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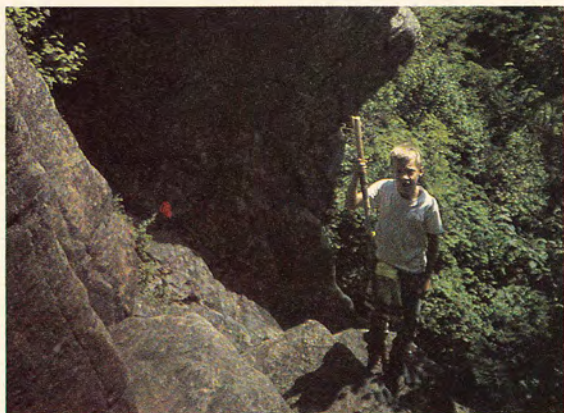
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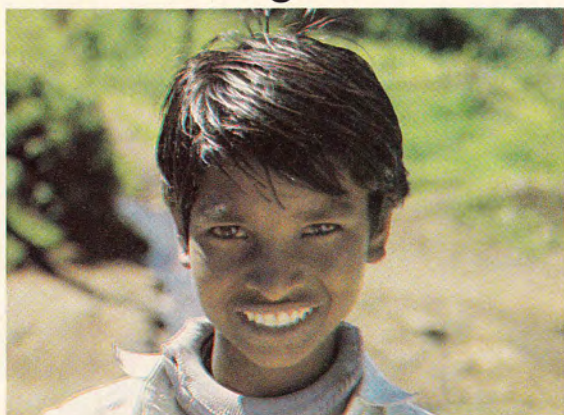


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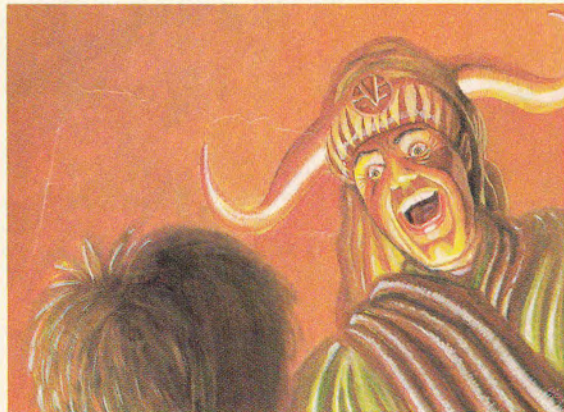
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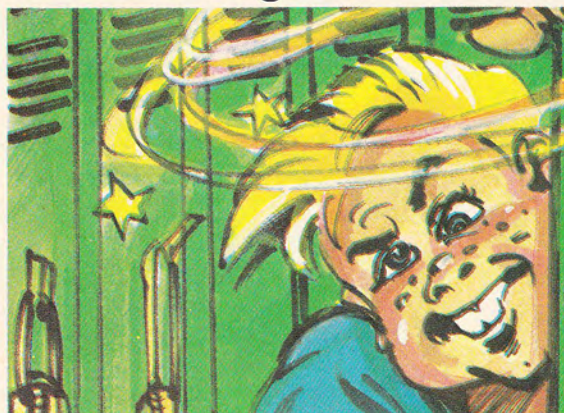
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## Royal Rangers: It Makes a Difference

By Joe Landers

**O**n Thursday, June 27, 1991, my heart ached with sorrow. Reggie, a Trail Rangers commander at our church, had just told me a boy in our outpost had been hit by a car. Clayton Stovall—the 17-year-old Trail Ranger at Northwest Assembly in Mount Prospect, Illinois—was on vacation. But now he was in a coma. Clayton wasn't expected to live.

I spent the evening calling others in our church and praying for Clayton. At 7 a.m. Clayton died. Through the pain and tears, the real value of Royal Rangers came home to me.

You see, Clayton had accepted the Lord through Royal Rangers. So I knew he was with the Father in Heaven.

This story began on January 12, when Clayton's mother learned about Royal Rangers. She was working at a sandwich shop in Mount Prospect when a group of Royal Rangers leaders stopped there for lunch. She had noticed the men's uniforms, as she had before. Only this time she asked about the uniforms.

After the men had told her about Royal Rangers, she spoke about her son and how he could benefit from such a program. As a result Reggie called Clayton and brought him to Royal Rangers.

At the first meeting Clayton put on a rough, tough exterior. His language was coarse. He smelled like cigarette smoke. And he was bragging about all the boys he had beaten up. He pulled out his knife and told me he knew how to use it to defend himself.

I took him aside and told him I was glad he had come. I kindly explained to Clayton that his language and behavior was inappropriate and tried to encourage him. After our conversation I was concerned that Clayton wouldn't come to another Rangers meeting.

Well, he did come back with Reggie, wearing his own Royal Rangers uniform. Reggie also gave Clayton a Bible.

Our outpost devotions were reaching Clayton. The following Wednesday Clayton shared with me how he had asked forgiveness from those he had been fighting with at school.


I knew he was sincere and could see that a change was taking place in his heart. Gradually, over the next 2 months, Clayton shed his rough and tough look. He began to brag less and quit using bad language. On Wednesday evening, April 17, Clayton accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior while praying with Bob, our junior commander.

Clayton later quit smoking. He was excited about Royal Rangers and loved to come to the meetings and to wear his uniform. He was always smiling and cheerful and would help out in any way he could.

On Wednesday, June 19, I drove Clayton home after our meeting. He was going to Michigan for the summer. Since he was going to be away for almost 2 months, we shared a long good-bye. I told him how proud I was of him and encouraged him to read his Bible and pray every day. That was the last time I saw Clayton Stovall alive.

The day Clayton died his family called Reggie and asked if Clayton could be buried in his Royal Rangers uniform. They knew how much he loved to wear it and how proud he was to be a Royal Ranger.

They also requested Royal Rangers pallbearers for Clayton's funeral. Clayton's organs were donated so others might live, just as Clayton would have wanted it.

So my answer is, "Yes, Royal Rangers does make a difference!" It made an eternal difference in the life of Clayton Stovall. 



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*By Rev. Oliver Dalaba*

**L**et's go hiking! That's a suggestion I take seriously. In fact, I think about hiking year around. One highlight of my year is the annual Adirondack Adventure, held usually in July.

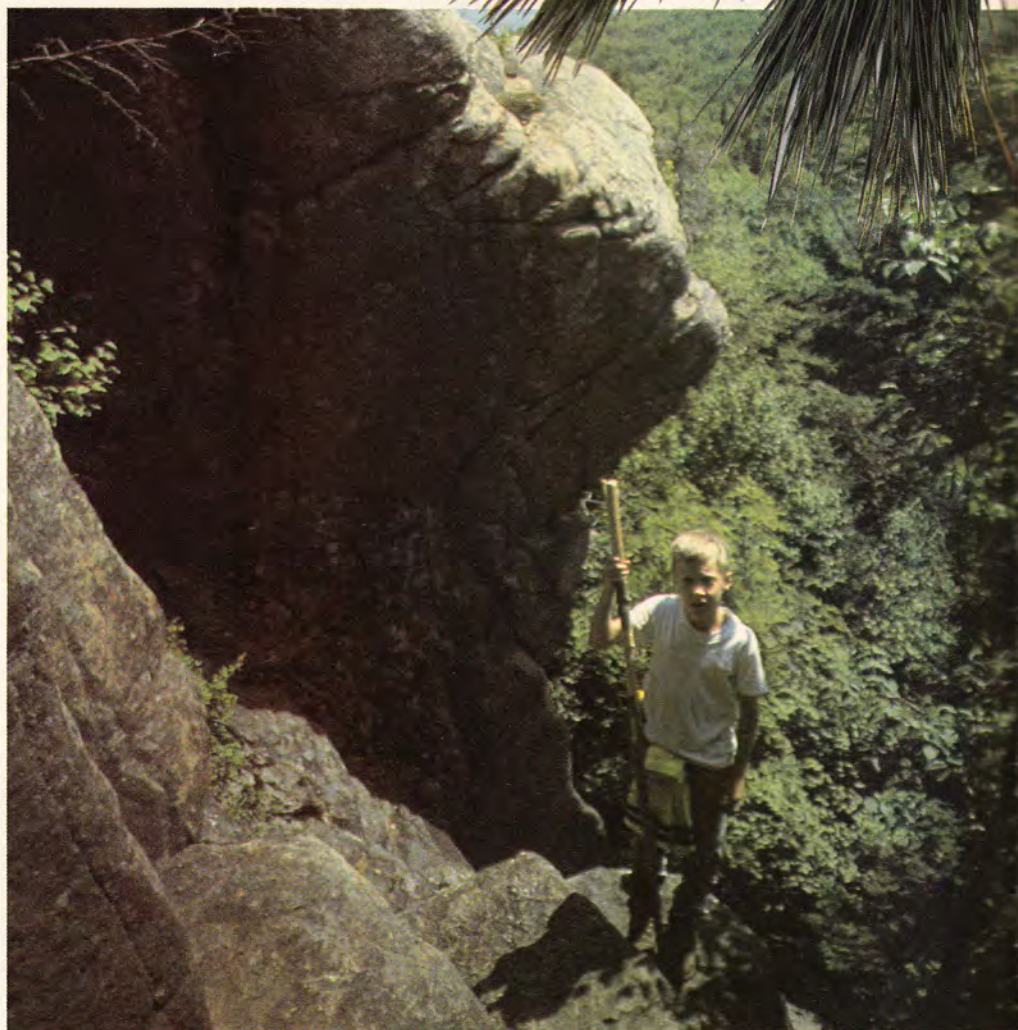
The Adirondack Park, in upstate New York, spreads 6 million acres. Much of this vast wilderness has been designated "forever wild," and it really is! Bears, deer, panthers, bobcats, coyotes, beaver, and a whole host of other game call the Adirondack Park home.

I did too for 17 years. In fact, I still own 5 acres there. This park is full of gorgeous scenery: lakes, mountains, rivers, and valleys—each a new discovery.

In the middle of this vast park is a rustic campground that used to be my farm. The dining hall I built there, about 35 years ago, serves as a base camp for National Training Camps and outpost outings.

There our Royal Rangers—of First Assembly of God in Kalamazoo, Michigan—bivouac in lean-to's and take exciting day hikes during a summer week.

We begin our daily hikes to Crane Mountain at Sacandaga River Crossing. Or we take a night hike to Kibby Pond. Along the trail we watch for interesting animals and sites.



Maybe it's an animal, a huge tree, an underground cave, or ripe blueberries. We also enjoy rappelling; it's quite a thrill!

One night we hiked in the dark to a huge beaver pond; no lights were allowed. Quietly, we sneaked to the edge of the pond. The moon glistened across the water—a beautiful sight.

Just then someone snapped a twig. One beaver heard us and slapped his tail on the water to warn other beavers. The beaver hit the water so hard it shot

several feet into the air! The other beavers heard the warning then plunged into the water for safety.

One day, during a hike, we rested on top of Crane Mountain after the long climb. I peered down the mountain and saw two Air Force aircraft flying toward us. Just before approaching the mountain, they changed elevation. They seemed to barely miss us. You should have seen the hikers duck for cover! I could imagine that those Air Force pilots



# The Adirondack Adventure



Photos by Oliver Dalaba



laughed hysterically as they streaked north around an old fire tower.

Hiking the mountains is an experience of a lifetime. I've enjoyed hiking during the fall when the leaves were full of color. Equally fun is a winter-time hike and camp-out in the snow.

Recently, I took my 39th hike up Crane Mountain. I thought the climb would be like the many others I had gone on with our Royal Rangers and Missionettes. But this hike, in 1990, was a day of discovery.

As I stepped around a tree beside the trail, I saw a stone face silhouetted against the sky. It looked like an Indian head.

Though I had been born and raised in this area, and though I had gone on the hike many times before, I had never seen the stone face on the mountain. The three trips I have since taken have revealed the same silhouette.

