

The Minuteman



A monthly newsletter from the national Men's Ministries Department



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The *Minuteman* masthead is particularly appropriate at this time of year. As you no doubt know from American History classes, the "Minute-men" were regular citizens from the original thirteen colonies, especially the upper Northeastern regions, who had pledged themselves to the cause of the Revolutionary War. Though not trained as soldiers, they committed to answer the call of their commanders and leaders "in a minute." Many times, according to the stories, the plea for warriors went out and those farmers, trappers, merchants, fathers, brothers, and sons responded to face the better prepared and equipped British Royal

Army. They fought from their hearts using hunting knives and black powder long rifles to overcome the Throne of England and create the nation we enjoy today.

Scores answered in a minute to be gone forever. They contributed their blood and invested their lives in America.

At the fourth of July, and throughout the year, we should take time to remember them and all the valiant men and women who have given their earthly lives so our country can be free, strong, and a leader among the nations.

The need for the Minutemen may seem to be past. However, though our sovereign geographical territory is not under attack, our moral high ground is! America again needs men who are able and willing to answer a call to sacrifice, warfare, work, and commitment. And America needs those men RIGHT THIS MINUTE! A contemporary Minuteman must step up for spiritual responsibility and answer the call to de-

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defend and protect the godly lifestyle of scriptural truth. He must be ready to live righteously himself, teach his children the ways of God which are the foundation of all American freedoms, and speak the truth in love in his community, on his job, and in his church. He must be proud, every minute, of his spiritual heritage and hold it just as dearly as his political and military birthright. He must be a Christian in deed, in faith, and in philosophy.

The United States is ruled by its citizens. The original Minutemen fought so that would be true. Today's spiritual Minutemen must be faithful for it to remain true!

I want to be a Minuteman for God. I want my life to be valuable to the kingdom of God on earth and to the United States of America. I invite you to join me!

Let us be Minutemen of Scripture, reading and studying and living by the Word of God

Let us be Minutemen of prayer, communing with God through the Holy Spirit every minute of our lives. May we know that God answers prayer according to His will and that our constant communication with Him is vital to our spiritual success in this present time.

Let us be Minutemen of testimony, always ready to give an answer

and reason for our faith, speaking boldly the truth to this pagan culture.

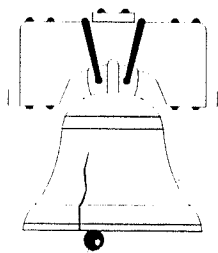
Let us be Minutemen of salvation with lifestyles that attract other men and women to God.

Let us be Minutemen of example; reaching, teaching, and keeping the boys of the younger generation for Christ. If we fail, Christianity is only this generation away from extinction.

Let us be Minutemen of missions, ready to give and go for the sake of the good news of Jesus Christ!

Let us be Minutemen of the Holy Spirit. Led into truth, we can lead others to an understanding of what it means to be Spirit-filled Christians in this present revolution of faith.

God bless America! God bless the Church!



August 1, 1994

If you plan to be a part of the "World's Largest Prayer Meeting" September 29-October 3, 1994, in Seoul, Korea, the registration deadline is August 1, 1994.

One million Pentecostals are expected to gather at Yoido Plaza on October 3 for the concluding rally of the World Assemblies of God Congress. You can be a part of this great prayer event.

For more information call (417) 862-2781, ext. 6000 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. c.s.t. or fax (417) 866-2109.



DISTRICT NEWS:

DMD'S, please let us know of any events happening on a month-to-month basis in your district. We know the summer months are "slow" for Men's Ministries, but ideas and suggestions are needed from each of you. Thank you!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DMD, Richard Mariott

The Northern California District is having a District Softball Tournament in Reno.

NEW YORK

DMD, Herbert Mohr

Herb says, "The exciting news is that we have four potential church construction projects for 1994. They are new churches that have reached the point where a larger facility is needed."

A number of men have been included in the Church Construction Corps data base. They will be kept informed of pending projects.

Herb says to the men, "You will not only work, you also will enjoy the fellowship of others and the satisfaction that comes from helping to build the kingdom of God."

Department News

Jerry Scott, administrative assistant in the national Light-for-the-Lost Office, received his MA Degree in Biblical Literature from AGTS on June 3, 1994. Jerry has now begun work on his Master of Divinity Degree from the same institution.

Paul Stanek, Royal Rangers deputy national commander,

transferred from the U.S. Army Reserves to the Retired Reserve effective April 13, 1994. He served as Army Reserve chaplain for 22 years and retired at the rank of colonel. He has also just completed 20 years of service in the national Royal Rangers Office in June.

Again, we at the national office are sincerely grateful and appreciative of all of you who have called, submitted articles and letters, and simply have let us know that we are in your prayers. Good things are happening in Men's Ministries all over this nation — just remember to fill us in!



