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• RRI Calendar of Events

EuroLeader Conference

Budapest, Hungary

February 11- 13, 2005

RRI Council - Finland

May 11 - 13, 2005

RRLAC Committee

Costa Rica

September, 2005

Think One!

Royal Rangers: 70 nations, 6 regions, 1 purpose

The goal of Royal Rangers International (RRI), simply put, is to unite the various Royal Ranger ministries around the world and make them more effective in reaching young people for Christ. The Ranger ministry exists in 70 countries, 6 regions,

and in different forms, and until now their efforts have never been coordinated by one central organization. RRI endeavors to bring order and harmony and is developing a global curriculum that will make the program more accessible in developing nations. The

Rangers of the world are divided into 6 regions: North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, Eurasia, and Asia Pacific; each with it's own coordinator. However, let's "Think One!" One purpose: to Reach, Teach, and Keep youth for Christ!

Meet the Director

Doug was born into a missionary family and raised in Perú and Bolivia. At age six he became involved in Royal Rangers. During his teenage years in Bolivia, Doug served as the National Royal Rangers Training Coordinator. In this capacity he trained 125 leaders, oversaw the establishment of 33 new outposts involving 1,500 boys, and coordinated several district and national Royal Rangers camps. In 1988, he was the recipient of the Royal Rangers Gold Medal of Achievement. Doug is now a missionary and serving the



Doug Marsh

worldwide Pentecostal fellowship as director of Royal Rangers International. He is passionate about equipping leaders around the world to reach and disciple today's youth to become tomorrow's godly leaders. Doug is committed to seeing young people come to Christ and become effective leaders in

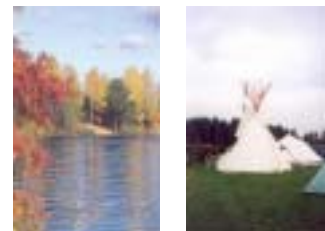
their homes, churches and nations. The Marshes served in Costa Rica between 1993 and 2002. Their ministry in Latin America saw the growth of Royal Rangers throughout the region, as well as the development of Camp Summit, an 80-acre training and discipleship center. The Marshes also founded "Hombres de Honor" (Men of Honor), a men's ministries resource for pastors in the Spanish-speaking world. They currently reside in Missouri in the USA.



RRI Spotlight – Europe

spread east into countries emerging out of communism like Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Czech Republic, Macedonia, and Bulgaria. Countries like Switzerland, Germany, and the UK have a long Ranger tradition. In fact, Germany has over 10,000 Rangers. Perhaps most interesting, the Royal Ranger ministry in Europe combines boys and girls into the program.

Every 4 years, Europe's Rangers hold an event called EuroCamp, which is very similar to the



Camporama held in the USA. The last one was held in Keuruu, Finland in 2003 and approximately 4,000 Rangers from all over the continent attended. Many boys and girls received Christ at the camp and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

In each issue we focus on the Royal Ranger program in one country or region. This month we have chosen the region of Europe. Europe has more than a 20 year history of Rangers and now has Ranger outposts in 23 countries. The program has recently



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FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

Q With the introduction of the RRI global curriculum, do we have to stop using our old curriculum? We really like the material we are already using.

A No, you do not have to stop using your old curriculum. The new RRI global curriculum is very good and was developed to make the program more uniform in the different regions of the world and to bring down the cost for new countries just joining the ministry. However, if your old curriculum serves the purpose and keeps the essence of the Ranger ministry, you may continue to use it.

Q Are we still allowed to

produce our own Royal Ranger emblems and insignias in our country?

A The Royal Ranger name and emblem are copyrighted and belong to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. (USA). You may continue to use and produce your own Ranger material with copyright permission.

Q When will the new global curriculum be released?

A The new curriculum will be released in early 2006. For example, RRI plans to introduce the material for Latin America and the Caribbean (RRLAC) in February, 2006. Europe will begin adapting the new material as early as

May 2005.

Q I am new to this program. What exactly is Royal Rangers anyway?