I've pondered about that July day many times and wondered what else I may have missed along the trail. I was often side-

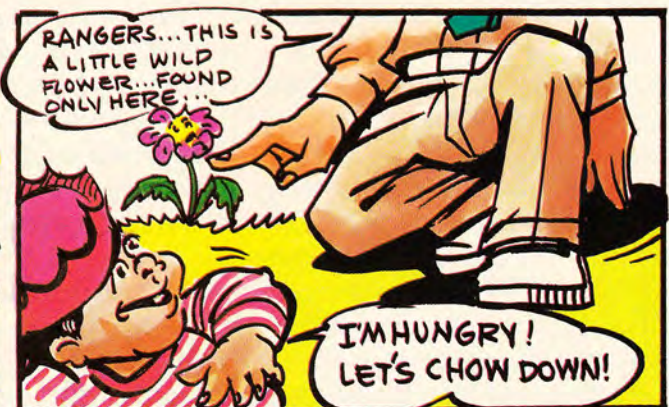
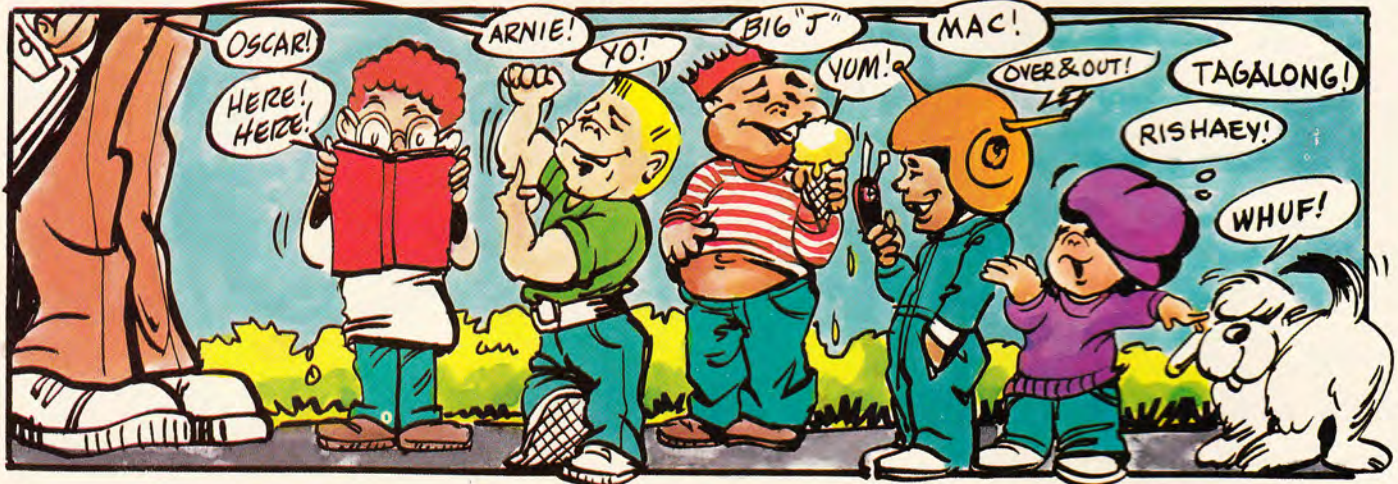
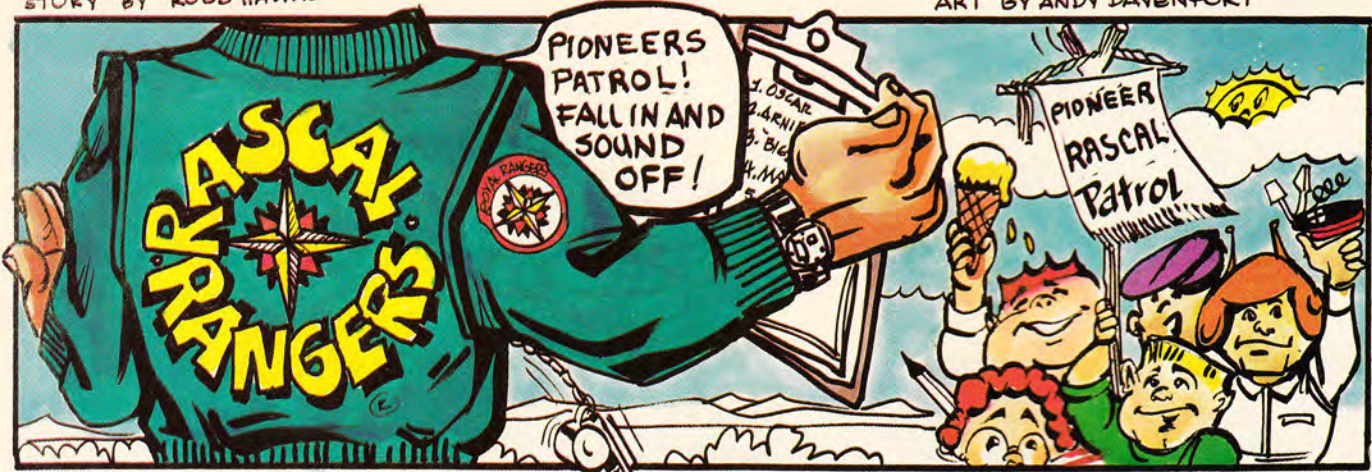
tracked on "making it" to the mountaintop.

Perhaps life is like that. If we concentrate only on the difficulties of the climb, we may miss the joy of discovery life brings.

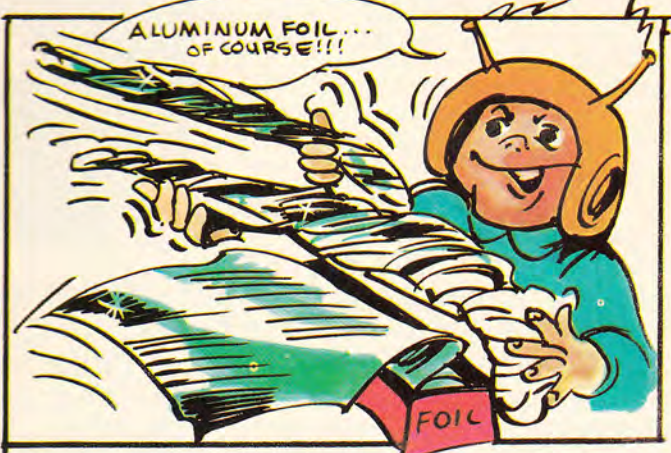
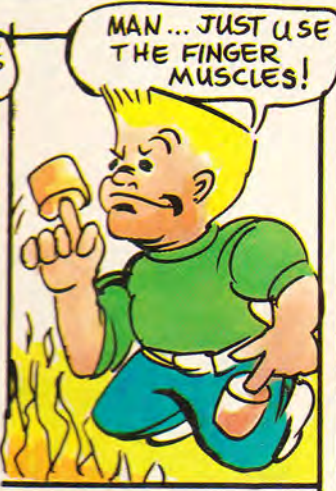
Hiking is like that: It helps you look at life in a different perspective. If you haven't had the privilege of hiking the trails of the hills or mountains, try it! You'll not only find new adventure, but you'll also discover new insights about yourself, your friends, and our God!













# HIKING The MISSIONS TRAIL



# India?



Photos by Kevin Donaldson

By Dan Scherling

**I**want you to go to India." These were the shocking words Mark Buntain heard from God. As a young man Mark had been traveling around the world preaching the message: "Give yourself completely to God; He will not disappoint you."

So one evening the Lord put Mark to the test of giving himself "completely to God." Mark and his wife Huldah had returned home from a missions service. That night, as Mark prayed, God began to speak to him, saying, "I want you to go to India."

India? Mark thought. "Please, God, send me any-

where . . . but not India," he prayed. After all, Mark had spoken in the Philippines, Japan, and Singapore. He wanted to go to China, not India.

But the voice was unmistakable. Mark couldn't get India out of his mind. Shortly afterward the invitation to Calcutta came. Mark, Huldah, and their baby daughter Bonnie boarded a ship for the journey to India. Calcutta had only a small Assemblies of God group and an Assemblies of God missionary. When the Buntains arrived there, Mark began speaking every night in a tent on a vacant street corner. Each night people came to know Jesus.

Soon the tent was too small, so he moved the nightly meetings to an upstairs room. This, too, was quickly outgrown.

After many days and months of hard work, Mark built—with the help of the new congregation—his first church. It was the first church built in Calcutta in more than 100 years! The people quickly moved into their new building, and many more came to know Jesus.

One day, as Mark was standing on a street corner preaching, a young man walked up to him. The man said, "Sir, first you must feed our bodies, then you can feed our souls."

The man's words bothered



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## One-on-One

**2** From the National  
Commander

**I**t's time to get back to basics," is the conclusion of church leaders across the nation today. After years of conferences, seminars, lectures, and studies, we still conclude that God's fundamental principals—that we must pray and be filled with the Holy Spirit—must be the basis for revival.

Indeed, the national leaders of Royal Rangers long to see a decade of harvest. And we realize that Royal Rangers can only accomplish this task by doing the basics: bowing our knees before God to pray for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit across this nation. Oh, that this ministry will be a vital tool in the hands of God for this purpose!

During the fall 1991 Royal Rangers Executive Committee, each member voted to adopt the proposal—sent forth by the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest Committee—to designate a day of fasting and prayer. These national leaders are asking every commander to do the following:

1. Set aside one day a month for fasting and prayer. 2. That day would be the first Saturday of every month. 3. During that day, dedicate at least 1 hour to prayer for a decade of harvest through the Royal Rangers ministry.

I highly recommend that you promote prayer in your outpost each week for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest. Encourage your Rangers to pray at the outpost and at home for our national Royal Rangers leaders and that God will greatly use this ministry, as never before, to reach boys for Christ.

Get excited about what can be accomplished through prayer by reading Wesley L. Duewel's book *Touch the World Through Prayer*. "If ever there was an hour in history with potential for maximum world harvest, it is now," writes Duewel. "If ever there was a time when Christ's imminent return gave a sense of urgency to missions and to prayer, it is now. If ever there was a time when a Christian who cannot go to the mission field for personal service could yet have a worldwide role through prayer, it is now."

Duewel notes in his book that James, the half brother of Jesus, became known as "Camel-knees." Upon James' death it was discovered that, because of multiplied hours of pray, his knees were calloused to the point of resembling camel knees.

May each of us gain the vision, as did James, to bombard the Throne Room of God with prayers for the Church. Commander, God—as He has promised—will honor our prayers if we diligently seek Him.

To again borrow the words written by Duewel: "If God's people would only accept their sacred role as the army of God, if they would call one another to God's priority of prayer, if they would join one another in militant, Spirit-guided, Spirit-anointed intercession, we could see Satan defeated and revival visitations descend from God. We could see the greatest harvest of souls we have ever known."

Let us pray!

Editor

*Marshall F. Banne*

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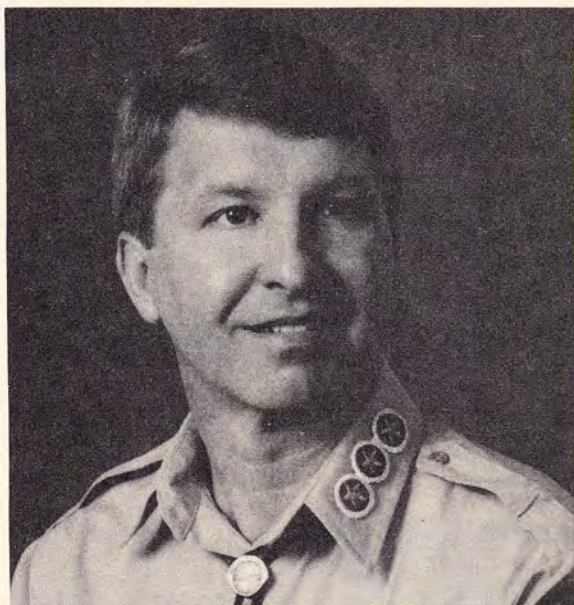
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# The Missions Mind



National Commander Ken Hunt

**I**t is something I've been taught as a child.

It is something *every* Christian has been instructed to do since the inception of the Early Church.

It is something that should be a natural response for all Christians.

The "it" is evangelism: go into all the world, preaching the gospel. And if there is going to be a decade of harvest, and there will be, then those who must be evangelized are the children. Their hearts are still tender and their ears willing to hear the truth: that Jesus is the Messiah. They are the leaders of tomorrow. But they need to be part of the church today.

For this reason I have a burning desire to make missions a vital part of the Royal Rangers ministry. And who better than we, the propagators of the gospel among the children, to promote world evangelism?

The term *world missions* (evangelism) includes both home and foreign missions. At home the tremendous burden remains before us to reach boys commonly persuaded by street gangs—yes, even in the smaller cities—pornography, chemical abuse, suicide (statistics reveal it's the number-two killer of teens), and numerous other peer-related deviations. And abroad we have touched only 49

other nations with the Royal Rangers ministry, a highly effective tool for leading kids to Christ.

I envision that in the near future this ministry will be a tool for winning hundreds of thousands of boys to Christ. And it can begin if we pray, fast, and become missions minded.

We *can* aid in planting the Royal Rangers ministry around the world. We *can* enable our missionary force of home and foreign missionaries to meet the spiritual and physical needs of children around the world.

Here is where we begin:

1. On the national scene we have just developed the Pathfinder program for Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship members. FCF members who participate in a foreign missions church construction project—approved by both the Missions Abroad Placement Service Department and the national Royal Rangers Office—will earn the Pathfinder Award. (See the spring *High Adventure Leader*, page L3, "The Missions Brigade.")

To get boys and men who are not FCF members involved in missions, we now offer—in addition to the boys' advanced Foreign Missions Award—the MAPS (Home) Award, MAPS (Foreign) Award, Ambassadors in Mission Award, Christian Mission Award, and Missions Project

Award. The latter award is for leaders who have participated in a nationally approved construction project—home or abroad.

2. We must continue, and increase our efforts, to assist our foreign Royal Rangers brethren by providing training instructors for their National Training Camps. They, too, need to train leaders to reach boys for Christ.

3. We are now looking at ways to further unite our efforts with Light-for-the-Lost to provide a LFTL junior councilmen program for boys. These cooperative efforts would enable an older boy to function as a LFTL junior member and to help raise funds to send gospel literature around the world. Also, the program would educate boys about missions while providing awards for their efforts. And for boys of every age we can encourage their participation in missions through the Advancement Trail as they give toward and learn about world evangelistic efforts.

4. The national office will continue to promote the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest efforts in this publication. I have appointed highly capable Royal Rangers leaders to serve on the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest. Their recommendations, once adopted by our Executive Committee, will be promoted in the *High Adventure* and other Royal Rangers publications. I pray that you will catch the vision to incorporate these Decade of Harvest efforts in your outpost.

The arms of God are constantly extended from the lost child to come to Him. And, likewise, the heart of our Lord is consumed with compassion for suffering humanity, waiting for mankind—yes, even the children—to lend a helping hand. As for Royal Rangers, we must affirm our pledge: "With God's help, I will do my best to: serve God, my church, and my fellowman. . . ."

