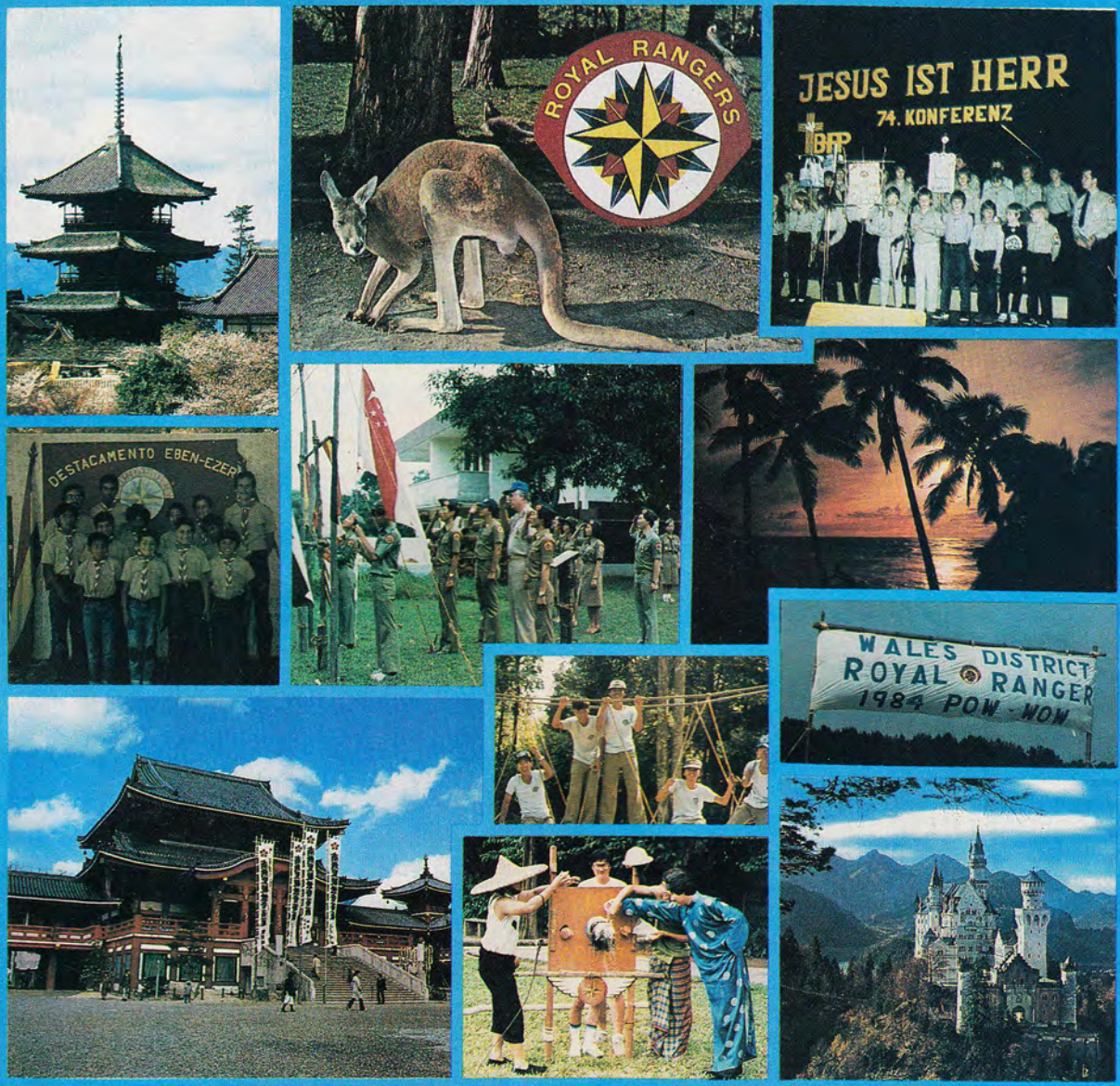


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# ROYAL RANGERS

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## AROUND THE WORLD

by Doug Tarpley

**W**hether they're called Royal Rangers, Exploradores, or Adventurers, young people around the world **like** the activities of this Assemblies of God youth program. They **benefit** from the instruction they receive from its leaders, and **contribute** to the improvement of their churches, towns, and nations. From the United Kingdom to Latin America, from the United States to Japan, they are proud and thankful to be called Straight Arrows, Buckaroos, Pioneers, Trailblazers, and Trail Rangers. The Royal Rangers ministry is operating in over 42 countries of the world. This international issue of High Adventure magazine salutes the Royal Rangers and their leaders from around the world.

With this special international issue you get to know some of the young people involved in Royal Rangers in other countries. Meet some of the leaders. Listen to what they say about God, Royal Rangers, and "just being kids." Following are portions of reports made by Royal Rangers leaders of several countries for this international issue of **High Adventure** magazine. ►

# Singapore

In 1977 Royal Rangers was launched in Bethel Assembly, Singapore, by Sunday School Superintendent Steven Teo and Rev. Nicholas Choo. Within the next few months the men received help from the Australian leaders. Australian national commander Will Thorne traveled to Singapore in 1979 to conduct a training session and help interest boys in Rangers. In 1982 the founder of Royal Rangers and the current national commander Rev. Johnnie Barnes and his wife visited Singapore to host a training seminar which many church leaders attended.

