



ROYAL RANGERS — EUROPE

Albania Chartering Agreement

Jukka Piirainen, RRI's European coordinator, returned from a trip to the Balkans which included a meeting of the Euroteam in Macedonia followed by the signing of a Provisional Chartering Steward Agreement by Albania. Jukka worked hard with his team to prepare for the most recent ELC (EuroLeaders Conference) meeting that was held at the beginning of February in Spain. 🌿



Jukka, Andrej (Euroteam member) and Gian Paul signing the chartering agreement

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Recently the Russian National Commanders conference was held in Russia. Leaders from all over the country gathered to seek God, to receive training, and to make plans for the future of the ministry of Royal Rangers. Led by Regional Coordinator Mark Broberg, 108 commanders sought God together receiving a renewed fire in their hearts to reach young people for Christ. John Wilson had the honor of presenting the World Class Outpost Seminar at the conference for the first time in Eurasia. It has made a major impact on local outpost planning for the coming ministry year.

Leaders from some of the most difficult regions of Russia came and shared how the ministry is going in their region.

Young people are jazzed about camping and advancements in Royal Rangers, getting a clear and powerful exposure to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a real relationship with Him and a future of Hope.

Pray for and support the ministry of Eurasia Royal Rangers. We are on the cutting edge of reaching thousands for the Kingdom. 🌿





RRI Asia Pacific Summit Report

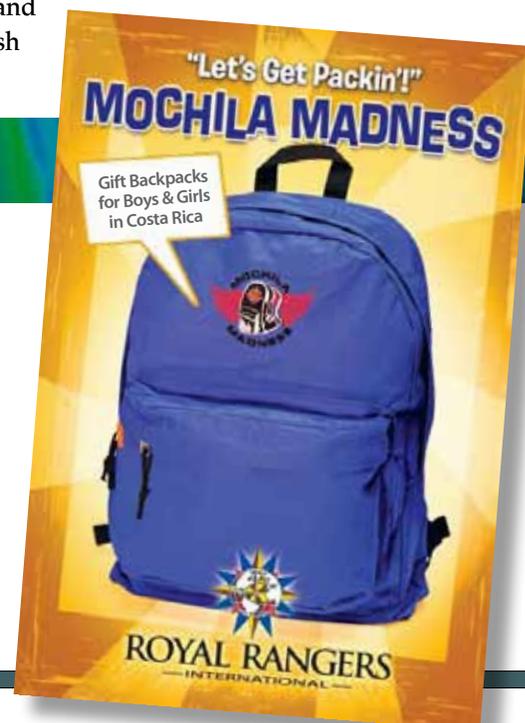
by Jim Guneratnam, *RRI Asia Pacific Representative*

The first ever RRI Asia Pacific Summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 25th and 26th of April 2008. Royal Rangers leaders from Australia, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore were represented and shared exciting reports of how God is using Royal Rangers to reach, teach and keep boys and girls for Christ in their country. They were appreciative of the efforts made by RRI in bringing the nations together to share, contextualize, and relate in ways of supporting Royal Rangers in the region; and they

were really blessed by the two days of informative meetings. The leaders also express great interest in working together to see Royal Rangers established in all the nations of our region and are looking forward to the next Asia Pacific Summit to be held in Brisbane, Australia in January 2010.

In conjunction with the RRI Regional Summit, the first Royal Rangers National Academy and Advance Academy in Asia Pacific was held in Singapore from April 27 to May 1, 2008. RRI Director and US National Commander Doug Marsh

was present for the opening. The late US National Training Coordinator Perry Siddle and National Council President Jim Barger conducted the four-day training camp. Attended by national Royal Rangers leaders from Malaysia and Singapore, the camp has equipped these nations to develop skilled and dedicated Royal Rangers leaders that will be able in turn to train additional leaders to strengthen the Royal Rangers ministry in their nations. ☺



Mochila Madness

In early September 2008 Jeff Cooper and his family finished itinerating and moved back to Costa Rica. Once settled in, Jeff directed his efforts to the implementation of the Mochila Madness pilot program (a project conceived by the late Perry Siddle and his wife, Lisa). This project involves the sale of Mochilas (the Spanish word for backpack), which are then filled with toys, games, etc, by the purchaser, sent back to RRI to be shipped to Latin America where they will be distributed to children along with a Spanish Bible. ☺



First Royal Ranger LTC Training Camp in Malawi

In March, as part of an event put together by Royal Rangers International (RRI), an instructor from the USA flew over to Malawi to run a training camp for the future Royal Ranger leaders of the nation. He was joined by Patrick Kawe, national commander of the Royal Rangers of Kenya, and together they trained 95 new leaders. A television news crew interviewed some of the trainees and church leaders and the event received positive coverage on the national news of Malawi. Two Ugandans were also able to join in the training, thanks to help from RRI and some American sponsors.