Let us live, in its fullness, the Royal Ranger Pledge. Let us become "missions minded." And let it begin with you and me!



## Dear National Commander:

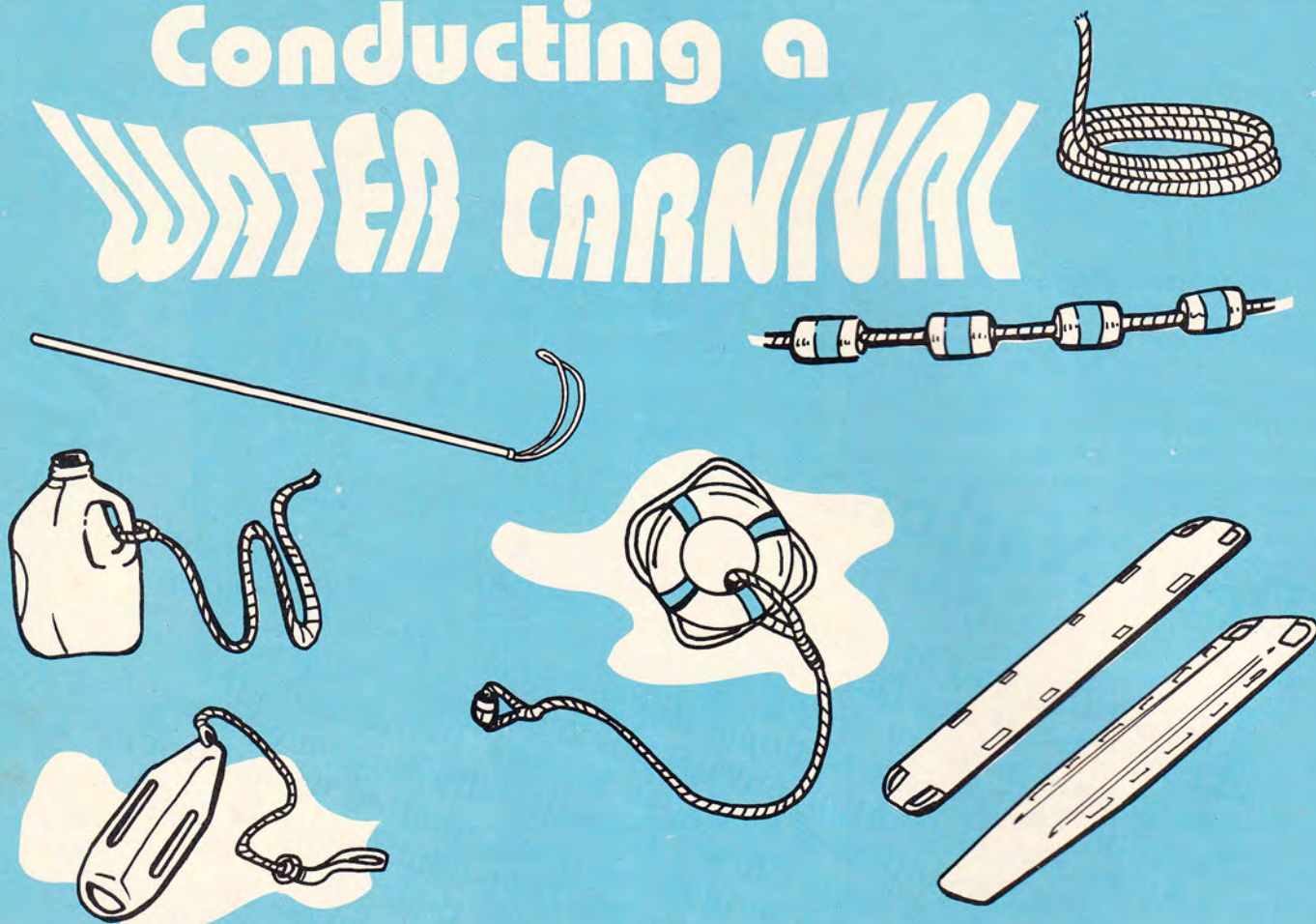
I am writing you to commend Paul Stanek [national training coordinator] and Don Franklin [national office staff] for the outstanding ministry they provided during the recent National Training Trails at the National Royal Rangers Training Center. At the risk of pointing out the obvious, both men are outstanding examples of Christian leaders, living up to the high calling from Jesus Christ. They literally welcomed me into their homes and provided me transportation to and from the training center and the airport. They continually blessed me and the other NTT participants with their knowledge, ministry, leadership experience, and love for boys—all of which comes only from many years of walking closely with the Lord.

I assure you the Royal Rangers ministry at Fairfax Assembly in Fairfax, Virginia, is benefitting mightily from the lessons I have received through the NTT, Leadership Training Course, and National Training Camps. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to raise up mighty men of God and Royal Rangers leaders such as Paul Stanek and Don Franklin.

"READY" in His Service,  
Roger L. Zollman  
Senior Commander  
Outpost 49



# Conducting a WATER CARNIVAL



**T**he out-of-doors! Summer is upon us. And we, as outpost commanders, are again thinking of outdoor activities for our Rangers.

*By Donald Cobb*

Why not have a water carnival? During a hot, summer day there's nothing more refreshing than water activities. A well-planned water carnival can provide lots of fun for boys. Also, it will give you a chance to spend some quality time with your Rangers and to prove again that Christ and fun go together.

## **Team and Individualized Games**

Given proper consideration for safety, the water carnival—which can be held indoors or outdoors—can be fun for all ages. Too, your water carnival can be just about anything from a simple day in the water to a well-thought-out, structured day of competition. If it's team events you want, here are some games you can play in a swimming pool: basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, relays, and tug-o-war. You can keep the same basic

rules for each game, except you play them in the water. These games can be played in water waist deep or less. So, with good adult supervision, even young boys who cannot swim may play.

Individualized water games are numerous. Some that are easy to conduct are the preacher's dunk, bronco toss, water balloon fights, water slide (long piece of plastic spread on the ground with water running across it), and a balloon slingshot fight.

The safety equipment you have on hand can also be used as tools for conducting games.

The ring buoy—buoyant ring with about 50 feet of attached line—can be used as a tossing contest. For example, the boy who makes the most ringers out of five wins. The objective is to teach boys swimming safety rules—they'll learn while having fun!

The rescue buoy—a hard plastic buoy with handles on each side and a 6-foot tow line with shoulder strap—could be another fun event. The boy who “rescues” another person first by pulling him to the embankment wins.



Other similar games can be played with backboards (used for person with spinal injury), a milk jug—put ½ inch of water in it—tied to a rope, or a shepherd's crook (a long pole with large, blunt hook used to reach and retrieve a victim).

Some of the more complex individual competitions are canoe, row boat, and sailing races.

tended. If you cannot afford to develop patches, certificates could be the alternative. With the help of clip art and a computer, you can create a very attractive certificate your Rangers will appreciate.

Another option is to help the boys earn some of the advanced awards that involve water activities. Often these same requirements are the ones

“During a hot, summer day there's nothing more refreshing than water activities.”

For more details on the events mentioned above and many others, check the “Outdoor Water Activities” section of the *Royal Rangers Outpost Activities Book*.

### Structuring the Carnival

Let's focus now on how to structure a water carnival. Water space and the number of helpers are the two main factors that will determine how large your carnival can or cannot be. So determine the logistics of the carnival well in advance.

1. Determine if your water carnival will be a day of competition, prizes, trophies, ribbons, the whole works. Or you can choose to keep it a simple but fun-filled day.

2. If you want to go for a day of prizes and competition, decide on what events you will be running. Then determine how points and prizes will be awarded. One good policy is to present trophies for team events and ribbons to each team member. Keep in mind that medals are popular with the boys for individual events. And remember, the more recognition you can give your boys the better.

You can also develop uniform patches to offer those who have at-

boys have more problems earning by themselves.

3. The main concern in preparing for a water carnival, or any Royal Rangers event, is safety. If you haven't done so, familiarize yourself with The Eight Defense Plan (see *Adventures in Camping* handbook). Also, develop a list of safety rules you can duplicate to give to each participant.

If you're conducting water activities in a swimming area, a trained, certified lifeguard should be on duty. If you have swimming events going on in different areas simultaneously, place a water guard in each area.

We all know that boys like things that are exciting and fun. So give them a day on and in the water that will be safe and fun. I pray that your water carnival might be a way of reaching, teaching, and keeping boys in the safety of Jesus Christ!



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## First Aid Tip: The Abdominal Thrust

If you see someone grasping his throat and is unable to cough, breath, or speak, chances are the person is choking. The person may be coughing or breathing weakly and making high-pitched noises.

- First ask the victim if he is choking. If no verbal response follows, quickly explain to the person that you will help him.

- While doing so stand or kneel behind the person and wrap your arms around his waist. Now place your fist—thumb side inward—against the middle of his abdomen (stomach area). Make certain your fist is located well below the lower tip of the victim's breast bone and above his naval.

- Grasp your fist with the other hand and quickly press (a squeezing motion) inward with an upward motion.

- If the obstruction remains, repeat the thrust.

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The Story of

Jedediah Strong Smith

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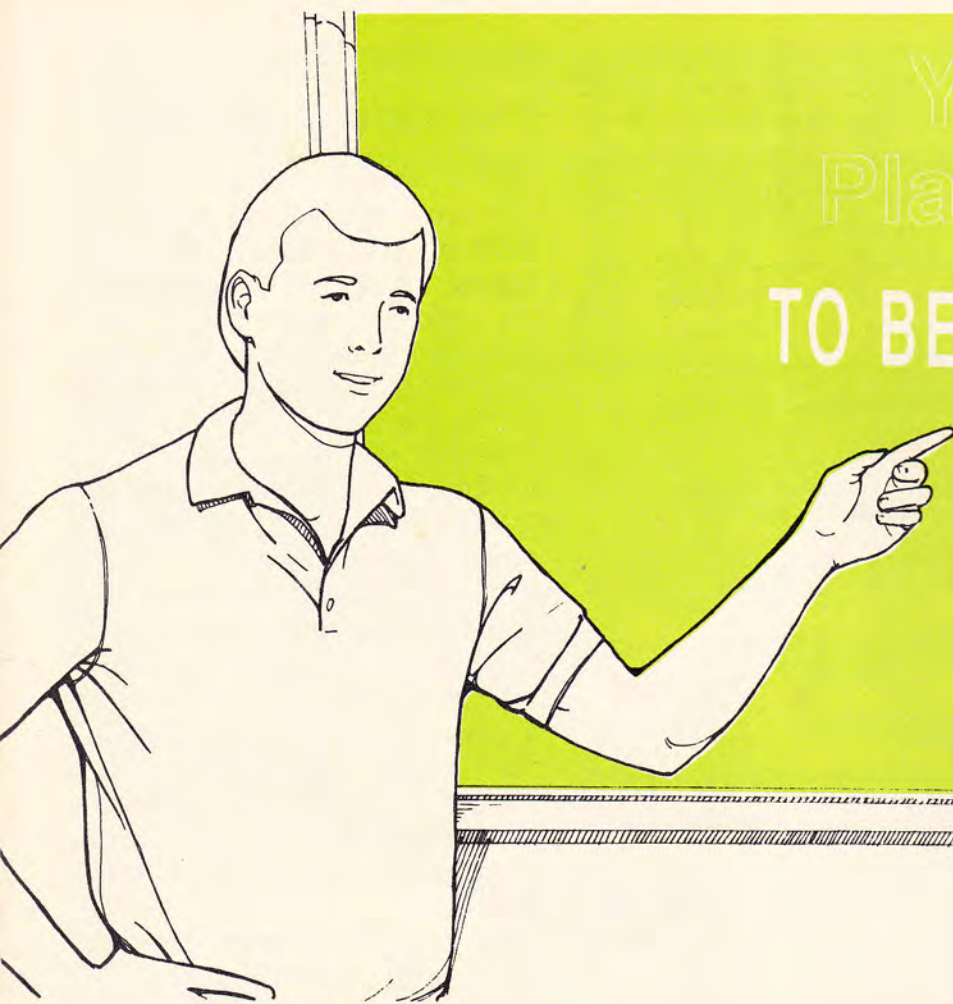
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# Your Outpost Planning Guide

## TO BE A MISSIONARY

### Be a Christian Bible Schooling

## Straight Arrows Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

### June: Missions and the Straight Arrow

**Overall Approach**—To teach boys about missions—both home and foreign—and to show them how they can be “missionaries.”

**1st Week**—Foreign Missions. Share that evangelism outside the United States is called “foreign missions.” Explain the processes involved in becoming a foreign missionary. (See following information in the Pioneers, Trailblazers, Air-Sea-Trail Rangers Program planning guide. However, keep your illustrations simple.) Tell why missionaries must first receive Bible schooling. Answer these questions: What must they do to become missionaries? How long must one be in ministry before going to the mission field? Tell about some of the missionaries your church supports and the countries in which they minister. Secure addresses of these missionaries who have children. Have the boys write to these missionary children. Conclude by asking each boy to pray for the foreign missionaries your church supports.

Scripture verse this week: Mark 16:15.

**2nd Week**—Home Missions. Home missions has undergone a great change in recent years. The Division of Home Missions has many different types of ministries. Learn of these ministries in the planning guide for older boys, and share this information with your boys. Ask your pastor which home missionaries your

church supports, then follow the guidelines listed above.  
Scripture verse this week: Matthew 28:19.