Singapore has an FCF chapter named the Raffles chapter in honor of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles who founded Singapore. "He was a man of adventure, courage, and innovation," said Steven Teo, special aid de camp. "These qualities we want to emulate."

Every year the boys and leaders attend councils of achievement, powwows, national training courses as well as weekly Ranger meetings in local churches.



# Dominican Republic

Exploradores del Rey (as the Royal Rangers are called here) also was begun around 1977. Eugene Hunt, coordinator for Latin America, said, "From the start our emphasis has been on a basic program compatible with Dominican culture and laws."

"Military style belts had to be replaced by regular dress belts, for example," he explained. "The military emphasis had to be played down and the ministry concept put forward. We have to be very careful to inform government officials of Exploradores activities. Now the Exploradores program is widely accepted, both inside and outside the church."

The program's leaders claim that over 700 boys and men participate in the more than 100 Exploradores outposts throughout the country. The program has already hosted over 12 national powwows and 4 national training seminars. Only a few months ago more than 300 boys attended the national powwow in San Francisco, Dominican Republic. He added, "Our boys are involved in community social projects, helping keep order at church gatherings, personal evangelism, and odd jobs in the home and church."

The leaders in the Dominican Republic have worked to spread the Exploradores program to other Latin American countries. As Hunt said, "We have held leadership training seminars in three countries outside the Dominican Republic. Much of the Royal Rangers literature has been translated into Spanish now. Over two dozen men outside our country have completed the leadership training activities. *This ministry has been even more important with the threat of communism. If we do not provide activities for our boys, they will soon be carrying a rifle and fighting with the guerrillas,*" he concluded.



## Australia

The Commonwealth Commander Will Thorne reported that "Royal Rangers had it's twentieth birthday in this region in 1985!" The first Australian Royal Rangers outposts started in New South Wales in 1965.

"What is different about Royal Rangers in this part of the world is that it caters to both boys and girls. They work at their own outposts, coming together at powwows, camporamas, training camps, etc.," he explained.

To date Australians have been recognized with 61 Gold Medals of Achievement, 34 Gold Buffalo, and 20 Silver Buffalo Awards. Four Medals of Valor have been presented in Australia as well.

"We really want God to bless our work among boys and girls. They are so important to Him and us," he concluded. ▼



## Guatemala

This year two LTC courses were conducted in the southeastern area of Guatemala and four were conducted in central Guatemala near the capital of this nation of Central America.

Luis Batres is presidente of the Nacional de Exploradores del Rey en Guatemala, the Royal Rangers group in that nation. He asks that we all "pray with compassion for the third-world underdeveloped Latin American countries." He adds that the Royal Rangers program needs literature translated into Spanish for men and boys to read, and financial support.



## India

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"Royal Rangers is new in India but we are trying to develop it," declared D. N. Edwards and Rev. Y. Jeyaraj from Tamil Nadu, India.

They report that recently Royal Rangers went to a "beautiful place called Kannupulimettu, situated in the southern part of a mountain range in India." The camp was successful. Flags from various groups were displayed, camp duties for Rangers were assigned, and times of recreation—hiking and swimming, Bible study, and devotion were enjoyed.

A highlight of the camp, they noted, was the "climb up the beautiful mountain, where we saw God's breathtaking and wonderful creation."

In this camp many boys received the Holy Spirit. It was reported that "a boy whose father is a communist, and who had been brought up to believe that, was saved in the camp. The boy asked prayer for his father."

## New Zealand

Rocky Starr, Royal Rangers national commander of New Zealand, said that there are nearly 30 outposts operating in the country. The leaders are working to complete a campsite at Katikati, and regularly sponsoring Camporamas and other activities for boys.

In late 1983 the New Zealand Royal Rangers leaders held a council fire meeting "under a partly cloudy sky covering 100 or so Rangers," Starr said. "We gathered for a wonderful dedication service of the Katikati campsite donated to the Royal Rangers so generously by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas." The land will be used to prepare a national campsite for Ranger activities.

Just last year New Zealand Royal Rangers presented the first Medal of Valor to Trail Ranger Danielle Madden of Auckland District. He saved the life of a young girl having difficulty in the surf.

Starr concluded, "Since we really believe that we are in the end times, we need to become disciplined and help boys and men find Christ and live for Him."



## Germany

During the Adolph Hitler regime between 1933 and 1945, all Christian youth organizations like the Christ's Ambassadors and Boy Scouts were strictly forbidden to operate, according to Richard Breite, national commander in Germany. He added, "Young people were forced to join the Hitler Youth and to wear the group's uniform. Eventually they were introduced with the Nazi ideology and trained for war."

After World War II, Breite added, the youth organizations had "to start anew." The cities were bombed out, the families were separated, and many boys were killed or frightened. German adults were against youth organizations for many years after the war, he noted. "They did not want a repeat of the bad experiences they'd had with Hitler."