May 23, 1994

District Men's Directors:

Dear Friends,

Forgive my lengthy delay in responding to your many kind letters and calls. These last few weeks have been rather chaotic to say the least!

Again, I apologize for the suddenness of my resignation and departure. Neither were pre-planned. Shortly after leaving headquarters, and somewhat to my surprise, my wife filed for divorce. Contrary to what many have asked, the resignation was unrelated to my wife's decision. Differences of philosophy with my supervisor led to my decision to resign.

For now I will return to secular employment, back home in Oregon. I'll await direction from God for the future. He is ever faithful and loving.

Thank you sincerely for your most generous love offering. You men have always been so thoughtful and kind. I will treasure a lifetime of memories with you.

Each of you have blessed my life. Thanks for your friendship and ministry to men and boys.

God's best, friends. Keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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BENNY FERGUSON
National Coordinator
Light-for-the-Lost



I, along with Don Jacques, Phil Combs, and David Warton, returned late May from Malaysia. Phil was there teaching the brethren concerning Kingsmen, and David was assisting the men with their Royal Rangers program. Don and I were working with the brethren to help them establish their Light-for-the-Lost ministry.

In three services we raised over \$25,000.00 for evangelism literature. Within one year Malaysia will have a fully working Light-for-the-Lost ministry. In 1995 they will conduct their first Light-for-the-Lost convention and elect national officers.

As you know, at the convention in Little Rock, a resolution was passed concerning how DMD's can earn their LFTL diamonds/rubies. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, the total number of new councilmen signed up within a district is a direct reflection of the DMD's efforts, and,

Whereas, the DMD does not want to interfere with another individual councilman's efforts at signing up new councilmen, and,

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize and reward the DMD and the other councilmen's

achievements in signing up new councilmen,

Therefore, be it resolved that the DMD will receive his own Gold Key award when the number of new councilmen signed up in the district reaches 20 for a given year. It will not be necessary for the DMD to personally sign up any new councilmen."

This resolution will make it possible for each DMD to earn his diamond/ruby each year, and still allow the laymen of his district to sign the "nominator" line on the application card. By doing this more men in the district will also earn their diamond for the year. Also, the DMD's can sign five new councilmen's cards, and thereby earn his stone that way.

Brother Joe Burnside had a great LFTL tour this spring in the Appalachian District. It was a joy for me to speak for him the first week of his tour. Jerry Scott was with Brother Joe for the second week of the tour. This year his literature pledges exceeded \$50,000.

The Royal Rangers Camporama will be in just a few days. Jerry Scott will be there representing Light-for-the-Lost. I plan to also be there for a part of the camporama. I hope many of you can also attend.

I will be in several districts this summer for training and other activities. I hope you have a great summer.

God bless you!

1-800-4-PRAYER

DIAL FOR PRAYER



NATIONAL PRAYER CENTER SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

The opening for the new Assemblies of God Prayer Center coincides with the Revivaltime World Prayer Meeting (October 2), and the World Assemblies of God Congress in Seoul, South Korea (September 29 - October 3), including the Pentecostal prayer meeting on Yoido Plaza, Seoul.

Sandra Clopine, previous national secretary of the Women's Ministries Department, has been appointed to head up this new "Dial for Prayer" ministry.

Above is sample of artwork that is available through the Office of Public Relations. A word of caution: Be sure that, if you use the Prayer Center clip art, readers are instructed not to call for prayer before October 1, 1994, when the ministry goes into effect. Calls cannot be answered until October 1. Thank you!

DAVID PLAKE

Church Construction Corps



We know that God has gifted each man with a special set of talents for use in building up His Kingdom. We know that Men don't need to be coerced into working for the Lord when they have opportunity to do what brings them satisfaction and fulfillment.

These things we know. Occasionally these principles are demonstrated once again in surprising reality. This happened to me here in the Illinois District just a few days ago.

Just last Friday (June 17) I wrote a computer-generated mailmerge letter to our 52 registered volunteer trailer-truck drivers. With the letter I enclosed a schedule of some needed runs from now to the end of the year. Our Church Construction Corps tool trailer needs to be moved from one project site to another.

The very next day I received calls from two truck drivers, enthusiastically volunteering for three or four of the needed trips.

One truck driver was two states away. When he called home his wife read my letter to him. He asked her to call me immediately, volunteering to move the tool trailer next week.

Later in the day another truck driver called and volunteered to come the next afternoon--Sunday afternoon--and move the tool trailer to the first site. He was bubbling with excitement that his talent could be considered as ministry to our Lord--useful in building home missions church buildings.

Church Construction Corps allows men who have never before thought of themselves as able to minister to now have their talents and abilities recognized and put to use.