**3rd Week**—Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. BGMC, which began in 1949, is a missions education program for preschool and elementary children. It gives training on missions and encourages child participation in monthly missionary stewardship. With the funds received, it pays for translating, printing, and distributing gospel literature around the world. Also, the funds help provide reference books for Assemblies of God Bible schools in foreign lands and subsidizes literature for evangelistic crusades and outreaches. BGMC provides audio and video cassette tapes when media is used to reach the lost. And for new Assemblies of God churches in the United States and Puerto Rico, BGMC provides funds for purchasing Sunday school literature, hymnals, and Christian education materials.  
Scripture verse this week: Romans 10:13.

**4th Week**—Home Missions “Get Acquainted Party.” Conclude your study on missions by inviting a home missionary to your meeting. Ask your pastor to invite a home missionary family to come and share about their ministry. Invite the Buckaroos and other Rangers to join you. And be sure to serve refreshments. Take pictures of the boys and the missionaries that can later be displayed in your meeting room.  
Scripture verse this week: John 3:16.

References for this month: Division of Foreign Missions, Division of Home Missions, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and national Sunday School Department, Springfield MO 65802-1894.



## July: Safety & First Aid

**Overall Approach**—To provide instruction on safety and first aid.

**1st Week**—Water Safety. Begin by sharing about water safety. Even with properly supervised water-related activities—fishing, for example—accidents can occur. Therefore, your Straight Arrows need to understand water safety rules. Boys are never too young to learn them. Make a game out of the learning process. By doing so they can learn quickly and have fun doing so. Your Rangers will be intrigued to know they are learning something their older brothers, sisters, and parents may not know. For example, discuss The Eight Defense Plan (see *Adventure in Camping* handbook). Make sure the boys understand each item. Role-play what is explained in The Eight Defense Plan.

Scripture verse this week: Proverbs 21:31.

**2nd Week**—Water Safety. Review the water safety rules you discussed last week to make certain the boys understand each rule. Add to your instruction some basic information on swimming. Some boys may know how to swim. Regardless, boys need to know water safety and those lifesaving techniques that can be applied from land. Stress that the boys must rely on adult help for these rescue techniques.

Scripture verse this week: Psalm 119:117.

**3rd Week**—First Aid. Straight Arrows need to learn basic first aid. For example, they need to know how to stop a nose bleed. They should be taught how to treat a minor cut or a scrape. Such accidents can happen on a playground or on a day outing. Come prepared for some hands-on practice. The boys can learn while having fun.

Scripture verse this week: Proverbs 29:25.

**4th Week**—Hiking Safety. Though Straight Arrows hikes are very controlled, the boys need to be given rules and safety precautions prior to an outing. Clearly define hiking safety rules, then discuss them with your Rangers. For example, discuss what kind of clothes and shoes to wear. Describe the importance of the buddy system. Share about the terrain to be hiked. Provide illustrations of common poisonous plants in your area.

Scripture verse this week: Deuteronomy 33:12.

**5th Week**—The Hike. Take the boys on a simple hike. Once you return to the meeting room, serve refreshments.

References for this month: *The Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*; *Royal Rangers Buckaroo Leaders Handbook*; *Royal Rangers Outpost Activities Book*; *Red Cross First Aid Book*.

## August: Living During Colonial Days

**Overall Approach**—To review how children lived during the colonial era.

**1st Week**—Pilgrim Dwellings of New England. During the 1700s pilgrims built their homes close together in small villages. They did so to protect themselves against invading Indians and wild animals. Homes were built out of different materials according to the geographic location. In New England, for example, pilgrims built clapboard houses. In Pennsylvania and New York the homes were made of logs. In Maryland homes were built with stone.

The houses were plain and well built. The homes were usually built with one large kitchen, which also served as a living and dining room. The women cooked in large, open fireplaces. The fireplace provided all the heat of the homes. Most homes

also had a bedroom downstairs—and one upstairs if the family was large. The houses did not have bathrooms, running water, gas, or electricity.

Scripture verse this week: Luke 12:7.

**2nd Week**—Pilgrim Clothing. The pilgrims of New England wore plain clothes. Most clothes were made at home with a spinning wheel. The women dyed the cloth various colors with berry juice. The winter clothing was very heavy because of the cold New England weather. Some winter clothes were made of leather and lined with fur. The women and girls wore long dresses and aprons. And they wore small caps, even in the house. Men and boys wore knee pants called breeches. The wealthy wore Sunday clothes made of fine cloth imported from England.

Scripture verse this week: Psalm 91:1.

**3rd Week**—Colonial Schools. The colonialist believed in education and were eager for their children to learn. The boys and girls went to school 6 days a week. A child who did not know his or her lesson had to wear a dunce cap and sit on a high stool.

Unlike today's schools, the children were taught to read the Bible. The school had just one large room, in which boys and girls of all ages studied together. For example, they recited the ABC's together as well as other lessons. The ABC's were printed on a piece of paper held by a wooden paddle (called a horn-book). The students wrote on slates, which were like little blackboards. If available feather pens and ink were used to write on paper.

Scripture verse this week: Proverbs 27:1.

**4th Week**—Colonial Games. Conclude by telling how the colonialists had fun. Though life in New England was hard, the colonialists made time for fun and games. Their social gatherings were called "bees"—spelling bees, quilting bees, cornhusking bees, etc. The boys and girls played much of the same games children today play. The girls played ring around the rosy, little Sally Waters, London bridges falling down, hopscotch (then called scotch-hoppers). The boys played leap frog, tag, and marbles. In winter people went ice skating and sleigh riding.

Scripture verse this week: Psalm 84:4.

## Buckaroos Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

### June: Missions and the Buckaroo

**Overall Approach**—Same as Straight Arrows Program for June. Because the boys are more mature than the Straight Arrows, provide more information and involve them in your discussion. The Christian Character Trait this month is *friendliness*.

Scripture verses this month: **1st Week**—John 15:13, **2nd Week**—Proverbs 18:24, **3rd Week**—Job 42:10, **4th Week**—John 3:16.

References for this month: Same as shown in Straight Arrows Program.

### July: Summer Hikes & Biking

**Overall Approach**—To provide basic training on hiking and biking skills. You will need additional helpers, such as parents, to assist you during this month of activities. The Christian



Character Trait this month is *creativity*. This means not only in making things but using our talents as well.

**1st Week—Hiking.** The following must be planned prior to this meeting: You must plan the routes for two hikes and a bike outing, know what the terrain is like, and know the complexity of the hike and bike trails. Know the purpose of the outing and what rules and safety factors must be followed. During this meeting cover the details of each outing: 1. what boys must wear, 2. what items to take, 3. the rules of the day, and 4. what safety precautions to take.

Scripture verses this week: Genesis 1:1,27.

**2nd Week—Hiking.** This week take the boys on one of two hikes. The first hike should begin at the church and continue through the town (area must have little traffic). Try a flip-a-coin hike. (Know beforehand the streets around you and how to safely return to the church.) Here is how you play: At each intersection your group approaches, flip a coin for the direction of travel—"heads" leads you to the right, "tails" to the left.

Another type of hike is the "hare-and-hounds hike." Send a leader ahead of the group. Instruct him to put down "tracks" (cardboard tracks, for example) for the boys to follow. (A leader must accompany the group but allow them to find their own direction.) The "hare" tracks should be close enough together to keep the boys going in the right direction, yet spread apart enough to provide a challenge. Have the tracks leading back to the church, where refreshments await.

**3rd Week—Hiking.** This nature hike should take place in a park setting or in the country. Know in advance what you want the boys to discover. Provide the boys a list of items to search for during the hike. You may want to divide the boys into groups so the hike will be more exciting. Be certain to provide adequate supervision.

**4th Week—Bike Safety.** This week teach your Buckaroos bike safety tips. Have the boys bring their bikes to this meeting. This will prepare the boys for a bike outing next week. Invite to this meeting a resource person who knows bikes and bike safety—such as a law enforcement officer. The boys need to know what the law says about riding bikes and how to ride them safely. They also need to know how to take care of their bikes so they are safe to ride. Conclude by inspecting the boys' bikes for next week's outing.

Scripture verse this week: Ephesians 4:24.

**5th Week—Bike Outing.** Take the boys on a bike outing this week. It could be as simple as biking through a park. For safety sake plan to provide adequate adult supervision. Serve refreshments at church when the group returns. Remember, at this age boys can tire easily.

References for this month: *The Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*; *Adventures in Camping*; *Royal Rangers Buckaroo Leaders Handbook*; *Local police department or bicycle shop*.

## August: Hobbies & Crafts

**Overall Approach—**To provide an action-packed month of exploring hobbies, crafts, and safety. To allow the boys to discover their creative talents. The Christian Character Trait this month is *contentment*.

**1st Week—**Instruct the boys to bring to this meeting their hobbies—for example, stamp or coin collections, musical instruments, or drawings. During this meeting have a time of show and tell. Have each boy put his hobby on display for all to see after the meeting.

Scripture verse this week: Philippians 4:11.

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**2nd Week—**This week will be the first of three devoted to crafts. Prior to craft time cover the safety rules on using tools. Have on hand several samples of craft ideas and the materials needed to complete them. Keep the crafts simple this week. The following 2 weeks can be devoted to more involved crafts. Or tackle a more complex craft that will take 3 weeks to complete. A pinewood derby car, a rain-gutter sail boat, or a sailing car, for example, would be good projects the boys can begin then finish during the following meetings.

Since this quarter of the *High Adventure/High Adventure Leader* focuses on missions, involve the boys in missions-oriented crafts. See the Crafts for Boys section of this issue.

Scripture verse this week: 1 Timothy 6:6.

**3rd Week—**Working on the more advanced craft projects that were selected last week.

Scripture verses this week: 1 Timothy 6:7,8.

**4th Week—**After your Buckaroos have completed their craft projects, place them on display. Invite the parents to come and see the displayed projects. You could even serve refreshments.

Scripture verse this week: Hebrews 13:5.

References for this month: *Crafts for Boys*, Summer 1992 *High Adventure Leader*.



# Pioneers, Trailblazers, Air-Sea-TrailRangers Program



By John Eller

## June: Missions

**Overall Approach**—To teach Royal Rangers the importance of missions, how a missionary is selected, and why and how missionaries are supported. Let your boys know that new missions advanced awards will soon be available through the Gospel Publishing House. These new awards will be listed in *The Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*, 1992 revision. As always, this planning guide should be saturated with prayer and anointed by the Holy Spirit. The Christian Character Trait this month is *caring for others*.

**1st Week**—Introduce your Rangers to the general subject of missions in the Assemblies of God. Show how our Fellowship has been evangelistic and missions-minded since its beginning. Describe the success of mission outreaches, both at home and abroad: more than 2 million members and adherents in the United States and more than 21 million overseas. Emphasize the necessity of missions in order to fulfill the command of Jesus found in Matthew 28:19,20 and Mark 16:15-18. Ask the boys to look up and read aloud the verses just cited. Show how obedience to these commands fulfills the Great Commission.

Scripture verse this week: Romans 1:16.

**2nd Week**—Discuss the elements necessary to become a missionary. Explain how a person becomes called by God into the ministry. Show the importance of preparing for the ministry through education. Stress the need for Bible training in one of our Assemblies of God Bible colleges. Tell how these schools are in the forefront to assist and to guide young people toward a career in missions. Mention the Bible college in your region. If possible, identify some ministers and missionaries who have graduated there. With your pastor's permission invite, if possible, a missionary to speak to your Rangers. Share how a missionary applicant must be approved for assignment by a missions board, gain practical experience, then itinerate.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 14:1.

**3rd Week**—Explain why the Great Commission is man's greatest task. Royal Rangers share in this responsibility. Our missionaries derive support from churches and personal friends to work on the mission field. Funds for special missions projects come from donors throughout the nation who believe in missions. Explain that the gospel is free but that someone must pay the delivery charges. Discuss why our Movement uses the "faith system" for raising missions support.

Scripture verses this week: 1 Corinthians 16:1,2.

**4th Week**—The new missionary must secure two types of funds: cash and pledges. He needs cash for travel fare, freight, customs charges, and more. And he needs monthly pledge support for such expenses as work, medical, personal, taxes, and pension program. He is allowed "Cash for Candidates" funds to enable him to begin raising support. The key to effective missions support is the local pastor who has a vision to reach the spiritually lost. In turn, the pastor must get his congregation involved. Talk about some of the missionaries your church supports. Suggest the boys become acquainted with new missionaries visiting your church. Most missionaries go overseas for a 4-year term. So we must help support them by promoting, encouraging, and assisting them in their work.

Scripture verse this week: Romans 10:1.

## July: Foreign Missions

**Overall Approach**—To acquaint Royal Rangers with the vast foreign missions outreach of the Assemblies of God and to inspire interest, concern, support, and vision for the lost peoples of the world. The Christian Character Trait this month is *supporting our missionaries*.

**1st Week**—Using the verse from Acts 1:8, show how we each are to witness for Christ where we live then reach out to our county or state, to other counties or states, and to the uttermost part of the earth. All men are lost (see Romans 3:23), and Christ is the only Savior (see Acts 4:12). Explain that the Assemblies of God has been responding to the regions beyond since 1914 and today has the world's largest and fastest-growing evangelical foreign missions outreach. Our foreign missions program seeks to establish indigenous churches after the New Testament pattern: training national believers to proclaim the message to their own people and other nations, and showing compassion for suffering peoples in a manner representing the love of Jesus Christ.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 16:31.