In 1980 the Assembly of God at Bremen, Germany began a Royal Rangers pilot program. Church leaders began to translate Rangers books and pamphlets into German at the same time. The first National Training Camp was held in 1981 at Naumburg Castle with Rev. Johnnie Barnes and others from America as camp speakers. "A successful training course has been conducted every year since then," he added.

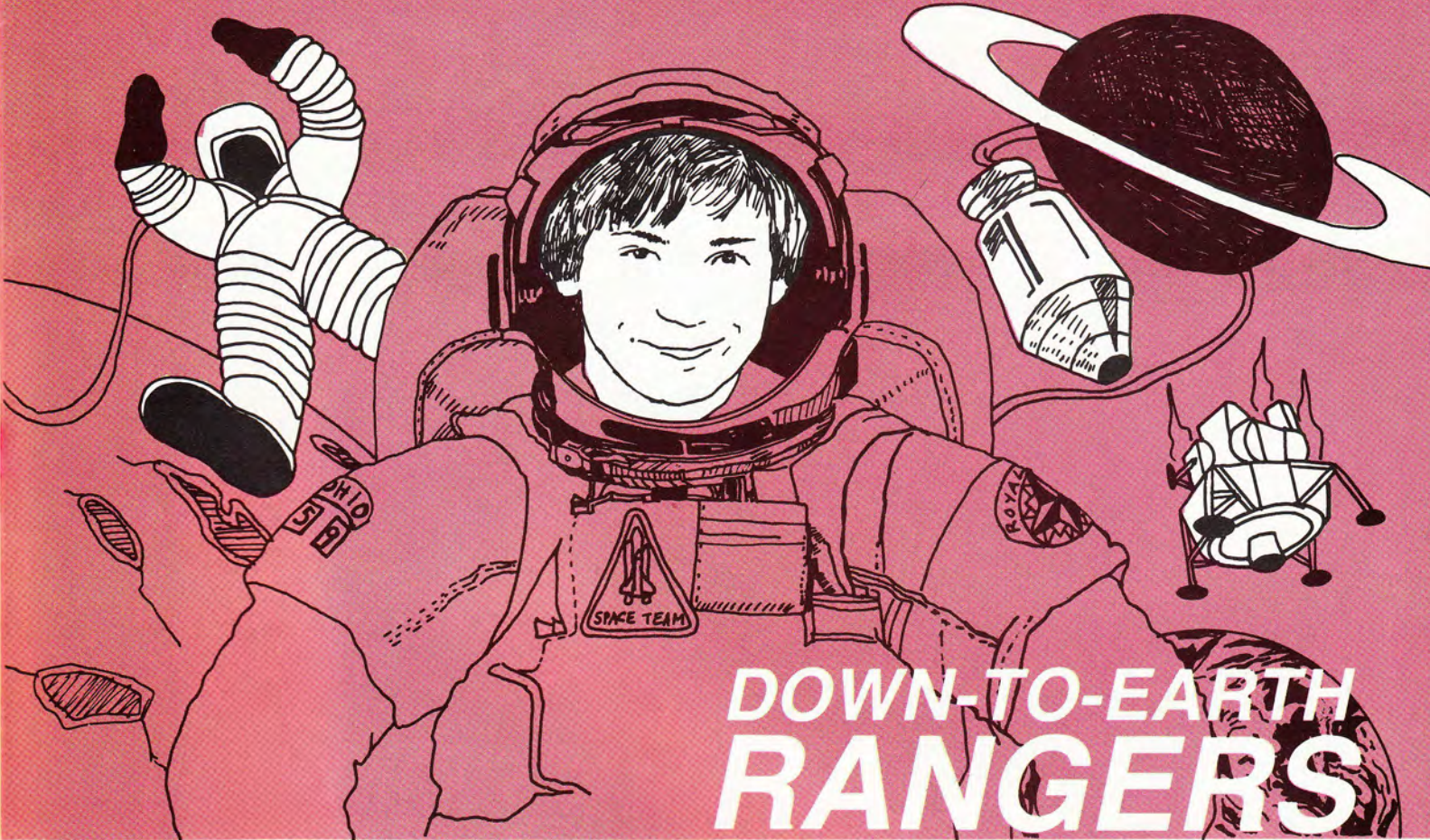
Now every year Germany's Royal Rangers attend camp-outs, special summer retreats, bike rallies, and hikes Richard Breite concluded.

## Japan

Royal Rangers is in its first year in Japan, according to National Commander Dale Jackson. "It's off to a good start here," Jackson said. The Rangers books and manuals are being translated and Rangers outposts are rapidly being chartered.

He added, "In one church where Royal Rangers began with six men and eight boys two months ago, that outpost has doubled the number of men and boys in the program." He added that two other churches have recently managed to double the size of their outposts also. "This is phenomenal for Japan," he said.

