



## 2006 Royal Rangers International Council Summary Costa Rica, April 25-27, 2006



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jeff Cooper, *Latin American & the Caribbean Assistant Regional Coordinator*; Andy Whitman, *RRI Communications Coordinator*; Richard Mariott, *USA National Commander*; Doug Marsh, *RRI Director*; Robert Crabtree, *RRI Field Advisor*; JoAnn Butrin, *Director of International Service Ministries for Assemblies of God World Missions*; Mark Broberg, *Eurasian Regional Coordinator*; Jukka Piirainen, *European Regional Coordinator*; Jim Guneratnam, *Asia Pacific Auditor*

The third annual Royal Rangers International (RRI) Council meeting was held in Costa Rica, Central America, April 25-27, 2006 at the Latin American and Caribbean regional Royal Rangers center, called Camp Summit. The RRI Council meets each year to conduct business, exchange information and ideas between regions, and to build camaraderie and teamwork among the members. Here are some important outcomes of this years meeting:

**National Leadership Award:** The Council approved an annual recognition program exclusively for National Commanders. The program is called the National Leadership Award (NLA). It is designed to honor National Commanders for their commitment to personal and ministerial growth. The recipients will be awarded a medal, a ribbon, and a handsome certificate to proudly display. Ideally, National Commanders will earn the distinction year after year beginning in early 2007 for points accumulated in 2006. Further information will become available in the October edition of the RRI 360° newsletter and on the RRI website.

**RRI Global Leaders Encounter:** The RRI

Council is planning an exciting worldwide gathering of Royal Rangers July 14-18, 2010 near Springfield, Missouri, USA. It will be called the RRI Global Leaders Encounter, and the theme of the event will be "One Family." Attendance will be limited to National Commanders and their top national staff members, organizational leaders, presidents, superintendents, bishops, missionaries from around the world, and invited guests. The RRI Global Leaders Encounter has been scheduled immediately before the U.S. Camporama so that you and your delegation can enjoy both of these events on the same trip to America. Please mark your calendar. This is an opportunity you will not want to miss! In the meantime, please send any ideas you might have or topics you would like covered at the Encounter to your Regional Coordinator (or to Andy Whitman, the RRI Communications Coordinator, if your region does not yet have a Coordinator). We are eager to hear from you. All ideas received by next April will be considered. Additional information will be provided mid-2007.

**Global Curriculum and Training Resources:** The new Global Curriculum and training

resources have been completed and given to the Regional Coordinators for regional adaptation and contextualization. These fresh and exciting resources will be helpful for established nations and for those recently implementing Royal Rangers. Please contact your Regional Coordinator for full information.

**Fifth Anniversary:** In 2007, RRI will celebrate its fifth anniversary! Plans are underway to properly celebrate God's faithfulness to Royal Rangers all around the world. Did you know that Johnnie Barnes started Royal Rangers in 1962? It was pioneered by William Thorne in Asia Pacific in 1966, by George Davis in Latin America and the Caribbean in 1967; and by Hanspeter Neck in Europe in 1982. Many others, too, have been faithful pioneers. As RRI prepares to celebrate, we invite you to share with us your ideas on how we might focus the attention of church leaders, parents, and youth on Royal Rangers in such a way that it would build the ministry worldwide. Plans are underway even now, so please direct your comments to Andy Whitman, the RRI Communications Coordinator, right away.

**Camp Summit Dedication:** The Council officially dedicated Camp Summit for the work of the Lord in a special ceremony led by Jeff Cooper, the camps director. JoAnn Butrin prepared a dedicatory message, and the members concluded by earnestly praying for the emerging camp ministries, the director and his family, and the staff. The fully functional camp is the result of Doug Marsh's vision for a facility to serve the needs of Latin America and the Caribbean. With God's help, similar facilities may emerge in each of the regions of the world.

The 2007 RRI Council meeting is scheduled for the week of April 23 in Sri Lanka. To learn more about RRI, visit the ministry website and download the *RRI Operational Guidelines* and the *RRI Cooperative Values and Practices*. The site also contains the minutes of the Council meeting, and other related information.

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