**2nd Week**—Show how world evangelism is the first priority of Assemblies of God missions. Our present missionary army works in 124 nations. Overseas, the Assemblies of God doubles its membership about every 7 years. New ways are constantly being sought to penetrate the enormous harvest field of lost humanity. Still almost 60 percent of the world's people do not have an adequate witness of Jesus Christ. The tasks can only be met by the help of the Lord (see Zechariah 4:6). When people



## August: Home Missions

are added to the Church, new churches must be established to follow up the work. Also, believers—both new and old—must be nurtured. Training is also important. The Assemblies of God has nearly 400 foreign Bible schools—where more than 30,800 pastors, evangelists, and other Christian workers are enrolled. Thousands more participate in education through extension schools and correspondence. Our work also includes HealthCare Ministries (medical missions), Child Care Ministries, feeding programs, and overseas relief efforts. With 50 percent of the world's population under the age of 18, we must minister to these young souls. Discuss how Royal Rangers can help.

Scripture verse this week: Colossians 3:12.

**3rd Week**—Africa is the second-largest continent and has been ministered to by Assemblies of God missionaries since the formation of the U.S. Assemblies of God. One missionary, J.W. Tucker, was martyred in The Congo (now Zaire) for his commitment. The best way to reach this vast land is through African Christians. Thousands of people come to know Christ each day in Africa.

Eurasia, holding one-third of the world's population, extends from Europe and Northern Africa to Southern Asia. This includes Eastern Europe, Europe, Southern Asia, and the Middle East/North Africa. In Europe secular humanism has largely replaced Christianity. In Southern Asia, the people are generally poverty-stricken. In the Middle East and North Africa area, the population is predominantly Muslim. Bring a world globe to the outpost meeting and identify some of the areas being discussed in the arena of world missions.

Scripture verse this week: Galatians 6:9.

**4th Week**—Focus this week on Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean and West Indies. The Far East field includes 27 countries that extend from Japan (in the north) to Tonga (in the south) and from Myanmar (in the west) to the Micronesian Islands (in the east). Cultures vary from Japan's Buddhists and Shintoists to the 168 million Muslims in Indonesia. The church is strong in the Philippines, Malaysia, and Singapore. Revival has swept Myanmar (formerly Burma), despite the fact that missionaries were expelled there in 1966. The China Office and China Radio, stationed in Hong Kong, minister to much of mainland China. Remarkable growth has been experienced in Central and South America and in the Caribbean. Brazil alone has more than 14.4 million Assemblies of God believers. Evangelism task forces—in countries such as Paraguay, Jamaica, Ecuador, Mexico, and Chile—are resulting in many new churches and many souls saved.

Scripture verses this week: Matthew 9:37,38.

**5th Week**—Nearly 28 percent of the world's population is Muslim—1.5 billion. Muslims are scattered geographically into some 4,000 ethnic groups. More than 6 million Muslims live in the United States. Less than 2 percent of all evangelical missionaries are directly involved in reaching these people. The International Correspondence Institute ministers to students in 164 nations and 85 languages. This important arm reaches the lost and trains the found. The International Media Ministries—which ministers to Eurasia—seeks to use the electronic media to evangelize unreached peoples and to train nationals through such media as radio, television, video and audio cassettes, films and filmstrips, satellites, and computers. IMM strives to speak to the world. Life Publishers International was established in 1946 and now serves about 58 nations with materials in their own languages. Life Publishers International produces a thousand tons of literature every year. Foreign Missions also works with Good News Crusades, Ambassadors in Mission, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, Light-for-the-Lost, Missions Abroad Placement Service, Speed-the-Light, Women's Ministries, and the American Bible Society.

Scripture verses this week: John 4:35,36.

**Overall Approach**—To identify Home Missions as a ministry to all peoples at all levels of society. The Christian Character Trait this month is *praying for our missionaries*.

**1st Week**—Introduce some of the aspects of Home Missions to your group. Explain the differences between "home" and "foreign" missions. Discuss how America itself is a mission field and in need of workers and support in the following areas: 1. new church evangelism; 2. military and industrial/institutional chaplains; 3. Teen Challenge; 4. college ministries; 5. deaf, blind, and handicapped ministries; 6. intercultural ministries; and 7. Mission America Placement Service. Show how Mission America is a multifaceted ministry that is reaching people in America with the message of salvation.

Scripture verse this week: Romans 9:26.

**2nd Week**—Discuss the need for new churches and missions in our country. Show how each new church planted reaches people in its community and becomes a new support base for our general missions program. Mention how "pioneers of the faith" have now established more than 11,000 churches nationwide. Explain how the Decade of Harvest thrust is busy opening 5,000 new churches. Call attention to any new churches recently established in your area. Tell how chaplains meet a real need among military servicemen; those in the work force and institutions; those imprisoned and in detention centers; and those in hospitals and nursing homes. Home missions outreach also involves ministering at racetracks, rodeos, and truck stops, and ministering to law enforcement people. Multiplied thousands are being ministered to at mental retardation centers. This "ministry in action" is paying great dividends in souls won to the Lord.

Scripture verse this week: 1 Corinthians 9:22.

**3rd Week**—Explain the ministry of Teen Challenge and how young people are brought in from the drug culture to find Christ. Secular drug rehabilitation programs have a much lower rate of success than Teen Challenge, which has a high success rate. Discuss with your boys the importance of finding Jesus at an early age. Show how ministry is needed for college students, many of which attend secular colleges. Invite a college pastor or a Chi Alpha representative to speak to your group.

Scripture verse this week: Ecclesiastes 12:1.

**4th Week**—Make a chart showing how the Home Missions ministers are reaching the physically impaired. The chart can read like this: 1. The Deaf: Through sign language and reading material, 2. The Blind: Through cassette recordings and braille, 3. The handicapped: Meeting them as they are and finding ways to communicate Christ's love to them. Discuss ways we can evangelize these people.

It is said 13 percent of our nation is affected by the drugs and alcoholism blight. Incapacitating phobias and depressions afflict another 18 percent, while 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce. There is an alarming increase in homosexuality, child abuse, runaways, pornography, violent crime, and suicide. Also, almost 2 million abortions are performed each year in America. More than ever we need to reach the needy.

Explain that millions of immigrants from other nations—Hispanics, Asians, Chinese, Japanese, East Indians, and Arabs—are fleeing into America. Show why we must evangelize them. Also, we must minister to the native Americans. And we must not forget ministering to the Afro-Americans. One-fourth of America's young black men ages 20-29 are in prison, on probation, or on parole. The leading cause of death of black males ages 15-24 is homicide. The answer? Jesus Christ! And we must spread the Good News.

Scripture verse this week: Titus 2:6.



# 1991 Statistics Reflect Growth

God's commission to spread the gospel to all nations is being fulfilled by Royal Rangers leaders around the world. They have now planted Royal Rangers in 50 nations—3 nations being added in 1991. And in the United States new strides are being made to evangelize boys through inner cities and inner culture efforts.

In a sample report last year of 437 U.S. Assemblies of God churches, 1,673 boys were saved through the Royal Rangers ministry. These same churches reported 483 boys

being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Boys among those churches were awarded 2,827 advanced awards. And 5,638 boys earned rank advancements.

Across the nation another 234 young men earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest achievement in the Royal Rangers program. Nine young men were awarded the Medal of Valor for risking their lives to save the lives of others. Certificate of Valors—for individuals who saved the lives of others

without risk to their own—were awarded to 15 young men.

The Royal Rangers ministry strongly promotes training leaders to accomplish the task of ministering to boys. This is reflected by the fact that last year 971 men and women attended and completed national Royal Rangers training events.

That same year about 8,300 individuals purchased the Royal Rangers *Leadership Training Course*. Among those who had taken this training, 2,596 leaders earned

the Leader's Medal of Achievement.

According to the latest official report, over 5,500 U.S. Assemblies of God churches—with more than 133,400 Royal Rangers members—use the Royal Rangers program.

Indeed these numbers reflect growth and an upward swing in the mobility of men reaching boys for Christ and boys who are achieving spiritual, mental, social, and physical excellence. To God be the glory!

## Tragic Car Crash Draws Townsfolk Together

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*By Kris Bergquist*

As 10-year-old Brenda Greeley rode out of the high school gymnasium in a wheelchair Saturday, her hands never stopped touching the little piece of leather and bead on her lap.

It was a memory of her 9-year-old brother Jason, who died Monday in a two-car crash along with her mother and two sisters. All four were remembered in Saturday's funeral services.

Jason [a Pioneer] had made the belt fob in his Royal Rangers group at the Good News Assembly of God in St. Cloud. Each of the colored beads hanging on the leather piece symbolized a Bible verse that Jason had learned.

The Rev. Kenneth Plaisted, pastor of Good News, talked about the belt fob in his eulogy at the funeral, saying that one of Jason's memory verses had been highlighted with a green marker in his Bible.

It was John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Today is not an ending," he said. "Surely it is a time to say goodbye, but not for-

ever because we hold onto the blessed hope that someday we will be reunited with Denise, Bobbi-Jo, Candy, and Jason."

Since the deaths on Monday, residents of Holdingford have been working through their own shock and helping the Greeley family in whatever way they could. . .

### **Follow-up, by High Adventure:**

Rev. Plaisted expressed his gratitude to the Minnesota

Royal Rangers Honor Guards, four of the elite Royal Rangers young men from that district. He also gives thanks to the Royal Rangers ministry for the influence on Jason's life.

Forrest Loven, senior commander of Outpost 98, said Jason had been in Royal Rangers 3 years. Loven noted that Jason had a perfect outpost attendance, that he worked diligently on earning awards, and that he always dressed sharply.

Jason's death has had a real "knitting affect" on the outpost, noted Loven.

"I now have a much keener appreciation for each boy in my outpost," stated Loven. "To think that a boy can be in an outpost meeting today then gone tomorrow has helped me better understand how God feels about each one of them."

Indeed, Jason will be missed and well remembered by Outpost 98.

## National Office Revises Manuals

To better serve Royal Rangers boys and leaders, the national Royal Rangers Office has revised the *Adventures in Camping* handbook and *The Royal Rangers Leader's Manual*. The Gospel Publishing House is endeavoring to make these revised handbooks available this fall.

The *Adventures in Camping* handbook will include new and exciting camping tips for today's Royal Rangers. Some of the topics addressed are low impact camping, ecology and conservation tips, contemporary camping methods, star and wildlife identification, winter camping tips, and more.

The *Leader's Manual* will contain new insight on topics such as inner city ministry,

inner culture ministry, working with impaired children, facts on child and chemical abuse, world missions, and adapting the Royal Rangers program to today's boy.

The *Leader's Manual* will be more than 600 pages in length and will include a detailed section—with photographs—on uniform guidelines. It will include about 30 new awards, primarily advanced awards for boys.

Also, *Adventures in Camping* will be included in the *Leader's Manual*. These changes have been implemented so that leaders can have quick, easy access to the information they need to be effective Royal Rangers leaders.

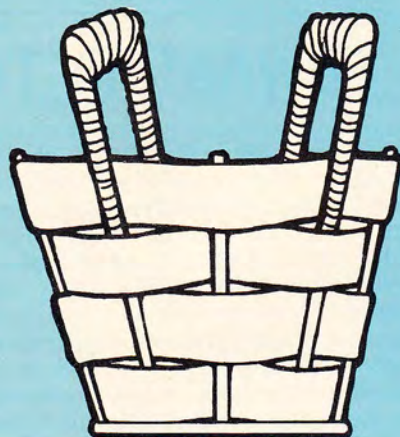
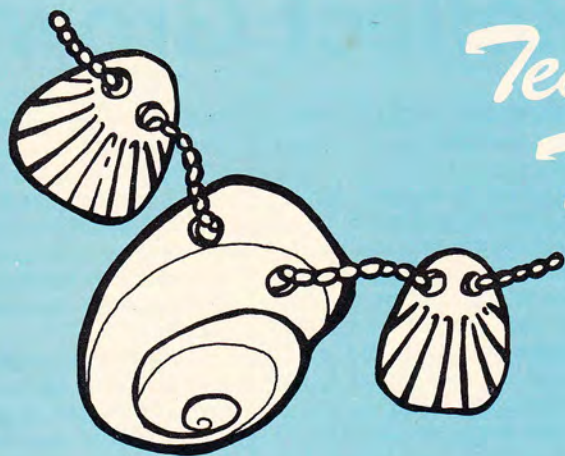
**Excerpts for revised Leader's Manual:**

*Chapter—"Royal Rangers Neighborhood Extension Program":* "Beyond the normal Royal Rangers outreach into the community, there is a need to minister to boys where they are on a different schedule from that of the church. Here is where the Neighborhood Extension Program comes in."

*Chapter—"Child Abuse":* "1. More than 300,000 children in the United States are currently involved in child pornography. 2. Studies show 87 percent of all child molesters admit to regular use of pornography. . . ."



# Teaching Missions Through Crafts



By David and Ammie Craun

Boys are naturally curious about new and different places and peoples. For this reason crafts can be tools to teach missions to boys of all ages.

Proper association must be made, however, between the crafts and the people who make them for practical use. The Royal Rangers leader has the task of making that association by incorporating a little history, social studies, and research.

As the Rangers make their crafts, the commander can incorporate information about the country and people who use the crafts in daily living. For example, he can instruct about the physical and spiritual needs of those people so the Rangers can identify with them and know how to pray for them.

## Handmade Pottery

Handmade pottery is a great craft for such a project. Pottery is made by many peoples groups—even in industrialized nations—where our

missionaries are working. Our neighbors in Mexico are skilled potters and export many items into the United States each year.

Pottery can be easily made, and clay and accessories can be found at most craft stores.

Simple articles can be molded by hand. Hand-formed pottery is either coiled or formed into slabs by using a roller—such as a rolling pin. Also, the clay can be made into “slip” by adding water. (Slip is used to cement between two rows of coils or between the pieces of slabs.)