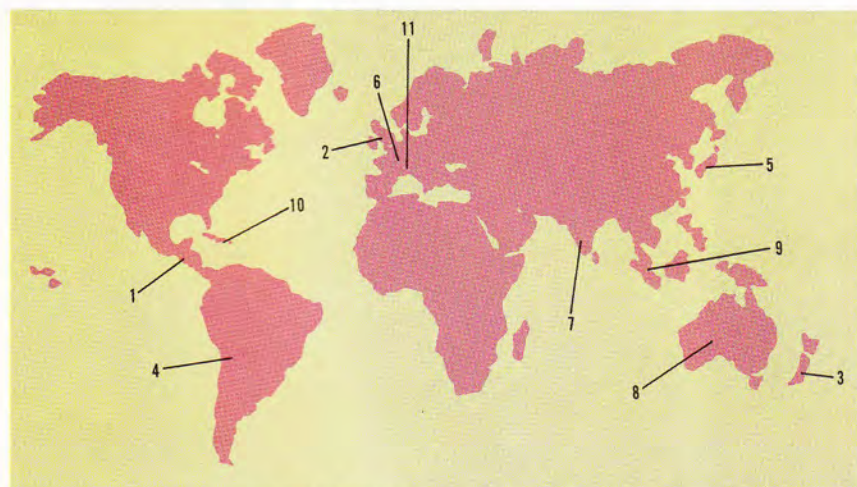
He concluded, "These highlights of our first year only challenge and encourage us to look forward to greater things as Royal Rangers picks up momentum." ★



# DOWN-TO-EARTH RANGERS

(a game for world-wise R. R.s)

**You're a Ranger from outer space with a special mission . . .**



*to locate other Rangers throughout the world.*

**YOUR FLIGHT PLAN'S IN ORDER, BUT ARE YOU?**

**MATCH THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WITH THEIR APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS:**

- BOLIVIA\_\_\_, NEW ZEALAND\_\_\_, GERMANY\_\_\_,  
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## Great Britain

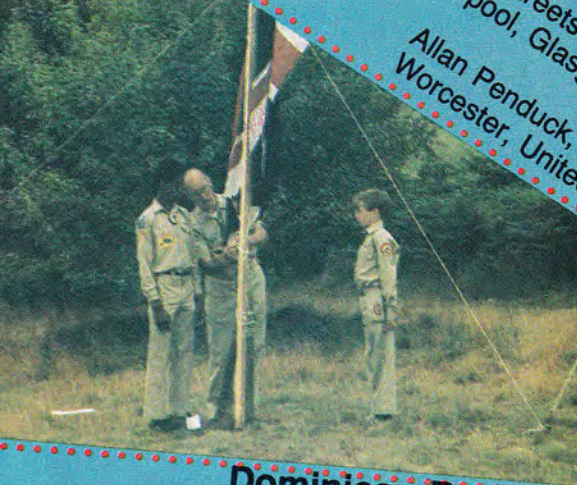
The Rangers program is very important to young people here. Through it their lives are changed and they start to church. Well planned Ranger meetings give boys an alternative to all the attractive activities the world offers them. Our vision is to see Royal Rangers spread into the streets of all of our cities, such as Brixton, Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester.

Allan Penduck, national commander  
Worcester, United Kingdom

## Japan

There is great enthusiasm for the program here. Often I receive testimonies of people added to the program because of their involvement in Royal Rangers.

Dale Jackson, national commander  
Tama-ku, Kawasaki-Shi, Japan



## Dominican Republic

Here Royal Rangers are called "Exploradores." They are vital to our world. Boys need wholesome Christian activities to give them a sense of fulfillment and belonging. They make their churches stronger. They make our country more stable and a safer place for us all to live.

Since 1977 the Exploradores have had a national commander. The more than 700 men and boys in our program have sponsored powwows, church gatherings, community social projects, and camps.

Eugene Hunt, training coordinator for Latin America  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



## Australia

In a nutshell, I believe Royal Rangers has helped teach me faithfulness, commitment, and responsibility in living. The program teaches that to others; these qualities are so essential if we are to achieve anything for the glory of God. The Bible tells us to "train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it." I believe Royal Rangers is one avenue of many that helps achieve this important directive.

Barry Saar, youth pastor  
Petersham, Australia

## Germany

The German Royal Rangers have a lot of time for preparation to grow a Christ-like character so important to our country. To contribute to this world is more worthwhile.

Richard Breite, national commander  
Bremen, Germany



# ROUND WITH ROYAL LEADER AROUND THE

One question to Royal Rangers across the world. Here are their responses.

What does Royal Rangers mean to you, boys, girls, families, and communities around the world?



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...commander  
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### Australia

Royal Rangers is providing Christ-centered training of our youth. In the 1980's youth will face immense problems of unemployment, peer group pressure, and the immorality of drug dependency. Royal Rangers, like Teen Challenge and other important ministries of the church reaches out to young people and helps teach them how to put God in control of their lives.

For twenty years I've watched young people from Ranger programs grow into responsible deacons, orchestra members, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and pastors.

Royal Rangers reaches kids before they are deeply caught in sin. There is something to the adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure."

