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First-of-a-Kind Training Events in Africa

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The Africa Region had a great 2011 with three major activities taking place: the Africa Summit in Ghana, the first Ranger Kids Training Conference (RKTC) in Africa, and the first National Training Camp (NTC) in Madagascar.

On November 8–11, 2011, 37 leaders from Uganda, Malawi, and Kenya attended the RKTC in Nairobi, Kenya. During the closing ceremony council fire, strong testimonies were given of changed hearts by leaders desiring to serve children with a more dedicated spirit. Pastor Emmanuel from Uganda said, “Now that I have repented of my wrongdoing as far as serving children seriously, I will have to go and redo it all over again—involving and touching children and giving them an opportunity to accept Christ.” Commander Buler stated, “I thought making and using puppets was a very difficult thing that I could not do, but now, from this RKTC, I am changed and will make them and use them to bring more children to Christ.”

The Madagascar Rangers’ first NTC met November 15–18, 2011, with 43 students in attendance—exceeding the number expected by regional leaders. The group was made up of young and old, including 13 pastors and 9 ladies. It was a blessing to have in attendance the two pastors of the largest congregations in Madagascar.



Very encouraging testimonies were given at the dedication council fire. One person said, “I was touched. I have seen that I was mean to children, but now I am changed.” Another said, “All the time we have been here, God has been telling

me children are important to Him and should be important to me.” A pastor’s wife broke down and wept in front of the council fire. While confessing how she was not fully committed to children’s ministry, she stated, “From now on I will give myself fully to serve them.”

I thank God for Royal Rangers International (RRI) and their support to the Africa Region. They are helping us reach and educate more commanders, who in turn will reach more children for Christ. The moral support and financial and curriculum backing from RRI have been a great assistance in realizing all these things. ❖





Starting Royal Rangers in the Philippines

by Samuel Ngeow

From October 29 to November 3, 2011, eight Royal Rangers instructors from Singapore and Malaysia, including Commander Jim Guneratnam (Asia Pacific regional coordinator), conducted a Leadership Training Academy in Cebu, Philippines. The training was organized by the Central Visayas and Lower Leyte district of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, and was attended by a total of 87 trainees.

The three-day training included the leadership training courses necessary for the trainees to start a local outpost in their churches. Hosted by Pastor Emerose T. Nemenzo, the district coordinator, 18 churches from the Cebu Eastern Section participated in this Leadership Training Academy, the first to be conducted by Royal Rangers International in the Philippines.

At the conclusion of the training, the district superintendent thanked the instructors and challenged the trainees to use what they had learned to reach children and youth in their community. Praise God, the training was a resounding success, and ended with the Filipino leaders excited and ready to establish the Royal Rangers ministry in the Philippines with the full support of the district office. ❖



Kirovograd's "Wild Bunch" Does it Right!

by John Wilson, Eurasia Royal Rangers



Jesus, our Master Ranger, said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10, NIV).

James writes, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you" (James 1:27, NLT).

Eurasia Royal Rangers make evangelism their main priority. Royal Rangers (RR) Outpost No. 2, in Kirovograd, Ukraine, is a primary example of that! It is always such a joy to see children come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Three years ago Commander Nil Plokhov reestablished RR Outpost No. 2 in the region. He began training leaders to work with young people, and the ministry has grown wonderfully since then.

The outpost began planning outreaches in their community to influence the lives of kids of all ages. They organized a holiday trip for a special-needs children's home which included crafts, music, games, and an authentic RR-style council fire. Each of the children received a Royal Rangers T-shirt, gifts, meals, and most of all new relationships with Rangers themselves.

The outpost team members also visit the youth prison, schools, orphanages, and a youth halfway house. They organize various outdoor activities and camps throughout the year as well as a Christmas outreach. The Rangers regularly visit neighborhoods to present the gospel to children and invite them to become Royal Rangers.

Kirovograd's RR Outpost No. 2 has a passion for the lost; I call them "The Wild Bunch"! They truly reflect the values of Eurasia Royal Rangers and Royal Rangers International. ❖



Royal Ranger Receives Award from Singapore's President

by Erwin Chan



On October 28, 2011, Heah Yong Chian of Royal Rangers Singapore Outpost No. 12 (Eternal Life Assembly) received the Gold National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) from the president of Singapore, His Excellency Tony Tan Keng Yam.

The Gold Award is the pinnacle of the NYAA program and a full member of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, adopted in over 130 countries worldwide to recognize exceptional youth development. The award provides young people between the ages of 14 and 25 with opportunity to develop and maximize their potential through participation in five areas—service, adventurous journey, skills, physical recreation, and a residential project that benefits the community.

Heah Yong Chian achieved the award through the Royal Rangers program. He has also earned the Gold Medal of Achievement and the Saber award, and he is a Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship member. The synergies between NYAA and Royal Rangers provide a unique opportunity for Singaporean youth to develop and to reflect on their experiences in a Royal Rangers environment built on friendship, fun, Christian service, and hands-on experiential learning. In Yong Chian's own words, "I was constantly challenged by my leader and mentor, Commander Daniel Yue, to rethink my motivations and purpose for doing the different sections. This challenges me to think about what's next and how to bring myself to another level."

Such reflections empower the next generation to do more than hone their leadership edge; more importantly, it allows them to remain ready and responsive to serve God's purpose as their own. ❖



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