After your Rangers shape their clay pots, the clay can be glazed, decorated, or painted before it is “fired” (heated in an oven called a kiln). You could use a substitute, however, by using a household oven or an outdoor barbecue pit. The heat must be consistent. Also, a cooking thermometer should be used to keep the proper temperature for the type of pottery desired.

Most libraries carry a variety of books that will give guidelines for the novice. As well, local potters may be available to come to the outpost to assist you.

## Basket Weaving

The art of basket weaving has been handed down for centuries. A few simple instructions and a good textbook on weaving can help you teach your Rangers about some very useful baskets. After a few lessons and several tries, you can teach your boys simple basket weaving. This would provide a relaxing atmosphere to tell the boys about a particular mission field, such as Africa.

Many good resources on basket weaving are available. *The World Book Encyclopedia*, for example, provides a good illustration for the beginner. Also, the Boy Scouts of America program has a detailed book. It shows all the steps of basket weaving, from finding the raw materials to



the finished product.

### Shell and Seed Crafts

During several missions trips I have seen many art projects made from seeds or small shells. For example, larger seeds or shells were sewn onto fabric or household items. Shells can be sewn onto items after having small holes drilled in them. A favorite is the necklaces and bracelets made from seeds or shells.

Shell and seed crafts are excellent for all ages groups. Seeds can be collected during nature hikes. Or you can purchase them from a feed-and-seed store. Bird seed can be used as well. Shells could be collected at a beach or on inland river beds. Also, shells can be purchased.

These projects can take several weeks to complete. So they are ideal for providing you time to draw an analogy between the craft and a mission field—such as Alaska, the Pacific Islands, or the Orient. Straight Arrows will be eager to tackle this American Indian craft!

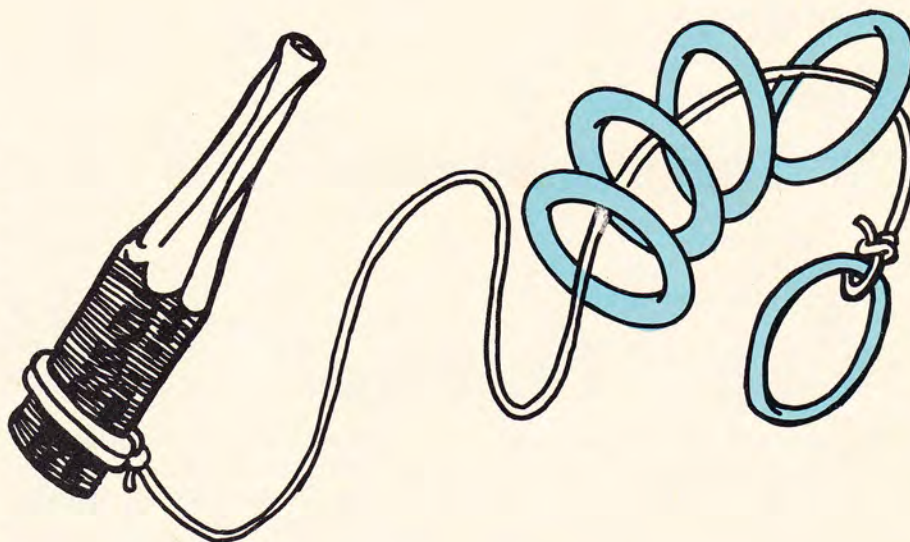
### Making Paper

Making paper will be especially intriguing to older Rangers. The craft has been practiced for years in China. The Chinese have been making paper since the year A.D. 105.

Making paper will take some preparation, research, and construction; a wire grid and a box must be made to hold the wood pulp. This project alone could be made by Trailblazers or Air-Sea-Trail Rangers.

Once preparations have been complete, the actual process of making paper can be done during one meeting. For further information see the *American Artists*, Volume 55, issue November 1991, pages 61, 62; the *Environmental Journal*, article "Buzzworm," Volume 3, issue May-June 1991, page 92; and the *American Craft*, article "In Search of India's Papermaking Tradition," Volume 49, issue February-March 1989, pages 32-38. Several other publications are available on ancient oriental paper cutting and folding crafts.

But here's the true key to using crafts to teach missions: a commander who has a heart for missions. We, as commanders, can be instruments of the Holy Spirit to plant a knowledge of missions in the hearts of our Rangers.



## The Ring & Pin

By John and Bonnie Eller

**T**he American Indians invented some pretty interesting games. Ring and Pin was one of them, which was adopted by the frontiersmen. It's a game easy to make and loads of fun!

### Items Needed

Here's what you need:

1. 8 Rings
2. Stick
3. Heavy string
4. Pocketknife

### How To Make

Find six to eight rings, each about the same size: 2 or 4 inches in diameter (across). Wooden or plastic curtain rings will do. Here are some other suggestions: Use rings cut from a heavy paper tube or plastic drinking cup. Or use rings sliced  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick from a dried gourd. Gourd rings are great to use but require drying and may be difficult to cut.

Find a stick about 10-12 inches long. Carve—adult supervision recommended—one end of it down to a dull point (see illustration). Be sure to point the knife blade away from you while carving. Now cut a piece of string or twine about 3 feet long. Or tie a couple of shoe laces together. To be really authentic, use a leather thong.

Next, whittle a groove around the top of the stick—the end not tapered. (The small whittle groove will keep the string from slipping.) Tie one end of the string around the groove. Now thread the string through all but one of the rings. Then tie the remaining ring to the free end of the string. If all the rings are not the same size, the one tied to the end should be the largest.

### How To Play

Hold the end—side not tapered—of the stick in your hand with rings hanging downward. Flip or swing the rings upward. As the rings fall try to spear as many of them as you can onto your stick. This should be done with one hand.

Several boys can play this game. Make up your own rules for keeping score. Here are some rules to start with: Each ring caught is worth 1 point. Players can take turns. The first one to score 20 points wins.

Have fun!





## Devotions for Boys

By Rev. Lauren W. Orchard

All Scripture verses cited from the New International Version

### The Pilot

Cory was an airplane pilot, though he sure didn't look like one. Mike and some of the other Royal Rangers wanted to laugh at the short, stocky pilot. Some did.

Cory had come to the Royal Rangers outpost to give a talk about flying. With his soft, steady voice Cory explained the principles of flying as he drew on the chalkboard. It sounded boring.

Cory then began to tell a story about his adventures in Africa while flying on a missions medical assignment. This got the boys' attention. He had flown medical supplies into a remote village where an Assemblies of God medical team was treating both the physical and spiritual needs of the villagers.

The medical team had reached the village by four-wheel drive and by walking. Once there they had established a tent clinic and an airstrip. Cory flew medical supplies there weekly.

The story began to unfold: On one trip Cory's single engine Cessna quit. He spotted a small clearing on a hilltop, but trees were all around. Cory prepared for landing then began a gentle spiral toward land.

As he flew over the treetops, he quickly placed the plane down. With a hard "thud," the plane hit the ground then rested just short of the oncoming tree line.

Immediately Cory's plane was surrounded by villagers. Cory then pulled out a cassette player and played a recording in an African dialect. The message told about Cory's mission and asked for help.

With a broad grin, one of the villagers showed Cory a fresh bandage on his neck. The bandage had been placed there by the missions medical team.

Cory was driven 2 miles to the medical camp. There he delivered the medical goods needed to care for sick and needy children and adults.

Cory concluded his story then said, "The basis for Assemblies of God missions is the command of Christ to, 'Go

into all the world and preach the good news to all creation' (Mark 16:15).

"You see," Cory continued, "God can use a pilot like me, medical teams, or even boys like you. The mission field is anywhere we meet people who do not know Jesus as their Savior. And while the message is always the same, the methods of spreading the good news changes to meet individual needs."

As Mike sat there listening, he remembered another important truth: "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Mike then realized that Cory may not look like a pilot, but he was perfect in his role of medical missions. He was obedient to God with the ability he had ... and that was nothing to laugh at.

### The Lost Dream

"Aw, Mom!" Mike whined. "Do we have to clean out the attic today? I had plans!"

Mike's mom had made up her mind. They were going to clean out the attic.

When Mike climbed into the attic, he saw it full of cardboard boxes, old storage trunks, and plastic garbage bags filled with stuff. Even Mike's baby crib and old tricycle were in one corner.

Slowly, Mike and his mom moved each item under a light. They brushed away the dust and rummaged through the contents to see what should be kept or thrown away.

The morning dragged by. Finally, they came to the last item. It was an

old cardboard box that had been written on. It said, "Packed August 1972—A Lost Dream."

Mike's mom began to cry. The handwriting was her mother's—Mike's grandmother's. Mike's mom knew what was inside. Together they opened the box. The scent of cedar chips, old fabric, and musty books filled the air.

Bible school textbooks, a box of postcards from foreign countries, some dresses, and an unused airline ticket were arranged neatly in the box.

"Mike," said his mom, "these were my things when I was 19 years old. I had been attending Bible college, preparing to become a missionary. All these postcards are from my missionary friends."

She then picked up an old plane ticket. "This was my ticket to Costa Rica, where I was going to work with my friends. I was never able to go because my dad became ill then died. I had to stay home to help Mom. I never used the ticket, and I never got to finish Bible school and become a missionary."

Mike's mom looked deep into his eyes. She knew Mike had a heart for missions and that he loved God with all his might. With tears in her eyes and a trembling smile on her face, she slowly handed the old airplane ticket to Mike.

"I couldn't go, but would you?" (Read 1 Kings 19:19-21.)

### Suffer the Little Children

They were filthy, dirty, and reeked! Their hair was covered with lice. There home was the garbage dump."

Mike's mind couldn't imagine such living conditions as he listened to the missionary. He was a missionary to an impoverished South American nation who had come to Mike's church to speak.

"The 16-year-old AIM [Ambassa-



dors in Mission] girl—with yellow hair and pale, white arms—looked so out of place. She was shocked at the appearance of the Latin children. She had never seen such harsh living conditions.

"Yet there she was: her white blouse soiled by the children she hugged and held. You see, the young girl was compelled by the love for Jesus to stand in His place. He needs people—like you and me and this little AIM girl—to hold the children there and to tell them about the love of Jesus Christ."

Mike shifted uneasily in the pew as the missionary read his text again: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'" (Matthew 19:14).

The Lord had been tugging at Mike's heart to invite Buster to Royal Rangers. But he didn't because Buster smells and wears dirty, old clothes. Mike had been embarrassed to let the other Rangers meet Buster for fear of what they might think of and say to Mike.

Again Mike thought about the AIM girl and the Bible verse.

*I don't care what others may think, Mike thought. I'm going to invite Buster anyway. Next week for sure!*

## The Next Generation

Snake skins, spears, and drums sat on a leopard hide on one end of the altar. On the other side a calculator, a cellular phone, and a BMW key chain were resting on a computer printout.

Missionary Bill Morris stood behind the two collections with arms spread wide.

"Missions is the process of taking the gospel to people who do not know Christ and bringing the Good News in a manner they can understand. The Great Commission tells us to go and preach the gospel and make disciples.

"Though the message of Jesus Christ never changes, the method of spreading the gospel must change as we try to reach people as diverse as these two sets of missionary curios.

"Both the leopard skin and the cellular phone represent the people of

South Africa. In the cities computers and other modern conveniences are common. Seventy miles away tribesmen still hunt with spears. Everyone needs to hear the gospel. But we must send people to reach both types of people.

"We need a new generation of missionaries. Who will help us reach these people? Who will go and take the gospel and communicate it to either or both types of people?"

The sad news was announced in the Sunday evening service. Missionary Bill Morris had died from a sudden heart attack while napping that afternoon. Mike's eyes filled with tears. His heart was heavy.

The words spoken by Missionary Morris that morning pounded in Mike's mind: *Who will help us? Who will go?*

Mike then thought about his mom's unused plane ticket and her lost dream to become a missionary. Mike recalled the question asked him by his mother that day while they were cleaning up the attic: "I couldn't go, but would you?"

*Maybe the dream wasn't lost after all, just delayed, Mike thought. Perhaps God could use me. Maybe I will go.*

## LAUGHS FOR LEADERS



"WELL! TODAY WASN'T A TOTAL LOSS!"

The minister of a small country church wanted to make some much-needed improvements inside the church. During a board meeting he first suggested purchasing a chandelier. But his suggestion was met with great opposition.

When the minister asked why, one of the board members replied: "Well, first of all, no one knows how to spell it, so how can we order one? Secondly, no one can play it if we get it. And, thirdly, I think what we really need is more light in the church."

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"How are your children doing at school?" asked a friend.

"Better," replied the other. "But I still go to PTA meetings under an assumed name."

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Johnny had been to a friend's birthday party and was telling his mother all about it.

"You didn't ask for a second piece of cake, did you?" asked the mother.

"Oh, no" replied the boy. "I asked Mrs. Jones for the recipe to her cake. So she gave me two extra pieces without my asking."

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After their boy's wedding the husband comforted his wife: "Don't feel badly, Dear. We may have lost a son, but we've gained a bathroom and a telephone."

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A father was telling his friend how he finally cured his 17-year-old son of habitually being late for school:

"I bought him a car," said the father.

"But how did that help?" asked his friend.

"Well," began the father, "he has to get going an hour earlier to find a parking place at school."