Will Thorne, Commonwealth Commander, Australia

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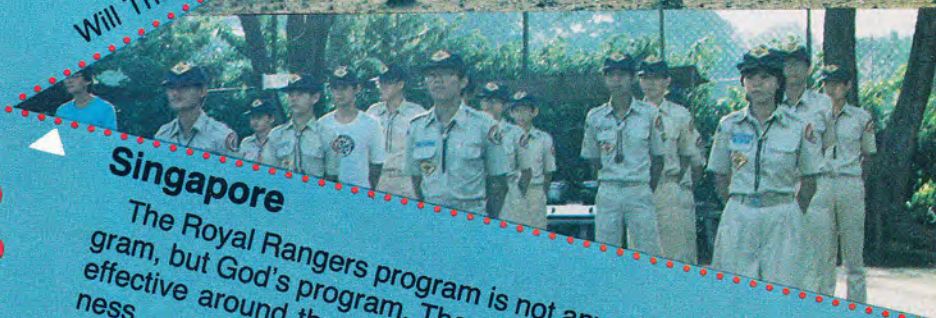
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### Singapore

The Royal Rangers program is not any man's program, but God's program. The program has been so effective around the world because of God's goodness.

I have witnessed many souls brought to Jesus through the program. Many who first came to church through the Royal Rangers program now have experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are living a wonderful Christian life.

Steven Teo, special aide-de-camp  
Singapore



### New Zealand

Royal Rangers are good for my country because we need good citizens for our towns and cities. Boys and girls are taught to respect other people and their property.

Their spiritual lives have a very good foundation ... because they've given themselves to Christ.

Rocky Starr, national commander  
Ohaupo, New Zealand

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# “QUOTATIONS” FROM ROYAL RANGERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES



**Mark Maudling**  
**1984 National**  
**Trail Ranger**  
**England**

I have been involved in Royal Rangers for three years. I began to attend church meetings regularly. There the Lord spoke to me through His Word on Sundays. But, my main growth as a young Christian came through an active Royal Rangers program in the church.

I've learned discipline so that I'm a better witness to my family. I've helped some people to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

So, through Rangers I've been helped and challenged. For all of these things, I thank the Lord so much.

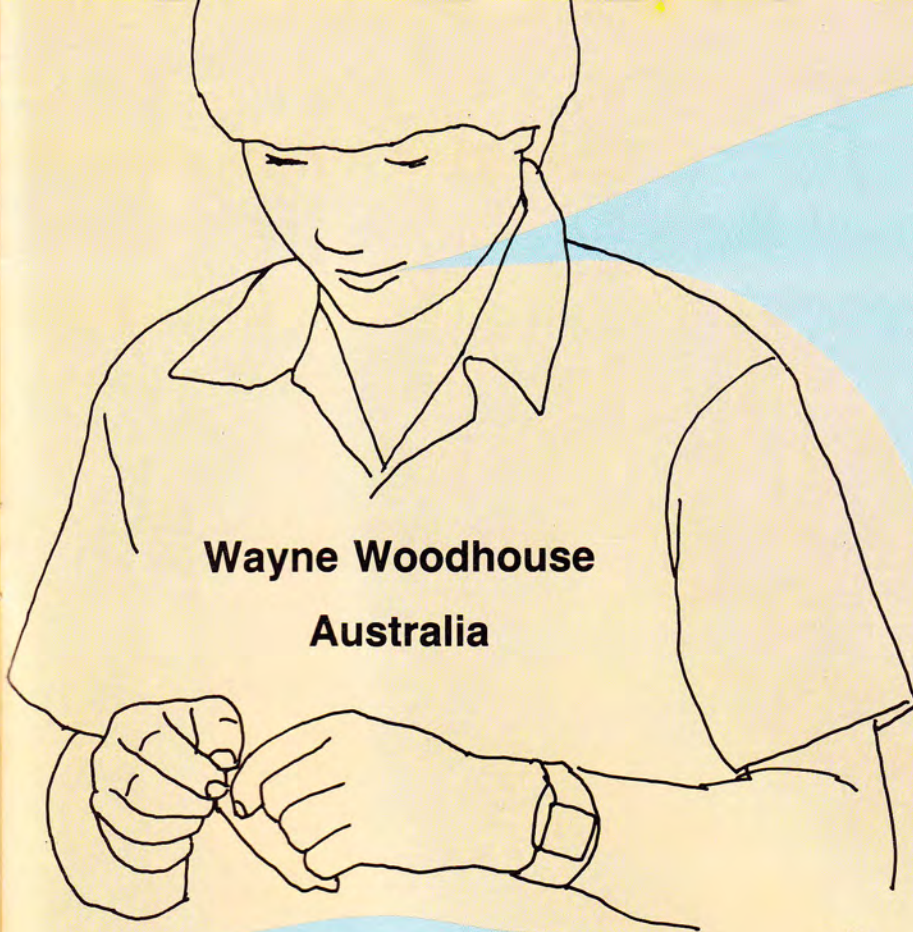


**Kinstine Ryan**  
**New Zealand**

I became a Royal Ranger when I was nine years old. Although I had always been a shy person, Rangers helped me overcome my fear of meeting new people and of being with kids my own age. Rangers activities have made me more confident in Bible reading, praying, and speaking in front of other people.

