hundred people received Christ during the outdoor evangelistic rally led by Royal Rangers Madagascar, the Summit hosts. A trained pastor will lead these new believers as they become a new church.

Officers elected to lead the region are these: Walter Atsutsey, Africa Region Representative; Mphatso C.M. Chidothe, Africa Region Secretary; Charles K. Amponsem, Africa Region Deputy Secretary; and George Oduro-Agyei, Africa Region Treasurer.

Highlights from the national reports included the following:

South Africa, a country with Royal Rangers for 14 years, will facilitate the first National Rangers Ministry Camp in Cape Town, September

24 to 27, 2015. South African Royal Rangers work mostly with children and youth outside the church.

Swaziland is in its 5th year with two outposts reaching orphans in the city of Bulembu.

Malawi is in its 8th year. Malawi uses art, drama, music, television and radio programs to evangelize. Each region of the nation hosts an annual "Open Day," a recruiting event for new churches to experience Ranger activities for one day.

Kenya is in its 16th year. Kenya Royal Rangers is breaking through culture and tradition with an alternative rite of passage for boys, as they transition from boy to man. The Africa regional training center is under construction near Nairobi.

Next year **Ghana** Royal Rangers will celebrate their 40th anniversary. Royal Rangers has produced leaders who serve in the National Assemblies of God church, and the country's education, health, and security sectors.



Madagascar, a country that is in its 8th year, has translated Ranger Kids, Discovery and Adventure Ranger global curriculum to its native language. Madagascar has 40 outposts, 380 leaders and 2,500 rangers. Madagascar Rangers conduct door to door evangelism and plant churches. Five hundred people received Christ at one event. 🌿



RANGER KIDS TRAINING CONFERENCE

By Rev. Emerose T. Nemenzo, *Philippines National Director*

Fifty Royal Rangers leaders attended a Ranger Kids Training Conference in Cebu City, Philippines, April 15 - 17, 2015. Instructors were Jim Guneratnam, the Royal Rangers International Asia Pacific Regional Director from Malaysia, along with Tom Frith, and Jamie and Linda Roberts from North Carolina.

Participants were grateful for the great fun, achievements, and friendships. During the second night's Council Fire, the presence of our Master Ranger was glorious. Everyone was open to the move of the Holy Spirit, and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A carnival, hosted by the trainees, was attended by several children on the last day of the conference. Every patrol prepared a variety of children's games. Ice cream and hot dogs were served.

Royal Rangers in the Philippines have been active three years and have launched twenty outposts. 🌿



The Royal Rangers International Council met in Jerusalem, April 28 - 30, 2015. Seven members from five world regions were assembled, and one participated from a remote location.

The topics included curriculum standards, and establishing a "core curriculum" to establish new nations or strengthen struggling nations. The RRI Prayer Vigil, October 9 - 10, 2015, and an international uniform guide were discussed. How to adapt Royal Rangers for use in locations where religious or political systems create unique opportunities was considered.

Regional reports revealed that Royal Rangers in Crimea continue to grow despite conflict between Russia and Ukraine. India has about 350 Rangers. Australia's program is fifty years old. Japan is expanding. The Philippines has twenty-four outposts, and recently sent fifty leaders to receive specialized training in reaching early elementary students. A training center is under construction in Kenya that will serve multiple nations. 🌿



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