Thomas LaMance  
Prewitt, New Mexico





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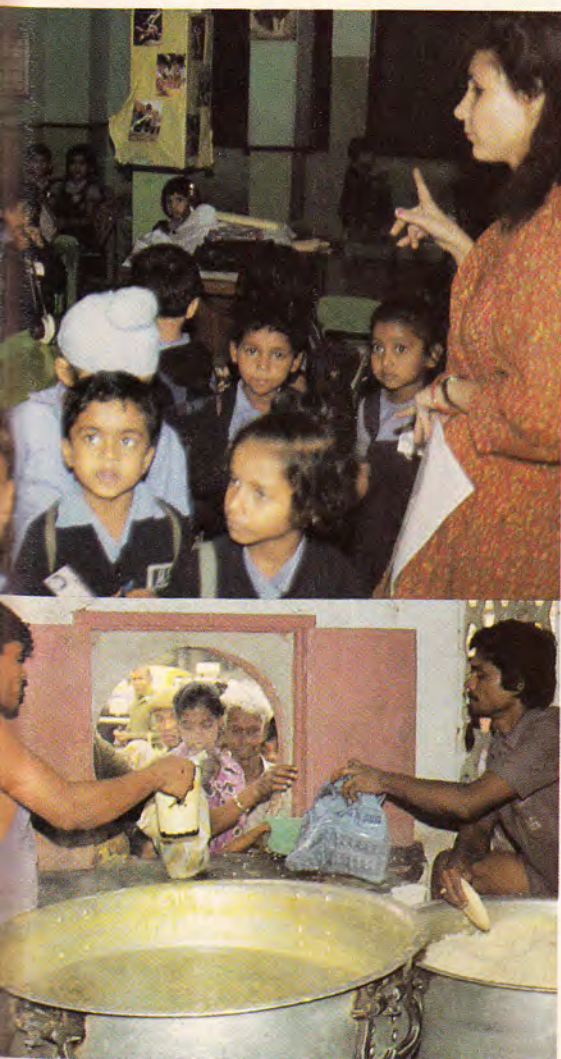
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the young missionary. So Mark began to pray, "God, what can I do to help hungry people?"

God heard Mark's prayer. Before long Mark and Huldah began a feeding program, which today feeds some 15,000 people. These people are very poor. Most walk several miles to receive the food offered them.

Mark also realized that to help people, he had to show them a better way to live. So Mark and Huldah opened their first school to educate 200 Indian children. Now more than 10,000 children attend 21 schools in Calcutta. Thousands have learned how to live

better, more productive lives.

But Mark still felt he needed to do more. Men, women, and children were coming to Mark sick and without anywhere to go. Then one day a doctor challenged Mark to build a hospital. Not realizing the task before him, the words, "I will," fell from Mark's mouth.

After months of hard work, Mark opened a hospital to meet the needs of the sick and dying. That hospital stands in Calcutta today as a healing center for hurting people.

Mark knew his feeding programs, schools, and a hospital were helping people. But Mark was an evangelist. He loved to see people meet Jesus Christ. Even when he returned to the States on missionary furlough, Mark's heartbeat was to see people come to Christ.

One day—Mark was older by now—a man from a far-away village came to Mark. The man said: "Pastor Buntain, please come to our village. Our people need to hear about Jesus. Will you come?"

The village was in the northern jungles of India, and Mark could only get there by plane. But he went.

As he spoke every night for a week, hundreds met Jesus. Mark returned home happy and excited because God had used him to bring His message.

Not long after returning home, Mark became very sick. A day later he died. At his funeral thousands of people came to say good-bye to the man who had been their pastor, leader, and friend.

Several months later Huldah received word from the jungle

village. "Please come," the letter read. "We want you to dedicate a new church in memory of your husband, Mark Buntain."

Huldah flew to the tiny village. As she walked into the beautiful, new church, she was amazed to find more than 1,000 people crammed into the room. These were people who had met Jesus during Mark's meetings months earlier.

As Huldah flew home to Calcutta, she cried. She knew Mark's heart. Huldah knew that, more than anything, Mark always wanted to see people commit their lives completely to Jesus.

Mark is in heaven now. Everything he worked for in India is now being fulfilled. Huldah is still in Calcutta. She is older now and still works very hard. And people in Calcutta are still meeting Jesus. Mark's dream is still alive!

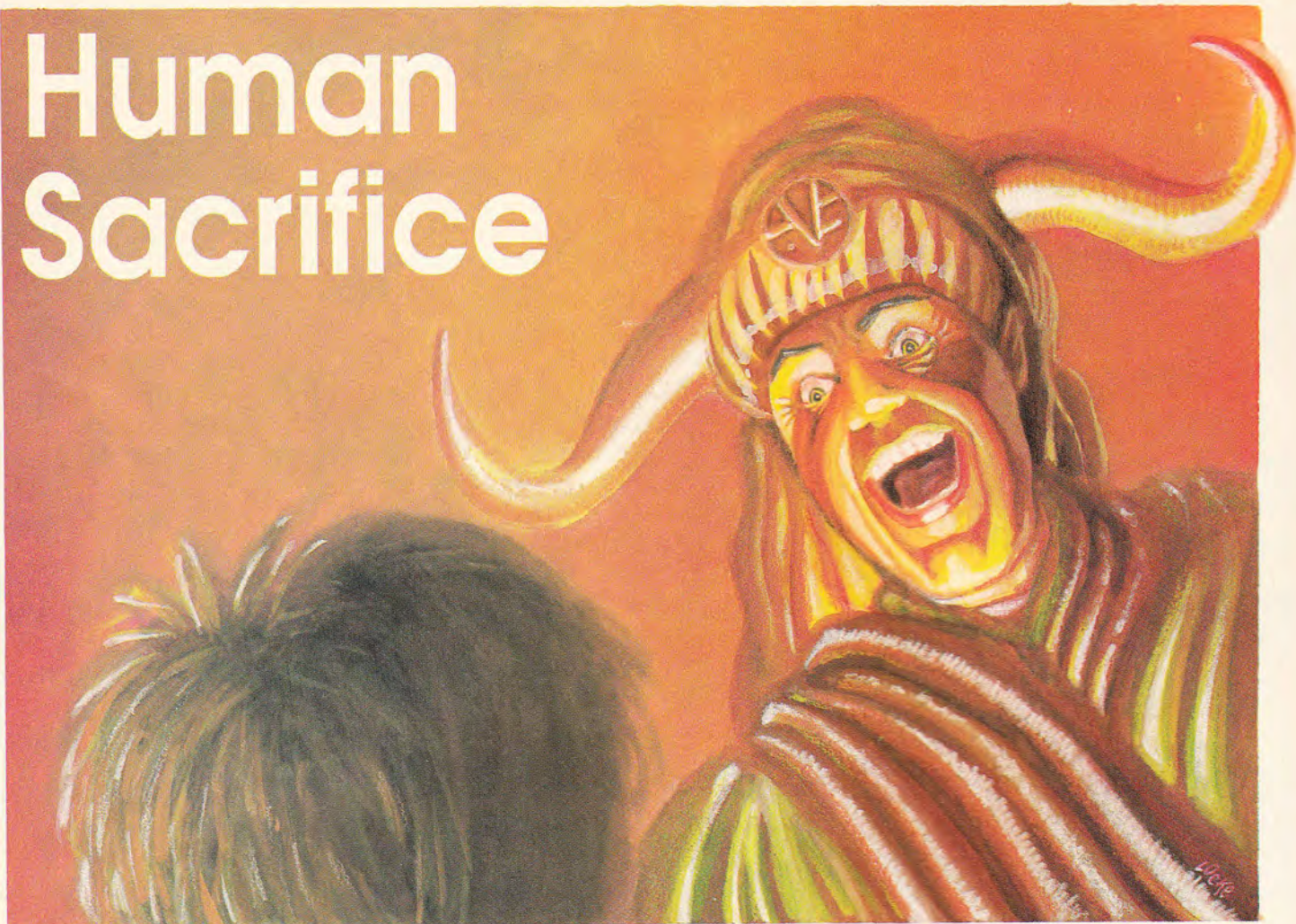
So what are your dreams and ambitions for God? Are you doing your part to tell others about Christ? We each must be willing to "give [ourselves] completely to God." Each of us are called by God to become a missionary of some sort. Some are called to serve in foreign lands, as did Mark Buntain. Others are called to tell people about Jesus at their schools and jobs. What is your calling? Will you become a missionary too?



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# Human Sacrifice



By William R. Morehead

**T**he beat of the voodoo drums throbbed in the night. The heat was stifling. As Walt Fordham sat by the fan, an eerie feeling crept through his spine. The young missionary son stood up quickly and went to check the door bolt lock.

"I wish I would have gone with Mom and Dad," Walt murmured to himself. Walt didn't want to go to the Bible study with them. But now he wished he wasn't alone.

He thought of the voodoo priest, Jacques Pierre, who had been watching him for the past few days. Those dark, piercing eyes of his raised goose bumps all over Walt.

Suddenly, the lights went out. Walt heard a crash as someone hit the front door. The flimsy bolt on the door tore loose from the wood.

Before he could escape, Walt felt the hands of three men grab and lift him. As the men carried Walt outside, he could smell their sweat and feel their smooth, bare torsos.

"Who are you, and where are you

taking me?" Walt asked in the native language. The men refused to answer.

As Walt was carried along, he realized the sound of the voodoo drums were getting closer. Walt soon discovered he was being carried to the ceremony.

Walt was taken into the voodoo temple, where he saw a large, wooden post. The voodoo worshipers believed their "god" would descend the post during the ceremony.

*Dear God! They're going to use me as the human sacrifice,* Walt thought, trying not to cry. He had heard of such ceremonies from his parents. But Walt had never given much thought to them.

The men carrying the 12-year-old lad then stripped him of his clothing and prepared him for the sacrifice. In fear Walt looked around the room. It was crowded with people dancing about. He could smell the heavy odor of the sweaty bodies.

The looks on their faces were un-

like any he had ever seen: that of glazed stares caused by the hypnotic beat of the drums. The voodoo priest came to young Walt and pushed his pockmarked, sweaty face within inches of Walt's. He seemed to hiss as he spoke.

"Tonight you will become food for the gods," exclaimed the witch doctor.

*My folks will never know what happened to me,* Walt thought in horror.

Suddenly, Walt's thrashing thoughts turned. He thought about why he and his parents had come to that foreign land: to share about Jesus Christ so people, as those in the room, would stop their heathen worship. Walt then remembered, *Jesus Christ, through my witness, can change this man!*

The witch doctor's face was still within inches of Walt's. With a newfound strength, Walt stared back into the man's eyes. Then he began to witness to him about Jesus Christ.



Walt profoundly told the man that if he continued to follow Satan's ways and worship other gods, he was slated for hell. Walt then painted a picture of what "hell" was like according to the teaching of Jesus. As he continued to speak bravely, Walt began to see a change in the eyes of the voodoo priest.

When the missionary boy had finished, the man said: "Your father is a man of power here in this country. He has many people following him. Perhaps there is something to what you say."

"I have watched your father's followers. They are happy and contented people, even when they do not have enough food to eat. Perhaps it was a mistake to have you brought

here. Maybe your God could strike me dead!"

Walt continued to quote Scripture verses, as he had heard his father do on many occasions. Suddenly, the voodoo priest turned to his men and commanded, "Dress him and take him back to his house."

When his parents arrived home from the Bible study, Walt's mother became frightened as she noticed the mangled bolt hanging on the door. Walt proceeded to tell his parents the entire story of what had just occurred.

The following morning someone knocked on the Fordham's door. As Walt's father answered the door, he was surprised to see the voodoo priest standing there.

Walt heard the priest say: "I want to know more about your God. I would like to have the peace your people seem to have."

Missionary Fordham shared about the love of Jesus with the voodoo priest. The man left with new hope in his heart.

Walt's dad put his arm around Walt and said: "Son, you're going to make a fine missionary. There are very few young people your age who would have the courage to do what you did. And to think your first convert was a voodoo priest. I've been trying for years to convert one. But you did it in one night!"

Walt just smiled. He fully realized that *all* things are possible through them who love Jesus.



By John and Bonnie Eller

**J**uly Fourth is one of the most important holidays for North Americans. We celebrate because on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. Our nation declared itself free from British rule.

Today, July Fourth is celebrated with firework displays and programs about the meaning of the occasion. In front of American homes the red, white, and blue flag waves proudly. We Royal Rangers can join in this celebration by decorating our outpost meeting rooms with flags. And we can make them ourselves.

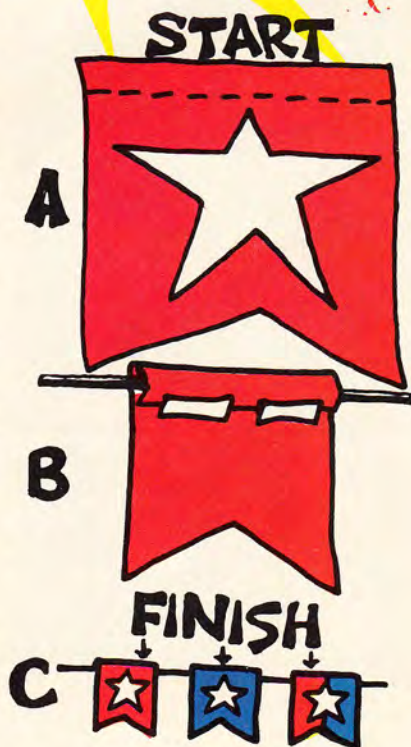
#### Items Needed

- ✓ 1. Tracing paper
- ✓ 2. Pencil
- ✓ 3. Scissors
- ✓ 4. Construction paper (red, white, and blue)
- ✓ 5. Tape
- ✓ 6. String
- ✓ 7. Glue

#### How To Make

1. Draw the shapes of a flag and a star on tracing paper (see illustration A).
2. Cut out the tracings and use them as patterns.
3. Trace the flag on both red and blue construction paper. Draw dotted lines on each flag, as shown on illustration. Cut out the flags.
4. Trace and cut out stars on white construction paper.
5. Glue a star to each flag (see illustration A).
6. Fold the top of each flag along the dotted line, as shown on illustration A.
7. Place the folded top over a piece of string (see illustration B).
8. Tape the fold to back of the flag. Place several flags on the string, alternating with red and blue flags.
9. Tape the string holding flags on a wall or across a window.