Once again I ask the district men's directors to keep me informed of Church Construction Corps projects in your districts, so I can spread the word through this Minuteman newsletter. Write me at:

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Illinois District Council
PO Box 620
Carlinville, IL 62626
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KEN HUNT
National Commander
Royal Rangers



The regional competition for Royal Ranger of the Year was com-

pleted just recently. The eight National Royal Ranger of the Year winners for 1994 are Brandon Boyd, Robinson, Illinois (Great Lakes); Troy Farris, Joplin, Missouri (Gulf); David Sutter, Maple Grove, Minnesota (North Central); Anthony Raduano, Falling Waters, West Virginia (Northeast); Matthew Toro, Bremerton, Washington (Northwest); Joshua Horvath, Waxahachie, Texas (South Central); Nick Gray, Bushnell, Florida (Southeast); and Luis Barraza, Bell, California (Southwest). I look forward to meeting these fine young men. They will be attending the National Camporama, then staying with us for additional activities. I am sure that the respective winner within

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NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

National Royal Rangers Training Center
Eagle Rock, Missouri
July 11 - 15, 1994
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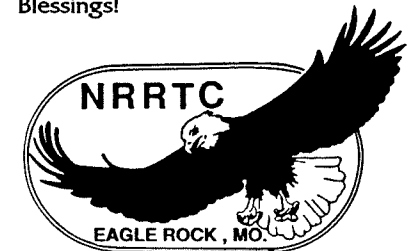
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your region would enjoy getting a letter of appreciation from you.

National Camporama is just around the corner, July 11 - 15, 1994. If you are interested in volunteering your services, we have just the job for you. We need additional help in the Rangers Trading Post and the concession stand. Give me a phone call if you are interested. Pray for cool weather! Blessings!



DALE TOLLEFSON
Lifestyle Evangelism

Lifestyle Evangelism



Lifestyle Evangelism training is alive and well, not only here in Minnesota, but I hear great feedback from around our many dis-

need tools to accomplish a job. Soul winning is the greatest job in our world. As in any vocation, we are nervous about proceeding until someone helps us become familiar with the proper tools; then we can move ahead with confidence. I explain further this adventure in an article I authored in the June 1994 *Advance* magazine. A metamorphic type change occurs when a layperson hears and accepts his re-

your district. His phone number is; (217) 344 - 1530.

You undoubtedly have qualified evangelism trainers in your own districts who could train and motivate the laypeople of your churches to share their faith. Eighty-five percent of the people in our churches today are there as a result of an invitation by a friend or relative.

Along with my duties as district men's director, I am also on staff part-time in my church--Summit Avenue Assembly of God in St. Paul. This helps me keep in touch with the real world. My main re-

20 years ago." It takes a long time for fruit to ripen sometimes, but what beautiful trophies they are of the saving grace of God.

A person has not yet been named as national secretary for the Men's Ministries Department. Let's pray together regarding this very important appointment, along with that of national LE coordinator.

Finally, I need some feedback from our DMD's regarding the place/importance of Lifestyle Evangelism in the national Men's Ministries Department. Will it continue to be a low profile ministry

Travel on the DFM Tour

to the World Assemblies of God Congress in Seoul.

Fly to the World Assemblies of God Congress in Seoul, South Korea, then continue the trip to Hong Kong and China. The flight takes off Sept. 27 and returns Oct. 7. Take the trip of a lifetime for only \$2,095.

For more details contact:
World Assemblies of God Congress
(417) 862-2781, ext. 6000
Fax (417) 866-2109
For registration deadline see page 11.

Your fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles
- Congress registration
- Super-deluxe accommodations at the headquarters hotels
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Transfers in/out of airports and local transfers during Congress
- Sightseeing in Hong Kong and China
- Chinese dinner banquet in Hong Kong
- All local taxes and service charges

tricts. It's exciting to see laymen and pastors working together to win souls for Christ.

On my recent vacation I had opportunity to share evangelism training in three churches: Salina, Kansas; Livingston, Montana; and Billings, Montana. Assemblies of God Christians are the same wherever I go. They are hungry for the word of God, and how to utilize it in sharing their faith. All vocations

sponsibility to share his faith and loves people to Jesus.

If I can be of help in your district, don't hesitate to give me a call either at my home or the Minnesota District Office.

The appointment of Tom Richardson, of "People Reaching People," as national coordinator of the national Lifestyle Evangelism Office is still not finalized. However, he is available for ministry in

NO TIME TO WASTE

EPHESIANS 5:15,16

KEEP YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY!

sponsibility there is to meet with my evangelism team on Monday evenings and go out into our community to love people to Jesus. I don't see a lot of conversions; it amounts to a steady sowing and watering; God sees the increase.

Last year I had four people come to me and say, "I'm a Christian today because of the Christian love and teaching you showed me

with no national exposure, or do we give it the important stature it deserves? I need your direction on a future LETS Convention, or do we tack on a day to our national DMD Conference, or keep going the way we are?

God bless you all real good!