

# ROYAL RANGERS' UNFINISHED TASK

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The words of Loren Triplett ring loud, "A missionary does not measure success by his accomplishments, but by the unfinished task."

Royal Rangers' unfinished task is huge. Our charge is to "reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ." We are grateful that Royal Rangers is operating in 65 nations with approximately 100,000 members (outside the US). However, it is only a scratch on the surface when compared to the need, since there are 970 million unsaved boys under the age of 18 in the world today!

The purpose of Royal Rangers International (RRI) is to strengthen and expand the ministry within each region. To be a successful evangelistic and discipleship ministry, we have identified two primary obstacles that have long limited the growth of Royal Rangers overseas, and we are hard at work to remove them.

The first obstacle to strength and growth resides in the difficulty of developing quality curriculum:

<u>Obstacle</u>: Nations that currently use Royal Rangers have made it clear they want help updating their program curriculum in order to take their ministry to the next level of maturity.

Another curriculum related barrier we have identified is that a nation interested in starting Royal Rangers must devote between two and five years to curriculum development before presenting the ministry to its churches. Few are prepared to undertake such a time consuming challenge, and fewer yet have the necessary finances.

<u>Solution</u>: The solution, which has been enthusiastically accepted by the nations consulted, is for RRI to develop a low budget, user-friendly *Starter Curriculum*. It will be provided to regions, or nations, in

electronic format so they can easily adapt the printed materials for cultural, academic, and economic considerations, among others. This approach will enable nations currently using Royal Rangers to reenergize their programs, and help interested nations establish the ministry.

#### 2003 Statistic

100,000 Royal Rangers in 65 overseas nations.

Africa: In 4 of 40 nations with 3,000 members.

Asia Pacific: In 13 of 32 nations with 15,000 members.

Eurasia: In 6 of 30 nations with 6,000 members.

Europe: In 21 of 35 nations with 30,000 members.

LAC: In 21 of 35 nations with 45,000 members.

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RRI will also offer the related support items. We are making every effort to design them with global appeal and provide them at near cost. However, this would not prohibit countries from producing the same items themselves if they can do so cheaper, or with a different design if necessary. The *Starter Curriculum* product line will be limited to the essentials—around 25 product items for each of the four age groups, in addition to a small line of training products.

This approach will allow nations to introduce Royal Rangers to their churches after devoting less than six months to curriculum adaptation, and with minimal upfront costs. Our goal is to complete this development project by the end of 2004.

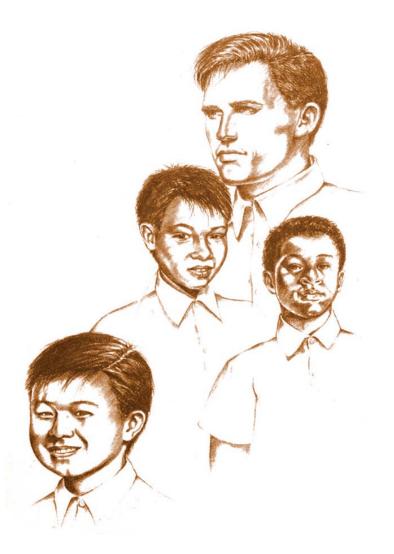
The second obstacle to strength and growth resides in the limited number of missionaries devoting themselves to the Royal Rangers ministry:

<u>Obstacle</u>: Currently there are fewer than five missionaries devoting time to ministry to men and boys through Royal Rangers. I recently heard Russ Turney say, "Wherever we have sent missionary personnel, the work has grown." This is true. Where missionaries are involved in Royal Rangers, the ministry is being amplified. Just imagine how many future men will come to Christ if we increase that number in the years to come.

Solution: My confidence is that God will grow the ranks of missionaries devoting time to Royal Rangers ministry from among current and future personnel. Would you join me in praying and searching for such laborers?

These are obstacles that continue to limit the growth of Royal Rangers overseas, and which we are working and believing God to help us remove.

In conclusion, I want to say what a privilege it is for Kerry and me to serve you and the national churches in your region. Since assuming my current responsibilities in mid-2002, I have been able to travel to and meet with national Royal Rangers leaders in each of the overseas regions. They are committed to strengthen Royal Rangers in their nation and expand it within their region. It is an honor to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with these men in this cause. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. We have 970 million unsaved boys in the world who motivate us to finish the task! To do so, we must provide curricular and personnel support.





It was an honor to minister at the first National Royal Rangers Leader's Conference in Moscow. One hundred leaders attended.



Camp Summit, the Latin American Royal Rangers Camp, located in Costa Rica, is progressing. Lord willing, construction will be completed in 2005.



UPCOMING EVENT
March 29-31, 2004

The RRI Council will hold its first meeting next

March.

It will be held at the

National Royal Rangers

Camp near Eagle Rock,

Missouri.

We are believing God that each region will be represented.



Over 4,000 campers from 21 nations attended the EuroCamp in Finland last July.



Martin Seiler is the youth pastor at Full Gospel Forum in Stuttgart, Germany. He leads the world's largest outpost with over 860 members.





Over 150 Royal Rangers leaders from Singapore and Malaysia gathered in Klang, Malaysia during a four-day training seminar. Richard Mariott, the National Royal Rangers Commander USA, and myself, along with two other leaders from the States served as instructors. These four Malaysian young men of Calvary Assembly in Kuala Lumpur have earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, Royal Rangers highest honor.

Special thanks are in order to
Lamar Headley and Richard
Mariott for their constant
encouragement and
valuable support.

¡Gracias!



It was a great privilege to present Royal Rangers to the men of Malawi at their annual Men's Ministries Convention.



Royal Rangers is very new in Africa. With God's help it will be a very useful tool in shaping today's boys to become tomorrow's godly men.