GO FOR GOLD: Royal Rangers National Youth Achievement Awards 2012



His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Singapore, Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam congratulating Commanders Ivana and June for their achievements.

"How long have you been in Royal Rangers?"

Commander Ivana Choo (Outpost 1, Bethel Assembly of God) and Commander June Chia (Outpost 5, HarbourLight Church) were asked this question by the president of the Republic of Singapore, Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, at the National Youth Achievement Awards (NYAA) Gold Award ceremony on October 11, 2012, at Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre.

Their answers, while short and simple, were revealing.

"All my Life"

Commander Ivana Choo has been in Royal Rangers since she was a child. Her answer reflects Royal Rangers' unique discipleship cycle, which is to mentor today's children into the next generation of servant leaders for the community, nation, and church. Royal Rangers provided Ivana with a highly relational, mentoring environment, where she could grow with committed and caring mentors through her childhood and teenage years. They stood with her to physical and intellectual maturity, leaving her

with a comprehensive array of outdoor adventure skills, and, more importantly, helping her to explore, develop, and nurture servant and leadership qualities which culminated in Ivana's successful NYAA journey. Today Commander Ivana is mentoring the future generation of servant-leaders in her outpost.

"Three to Four Years"

Commander June Chia's three to four years in Royal Rangers changed her life. Royal Rangers provided June with the mentoring needed to restart her NYAA journey and complete her NYAA Gold. Commander Daniel Yue, Royal Rangers NYAA coordinator agreed: "The NYAA Programme is a systematic pathway to disciple the total 'youth'—mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually." June's NYAA experience highlights the importance of a highly relational environment and a holistic mentoring process in discipling today's youth into tomorrow's leaders. As Commander June so aptly summed up, "The NYAA Programme in Royal Rangers has taught me to be both a peer and mentor to Gen Y."

It is this type of experience that could provide the local church with a holistic, purposeful, and relevant resource to reach, teach, and keep children and youth for Jesus Christ.

These two stories are not unique. Royal Rangers commanders also mentored eight other Royal Rangers from Outpost 7 (Emmanuel Assembly of God) and Outpost 12 (Potter's Place Community Services Society) who received their Bronze and Silver Awards from Madam Halimah Yacob, former Minister of State for Community Development, Youth, and Sports, on August 24, 2012.

The NYAA is part of the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award which recognizes the achievements of youth in the areas of volunteering, physical improvement, skill development, expedition/adventure, and residential services. Successful participants of the NYAA also earn co-curricular activity points. Since its accreditation as an NYAA operating authority in 2009 Royal Rangers Singapore has successfully mentored 41 recipients of the NYAA—27 Bronze, 11 Silver, and 3 Gold winners. To God be the glory!



Royal Rangers Singapore NYAA Gold Award Recipients, Ivana and June, with the National Staff. Outpost Commanders and their families.





- Missional ROYAL RANGERS -

by John Wilson, Eurasia Royal Rangers



uring the last few months, the Eurasia Royal Rangers (ERR) leadership in Ukraine has gone over the border! They have a vision for taking the ministry of Royal Rangers, which has been impacting their own cities and villages, to other nations. One of the countries bordering Ukraine is Moldova. We have been praying for this nation for years, hoping to see a launch of Royal Rangers there. God put it in the heart of our Ukraine national team to organize a trip to make that vision

a reality. The Royal Rangers plant in Moldova is now reaching young people and spreading into other churches.

On another front, Royal Rangers is gaining a foothold in India! Five churches in southern India and one school in the northern part of the country are starting Rangers. Commander Paul Koshy, one of our Ranger leaders from Florida, took a trip to India in November. ERR had been talking about the need to do training and presentation of the RRI curriculum to the churches he

planned to visit. While in country, Commander Paul taught Ranger Fundamentals and had a gathering for kids interested in joining Royal Rangers.

In the north of India, David, a missionary from Chile, runs a school of about 250 students. Fernando Ahumada, the Chilean Royal Rangers Director, contacted Eurasia Royal Rangers and asked if ERR could help David start a Rangers group in his school. Before leaving Chile, David participated in Fernando's outpost, and now with Fernando's assistance, David will soon launch Royal Rangers in his school in India!

Praise God for the response ERR is seeing in these new nations!







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