A Many parents and pastors ask this question. For a good synopsis of the Royal Ranger ministry, please see page 4 of this issues.

Q Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

A Please refer to the "Chain of Command" article on page 3 and the "Contact" information on page 4 of this publication.

Welcome New Rangers

RRI is happy to welcome the nation of Bulgaria into the Royal Ranger family. The Bulgarian Rangers will be sending their first ever delegate, Dimitrina Hristova, to the EuroLeader Conference in Budapest, Hungary this February. She is third from the left in the top row of the photo.

Rangers from other nations are involved in developing the program in Bulgaria. Mite Nikolov from Macedonia is seen to the far right of the top row. Also pictured in uniform is Andrew Whitman from RRI in the USA. Leaders from Finland and Macedonia will be traveling to Bulgaria in May to conduct their first National Training Camp.



Mezdra, Bulgaria September 2004

The children in the photo are sitting on a bench they learned to construct themselves.

Chain of Command — by Andy Whitman


As Christians, we are all accountable to someone. Followers of Christ submit to those in authority and Royal Ranger leaders are no exception. The children in our ministry need to see that we are accountable to the local Church and those above us so they have a good example to follow.

Royal Rangers has a "Chain of Command" just like any other organization. This is the hierarchy to which

we answer and report. Along with this goes the concept of delegating authority. Jethro told Moses (in Exodus 18:18) that he would become exhausted if he did not pass some of his responsibilities down to capable leaders below him. This is still valuable advice to prevent what we in the modern world call burn-out.

Many of us have the tendency to try to do everything ourselves, rather than

trusting others with part of the task. Often we can become guilty of acting like "lone Rangers" to the point we do not communicate well with those above or below us in the organization. Communication breakdowns have led to a lot of misunderstandings and unnecessary problems in the ministry. Think about ways you can improve your leadership skills this month through careful utilization of the Chain of Command.



"You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." Exodus 18:18



Example of leaders in the Chain of Command for Latin America and the Caribbean (RRLAC).

Organizational Chart





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What Exactly Is Royal Rangers Anyway?

Royal Rangers is passionate about reaching, teaching, and keeping young people for Christ!

It is a doorway to action and adventure for young people in 70 nations of the world. Royal Rangers seeks to develop the total person for Christ—spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.

The Royal Rangers ministry provides exciting opportunities for boys and girls, in co-educational nations, to discover a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This life-changing ministry is one of the world's largest and foremost Christian adventure-based mentoring programs.

The Royal Rangers ministry incorporates both fun and accomplishment in its ministry methods. It features indoor and outdoor activities including camping, recreation, first aid, crafts, hobby skills, nature study, sports achievements, awards, trips, Bible study and much more.

These activities are among the resources used by Royal Rangers to build bridges to the heart of youth. The heartbeat of the ministry is to enable its members to become more successful in every area of their lives.

Visit our website:

www.royalrangersinternational.com

Royal Rangers and the local Church

The Royal Ranger ministry should always be an integral part of the local church in a nation.

Royal Rangers exists to serve the local church as one of its programs to reach the lost and should never act as a substitute for the local church or its authority. Often, children are attracted to the program who would never normally have contact with evangelicals. They join the program and begin to participate in the many various activities. If we do our job correctly, with God's help these children eventually accept Christ as their personal savior. However, our job does not end there. Children who come to Christ need to be disciplined and they need to be connected to a church body where they will ultimately find their place of service. This is a good time to introduce them to the pastor, if you have not already done so, and encourage them to attend church regularly. Make sure they know about the church's other ministries

and programs and that you involve your church's children pastor or youth leader. Make sure you also visit the child's parents. Parent visits are an essential part of the Royal Ranger ministry and often you will find that other members of the family are ready to receive Christ as well. The child has the best chance of connecting with the local church if the whole family is invited to attend & encouraged to participate. Remember to always keep the pastor informed.



Royal Rangers in Macedonia (Eastern Europe) involves five different evangelical denominations.