Royal Rangers is quickly going forward in Malawi. In fact, the Assemblies of God of Malawi plans to host the next Royal Rangers Africa Summit from April 24- 28, 2009. This will take place right after the 6th annual RRI Council meeting convenes in Nairobi, Kenya. ☺

Royal Rangers Growth in Uganda

The Royal Ranger ministry is quickly spreading in Uganda. Two more national leaders were recently trained at the LTC camp in Malawi and have continued to grow the work among orphans in their hometown. In the meantime, new Royal Ranger outposts have been springing up, and Uganda now has 100 new leaders ready to receive Royal Ranger Basics training. This will be one of the first big RRI projects in Africa that Andy Whitman will be working on now that he and his family have finished itinerating and moved to Nairobi, Kenya. He plans to travel to Uganda with a team of Kenyan instructors and hold this much needed training event. Please pray for the fledgling ministry in Uganda as RRI and the Rangers of Kenya make the needed preparations. ☺

Madagascar Royal Rangers Training Trip

Andy went to Madagascar on a training trip the first week of November 2008 where he worked with Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) missionary Nate Lashway. Here is what Nate had to say about the training, "We have just finished a Rangers Basics/Fundamentals course here this past week. The trainers were Andrew Whitman, the African Liaison for Royal Rangers International, and the National RR Commander of Kenya, Patrick Kawe. They both did a great job. This year the 5 churches will run the program and work out the issues that will surely come up with translation and such. Then next Fall, when these 5 outposts are well established we can begin new outposts in the island wherever a church is interested.

"We had 75 people at the three day training. We also had about 10 other pastors who came to watch and understand for the future. We do not want to start more than 5 outposts this year because we want to control how things go until the program gets established better. But enthusiasm is high and I am sure that Rangers is going to take off in the coming years.

"We have five churches who have gone through the Rangers Fundamentals training and are starting Royal Rangers here as "model outposts". This year, these five churches in the capital area will proceed and work out the kinks of language and cultural adaptation so that Rangers will work optimally here. Then once we have five well established outposts we will begin to expand into the other regions of Madagascar.

"I have quite a waiting list of other very interested churches but we want to make sure that things get started correctly and well laid out. Much of Madagascar is very isolated and it would be hard to trouble shoot outpost issues if everyone started at once. So this year

is a year of translation of materials and meetings with our national committee to give Rangers a strong start. Currently every church must translate every lesson every week into Malagasy for their leaders. This is very tedious but the motivation is very high. Pray that God continues to give us wisdom and guidance as we move forward." ☺



▲ Malagasy rangers studying the Bible



Jeff and Danette Cooper

have been sensing a change of direction from the Lord regarding their decision to accept the leadership of RRI. Though they had truly felt it was of God when they accepted the directorship, they have of late felt that direction changing. Jeff presented his feelings to the RRI oversight committee in early December and after a period of discussion, the committee asked Doug Marsh if he would be willing to continue to serve as Director of RRI. Therefore, Doug Marsh will continue to serve as the director of both Royal Rangers International and the United States Royal Rangers. ☞



Matt Kling to serve in Chile

During Matt's time working at the RRI office as the Director of Operations he was able to develop a sports evangelism program called SCORE, which reaches kids with the gospel through soccer skills clinics (or baseball skills clinics, depending on the country), and then helps them get connected with a local Royal Ranger program or church. As some of you have heard, Matt will no longer be working at the RRI office.

Here is what he has to say about this change:

"For our second term, God has paved the way for us to be involved in ministry in the country of Chile. Kristi will have the opportunity to work with the Chilean pastors' kids, which we hope to develop into a pastoral care program for the whole family. We believe that by empowering the pastors, we can help them reach an exponential number of people with the gospel. The Royal Ranger program in Chile is co-educational, and they are very excited about having Matt there not only to strengthen the existing program and provide leadership training, but also to use SCORE (¡ANOTAR!) to reach out to un-churched youth all over the country.

"We are really excited about the doors that only God could have opened for us. We are also looking at the realities of raising a



budget for this new endeavor. Our budget has doubled in terms of monthly requirements, and we have a huge cash budget to raise as well. We would be honored if your church would be willing to partner with us in getting to Chile and being a part of what God is doing in that country." ☞



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