Now, celebrate the Fourth of July!





# Major bummer!

An ongoing series about Jonathan B. Flounder

By Rev. Robb Hawks, national programs coordinator



Jonathan walked down the hall as his feet barely touched the floor. He could hardly believe he felt so good because this made the third summer in a row he would spend in summer school.

Just a week had passed since his last Royal Rangers camp-out, where he gave his heart to the Lord. Now everything was just wonderful.

In the midst of his daydream, he slammed into an open locker door. He saw stars as his books flew through the air. Slowly his eyes focused.

Wow, *major miracle!* he thought. There in front of him was the prettiest girl in school.

"Hi, Trisha!" Jonathan said sheepishly.

"Are you alright, Jonathan," asked Trisha.

"Yea. No problem," he said, rubbing the bright, red spot on his forehead. "My face slammed into your locker, and not much can make my face look any worse. So . . . no big deal."

"That's not true," Trisha insisted to his surprise. "I've seen worse looks than yours."

Jonathan's entire face now went red. He could hardly believe he was talking with Trisha and that she was

being nice to him. Wow! Jonathan thought. As his eyes met Trisha's, she quickly looked away as she smiled warmly.

"Uh, uh, Trisha . . .," Jonathan stammered.

"Yes?" she replied as she turned to look at him.

"Well, uh, if you, uh, are not, you know, eating with anyone special, uh, at lunch, well . . .," Jonathan said, stammering all over himself.

"Yes?" Trisha coaxed.

"Would you, uh, well, you know, eat with me?" he finally uttered.

"Sure! I'll meet you in the cafeteria," Trisha replied then closed her locker and walked away to class.

Jonathan's heart soared into orbit. *Life couldn't get better than this*, he thought. First he had gotten saved, and now he was about to eat lunch with Trisha. *It's an ultra miracle*, he thought with glee.

Until lunch period time seemed to stand still for Jonathan. But finally the bell rang. He flew down the hall then rounded the corner. Before he could screech to a halt, Jonathan smacked into Mr. Talbridge, the principal.

"Slow down, Jonathan," the principal ordered.

"Yes, sir, Mr. Talbridge," Jonathan answered as he began to walk slowly. As soon as the principal was out of sight, Jonathan again hit warp speed.

As he entered the cafeteria, there sat Trisha. Jonathan quickly moved to where Trisha was and plopped down. "Hi, Trisha!"

"Hello," she responded.

*Not exactly the best approach*, Jonathan thought, *but it will do*. Together they munched their food. Everything was going fine. Well, almost everything.



Without warning George and Jimmy—the guys who got Jonathan in trouble last year by offering him drugs—cruised by the table. Without an invitation George sat next to Trisha and Jimmy next to Jonathan.

“Hey, Trish! Whatcha doing shoveling grub with this low life,” George said.

“Yeah. Haven’t ya heard? He’s gone totally dork,” Jimmy said, referring to Jonathan. “He’s hangin’ out with Jesus freaks now.”

“How about it, dork face,” ribbed Jimmy.

Jonathan slowly looked at the two troublemakers then settled his gaze

on Trisha. He couldn’t read the expression on her face. She just sat there calmly, waiting to hear his reply. Jonathan began to panic. Here he was: sitting with the girl of his dreams and being called a “dork” for being a Christian.

Voices began to ring in his mind. One voice kept screaming at Jonathan that the whole world was going to brand him a dork forever and that he had better dump this Jesus stuff right now. The other voice kept quietly reminding Jonathan that his experience with Jesus is real and that—believing it himself for the first time—he wasn’t a dork.

“Well, what about it, dork face,” the taunting word of Jimmy coldly interrupted Jonathan’s thoughts.

“Yea, I am a Christian. So what about it?” Jonathan replied without further hesitation.

George and Jimmy began to cackle. Finally, Trisha spoke up: “And so am I!”

Yo! Jonathan thought with a rush of excitement. *Super miracle of the 10th degree!* His spirit leaped at light speed as his heart purred with pride because he and Trisha had stood up for Jesus.



“How about it, dork face,” ribbed Jimmy.

## Packing It In

By Jim Roberts

Shaun is going backpacking in the Ozarks Mountains. But he forgot to pack some important items. See if you can find them.

Things Shaun forgot:

1. FLASHLIGHT
2. BIBLE
3. MESS KIT
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# My EARS Are Too Big


*By Bonnie M. Eller*

We each have some differences—like big ears!—you and I must accept. You can't change your appearance.

Do what you can to keep yourself neat and clean looking. Look your best so you can feel good about yourself. Then, if you dislike your looks, learn to feel good about yourself; that's what is important.

Besides, true love looks beyond physical appearance. That must be what God meant when He said, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7, NIV).

So develop the caring and loving person you are inside, and people will tend to see you instead of your ears—or whatever you think makes you look handsome or ugly.

After all, "beauty is only skin deep." It lives in the eyes of the beholder. 

**I** was thumbing through an encyclopedia the other day and saw a picture of President Abraham Lincoln. He had black hair; intelligent-looking eyes; a straight "Roman" nose; a short, black beard . . . and BIG EARS!

That got my attention.

As I stared at that picture, I could imagine him as a boy: a skinny, ugly fellow with black hair slicked back over those *big ears*. And I could almost hear a big bully taunting him: "Hey, mule ears. . . ."

The president was and is honored by many, even though his appearance was far from wholesome.

You see, nobody's perfect. You're not. Your friends aren't. Everyone is human and different. God created variety. Human uniqueness is shown in fingerprints. Each print is different, just as each boy is created differently and uniquely.

It's okay to be yourself. God made you that way, and He has a special "Life Plan" with your name on it.



# Comedy Corner

You've heard the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." But what if it really did? Imagine walking outside then suddenly—kerplunk—something hits you on the head. All the sky is filled with barks and meows.

No sooner than you step outside you must return home to take two aspirins for your intense headache. After a short nap you look out the window and notice that the sky has cleared.

Gazing at the wet ground, you suddenly realize this was the weirdest dream you've had in a long time.

Jacquie Alford  
McLoud, Oklahoma

Anyone who is having trouble keeping his head above water probably isn't on his toes.

The loudest sound in the whole world is the first rattle in a new car.

Sign outside a Milwaukee shopping mall: "Air Conditioned Comfort for Humid Beings"

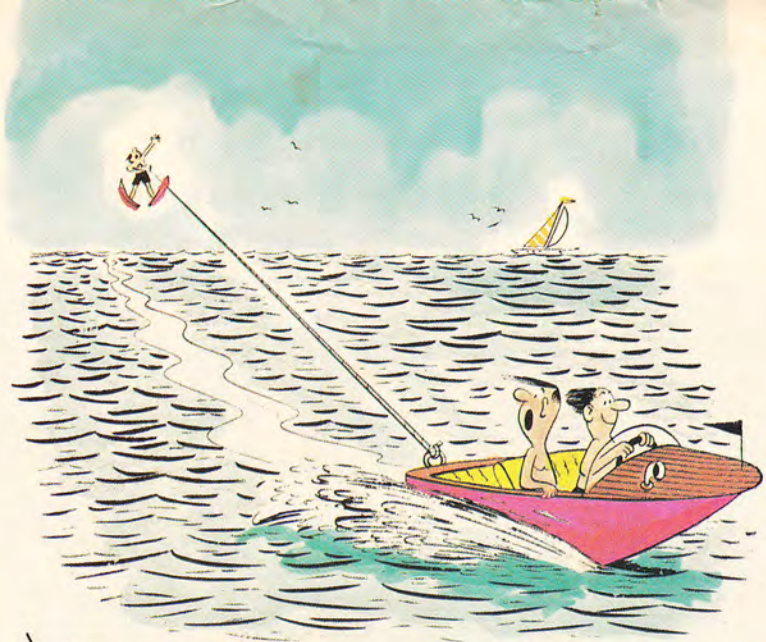
A Sunday school teacher had been telling the children the story of Noah and the Ark. One of the little boys asked, "Why didn't Noah just swat both the flies, while he had the chance?"

The policeman had just stopped a lady for a minor traffic violation. As he approached her car, the policeman noticed that a dog was sitting beside the lady and that it wasn't wearing a dog collar and tags.

"Pardon me, ma'am," the policeman said. "But does your dog have its license?"

"No, why should it?" she responded. "I do all the driving."

Martha Beckman  
Granada Hills, California



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"I THINK HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING"

A TV reporter was interviewing a man who claimed he had just captured a badger:

"It looks like a skunk," said the reporter.

"He just has a white spot on his head, not all the way down his back," responded the hunter as he prodded the animal with a stick to make it turn.

The reporter was right.

Tom: "The teacher says I have to write more clearly."

Jim: "That's a good idea."

Tom: "Not when she'll discover I can't spell!"

Thomas LaMance  
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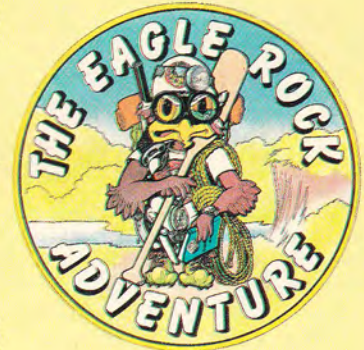
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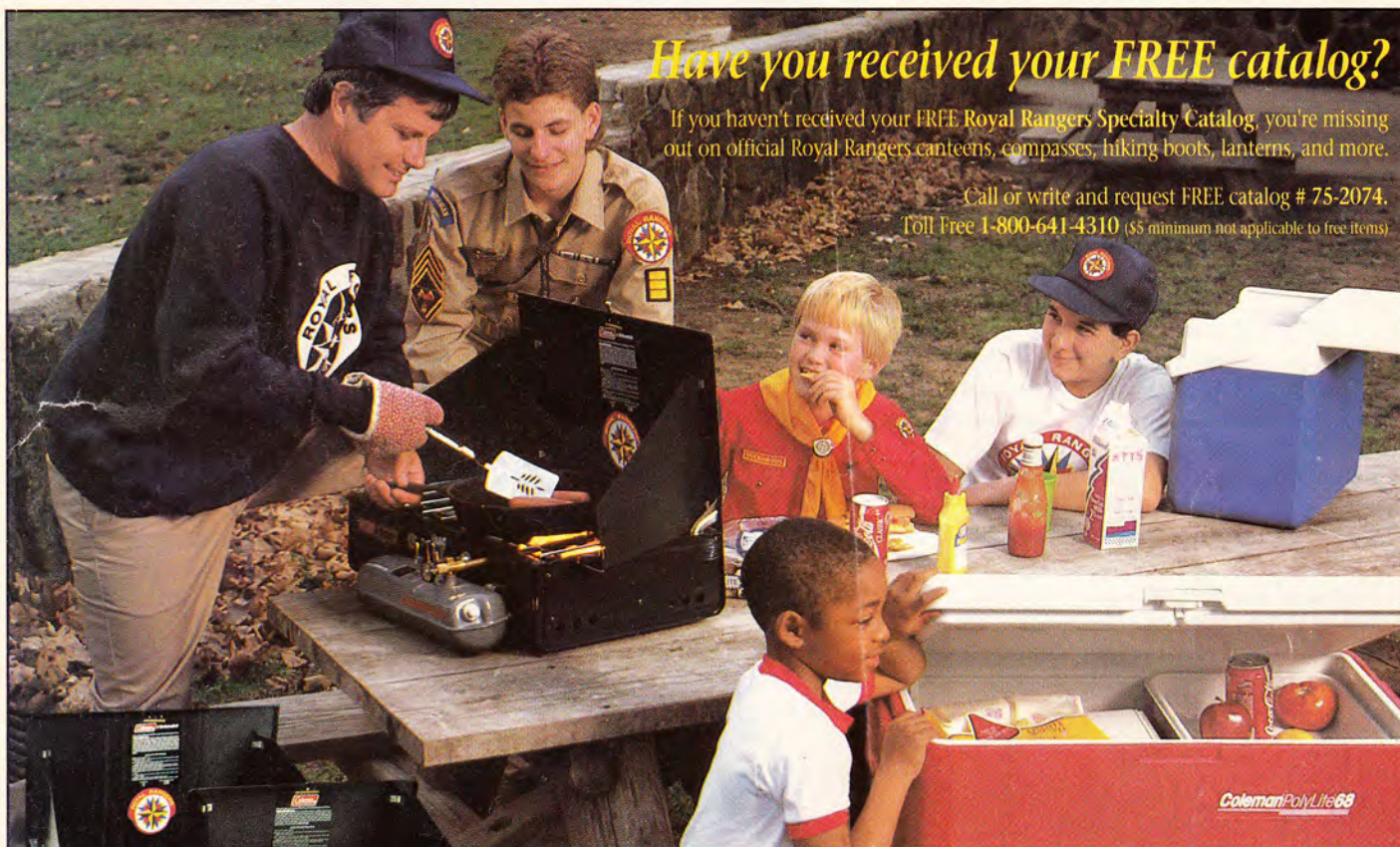
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