Rangers programs are real neat, full of variety. I'm so busy that I don't have time to think about the things of the world.

I encourage all children to join Royal Rangers and have fun and find happiness.



**Wayne Woodhouse**  
**Australia**

The greatest thrill I have had in Rangers is when I took my best friend along. He came from a very backward, poor home. He came and participated as we worked on our swimming and first aid awards.

After a few visits he began to pay more attention to the devotions. Eventually I gathered enough courage to witness and talked with him about God. I was able to lead him to the Lord at that time. I praised God for that kid and the strength that He gave me.

I've watched him grow in Christ and in the Rangers program. Without Royal Rangers that kid and many like him would probably be on the way to hell.

Royal Rangers is not just a matter of having fun with kids. Neither is it just a ministry. It's a Christian life-style.



**Stefan M. Breite**  
**1984 Outstanding**  
**Royal Ranger**  
**Germany**

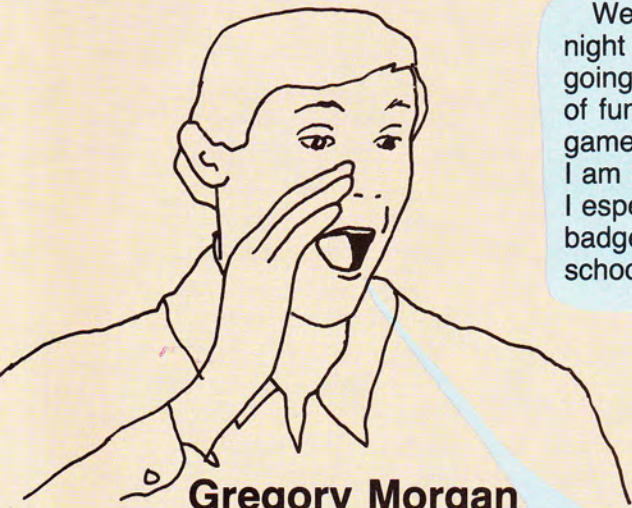


**Robbie Starr**  
**1984 Gold Medal of**  
**Achievement Winner**  
**New Zealand**

I joined Royal Rangers in 1977. I enjoyed my very first visit and began to attend regularly. I have continued to be challenged.

I like the awards and the things I learn. I especially enjoy the church services. Rangers gives me guidance. It has changed my life.

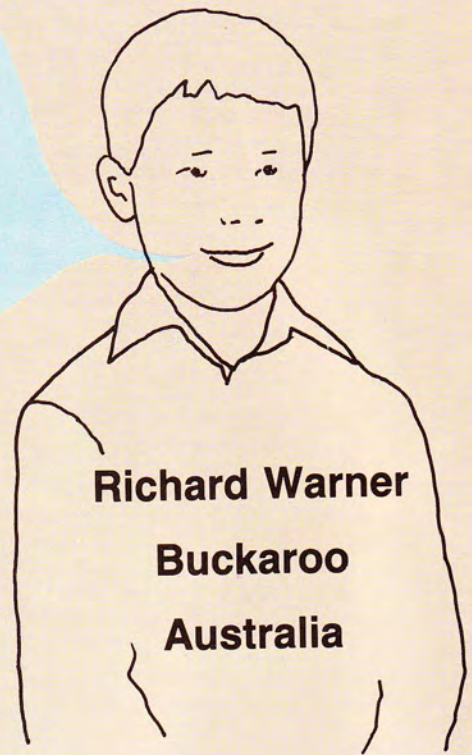
I never have a dull moment in Rangers. I have learned that the more you put into any activity the more you get out of it.



**Gregory Morgan**  
**1984 National**  
**Trailblazer**  
**Wales**

Wednesday night is a special night in my week because it's fun going to Royal Rangers. I have lots of fun with my friends playing the games. I like learning about God. I am a boy who likes to do things. I especially like it when I can earn badges, and when friends from school come to Rangers, too.

I like Rangers because it brought me closer to Jesus. Through the Bible studies and different crafts, I've learned about things I wouldn't otherwise know. I've made many new friends, and that's important. I think Rangers is an excellent idea.



**Richard Warner**  
**Buckaroo**  
**Australia**

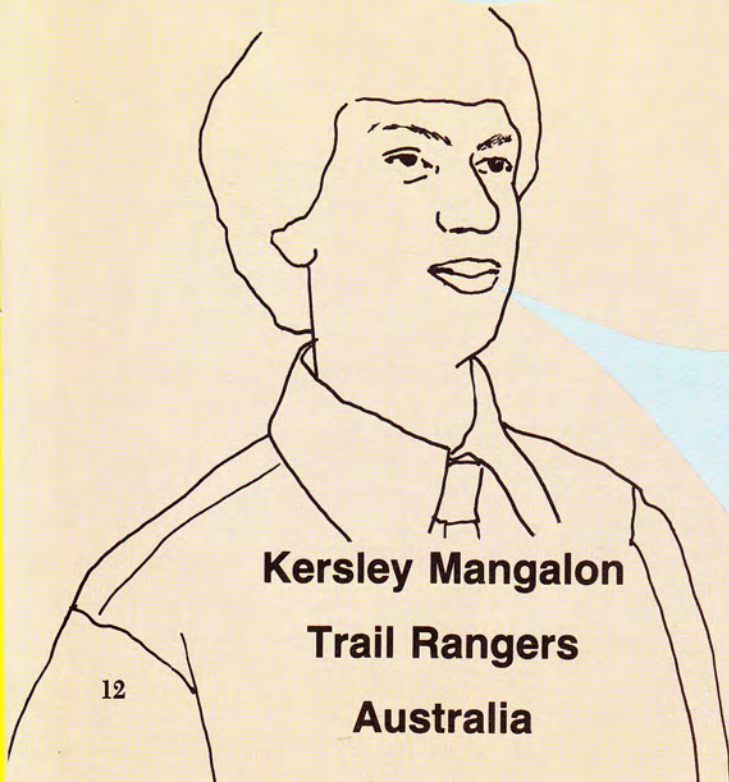
During my childhood I have been influenced by many factors. Few have been more challenging and stronger than my training in Royal Rangers.

Each field of study presents a new and interesting area of learning. All of them lead me to the same conclusion: The best and only way to live is with Christ. He is life itself.



**Cheryl Moulton**  
**Australia**

Rangers gives me the chance to discover new skills in camping. It also challenges me to new areas of spiritual growth. I especially like the times of fellowship with others around this land of Australia.



**Kersley Mangalon**  
**Trail Rangers**  
**Australia**



# —INTERVIEW—INTERVIEW—INTERVIEW—

## WITH ALLAN PENDUCK, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL RANGERS MINISTRY IN GREAT BRITAIN



Allan Penduck, national chairman of the Royal Rangers ministry in Great Britain recently visited Springfield, Missouri, for business at the Assemblies of God headquarters. While there, he was interviewed. He talked about the Royal Rangers ministry in Britain, outlining some of the problems British boys face and explaining his efforts to help those boys.

### **Q. *Where are you pastor?***

**A.** I am an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. I pastored in Worcester, England, for 12 years until 15 months ago. Now I pastor at Bethel Temple, Newport Wales. The church runs between 400 and 500 people which makes it a relatively large pentecostal church. The largest pentecostal church here is around 2,000 and that is an outstanding size congregation. My wife, Joyce, and I have two children, 7 and 5 years old.

### **Q. *How did you become interested in Royal Rangers?***

**A.** In 1972 I picked up a copy of the *Pentecostal Evangel* and read an article entitled "Ten Years of Winning Boys for Christ" which explained the Royal Rangers program. Because of that article, I was

inspired to begin the first Royal Rangers ministry in Britain. At that time it was strictly a local ministry.

### **Q. *What do you like to do in your spare time?***

**A.** I am very sports minded. I love rugby and soccer. I am crazy about outdoor activities. I enjoy gardening around the house and traveling. For example, after leaving Springfield I will travel to Florida to meet my family where we will holiday for awhile.

### **Q. *What is your major role in Royal Rangers today?***

**A.** There is almost an instinct within me to win souls for Christ—children or adults. To see people find Christ satisfies me deeply. Nothing pleases me more. And then, of course, I am national chairman of the Royal Rangers here. My major role in

Royal Rangers is to inspire men, to give them ideas, and encourage them. I am a motivator of those who are on the front lines of battle for the church.

### **Q. *What are the major problems boys face in Great Britain today?***

**A.** First, there are the normal problems of most western countries—materialism and the breakdown of the traditional family. Divorces and the breakup of homes is as great a problem in England as it is in the United States. Second, a major problem is the lack of discipline in the schools. This is the root of many social problems in Britain. In the last few years there has been a vast change in philosophy of discipline applied to young peo-

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ple in our country. Thus they have become quite rebellious. Even many educators want to do away completely with discipline in the schools. I have been pleased to see how youngsters with whom we work in our churches respond to discipline in church and at home.

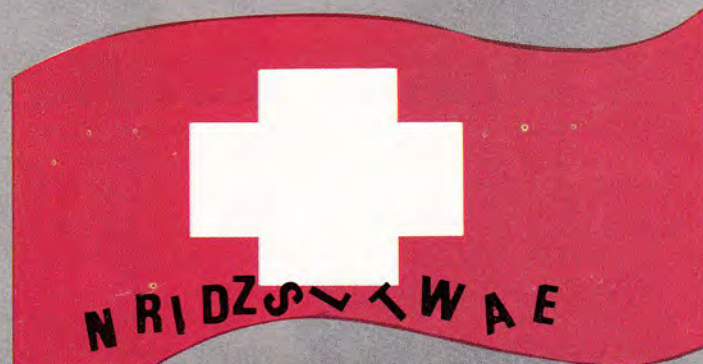
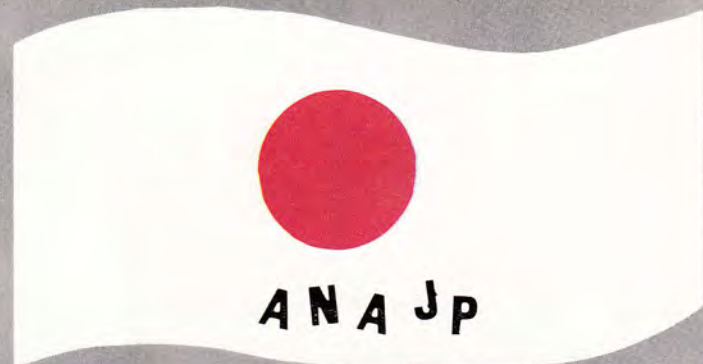
Third, our children are more vulnerable than those in the United States in some ways. In the United Kingdom, for one example, there is more blatant obscenity on TV than there is in the United States. Finally, in our society, generally, socialistic ideas and values have crept into our thinking.

**Q. How do you address these problems through Royal Rangers?**

**A.** One of our church's solutions was to improve the Sunday school program. During the last few years Sunday school attendance in the United Kingdom dropped off generally. It has continued to decline throughout the country, but not in my church. The traditional Sunday school program in the United Kingdom was not holding boys like we are now. We changed the Sunday school program format so that it is more interesting and so that it develops boys spiritually so that we can hold them. Our Royal Rangers program is directly responsible for drawing boys and their families to church and keeping them there. ★

# FLAG SCRAMBLE

**UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING ROYAL RANGERS FLAG IDENTIFICATIONS . . .**



THIS ISSUE'S  
FUNNIEST JOKES

**PRINCIPAL:** Good job, Bob. Your essay on "Why Video Games Are a Waste of Time" won the \$50 grand prize.  
**BOB:** Wow! Could I have it all in quarters?  
Henry Leabo  
Lancaster, CA



COMEDY  
CORNER



"Don't worry. They'll be back when they get hungry."



"The ice cream should be ready in a minute."

Then there was the fellow who went on a special diet, eating only dehydrated foods. One day he got caught in the rain and gained 22 pounds.

Henry Leabo  
Lancaster, CA

**Wise:** I know a funny dairy farmer who is always telling jokes while he milks his cows.

**Cracker:** That sounds like udder nonsense.

**Customer:** Waiter, there's a button in my salad.

**Waiter:** It must have come off when the salad was dressing.

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**Sam:** What did the big raindrop say to the little raindrop?

**Jim:** I don't know.

**Sam:** My plop is bigger than your plop.

**Al:** What did one potato chip say to the other?

**Bert:** Let's go for a dip.

**Tex:** Did you know that cowboys now have blinker lights on their saddles for night roundups?

**Joe:** That's amazing! What do they call them?

**Tex:** Communication saddle lights.

# PROFILES OF ROYAL RANGERS

## A GLOBAL PORTRAIT

### Gregory Morgan

Gregory comes from a little mining village of Philipstown, New Tredegar, in the heart of the Welsh valleys of Rhymney, South Wales. He gave his heart to Christ on October 9, 1979 at the age of 9 in Sunday school held in his own home. He is now 14 years old.

The home Sunday school program grew into the Ruhamah Pentecostal Church. He attends faithfully.

After becoming a Christian he brought his brother and sister to church and saw them give their hearts to Christ.

The church began a Royal Ranger program, and Greg progressed from Buckaroo to Trailblazer. In 1984 he was the Wales District and National Trailblazer of the Year.

"Rangers brought me closer to Jesus. I think Rangers is an excellent idea," he said.



### Robbie Starr

Robbie's outpost commander said, "We are proud to have Robbie in the Waikato Outpost of New Zealand. He has worked long and hard to earn his awards and ratings. He certainly deserved the Gold Medal of Achievement he recently earned."

It was presented to him in October, 1984 at the same time he received his Junior Commander Bars. His commander said, "He will be an outstanding leader in the future."

Robbie said, "Royal Rangers has been good for me." I've received guidance that has changed my life."

### Marvin Abrahams

Marvin is a trailblazer who lives in Australia. One of the Ranger highlights for him was the Cathedral Range Hiking Camp in 1983.

He said that Royal Rangers gives him a good place to visit on Friday nights to be with friends and stay out of trouble. He thinks it is important, since there he "learns about camping and what the Bible says."



### Stefan M. Breite

From the Bremen, Germany, Outpost, Stefan was Germany's first Junior Leader in the Bremen Outpost. Always an active boy, according to his father, Stefan was an exchange student to Wheeling, West Virginia, USA during the 1981-82 school term. While in the United States he excelled in soccer, qualifying as a summer camp leader.

He is serious about being a Christian. As he said, "Royal Rangers is a Christian life-style, not just words." ★



### Robin Bowles

This Pioneer from Australia likes Royal Rangers because "I've learned a lot about Jesus and I get to mix with other children my age."

The variety of activities in his Ranger program makes it a "fun" experience for him. He likes the camps, especially, which allow him to meet kids from other outposts and let him develop his interest in sporting events.

