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National Royal Rangers Office

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Welcome again to the new national Royal Rangers publication *ON-LINE!* This newsletter is designed to inform outpost commanders about current Rangers information, new curriculum, and video items offered through our office. We have a new line of supplemental curricula, called "HarvestTime Helps," and video items now available that can be easily ordered by calling 1-800-641-4310. We hope this newsletter will benefit you as a leader and keep you "on-line" with current helps.

Royal Rangers Turning Point & Insight Group

The words *Turning Point* and *Insight Group* may be new to you. But hopefully soon they will become a part of your vocabulary. The national Royal Rangers Office has adopted a dynamic training course that was developed by Dr. Jimmy Lee, Assemblies of God minister, founder and president of Turning Point Ministries, Inc. This training course is called the Turning Point Seminar.

Soon Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars will be held across the nation in an effort to train outpost commanders how to help boys prevent or overcome life-controlling problems. (A life-controlling problem is anything that masters one's life.) In short, we will be helping boys deal with the issues they face daily in today's society.

First, however, a select group of regional and district leaders must complete the requirements to become certified Turning Point instructors. Presently, one member of the national Royal Rangers Office is a certified instructor. He is conducting Turning Point seminars across the nation upon request. Once the regional and district officers have completed their training, they will be calling on outposts in your area to participate in a Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminar.

Here are our national goals and objective:

Objective: To help boys prevent or overcome life-controlling problems.

Goals:

1. To train a select group of regional and district commanders to become certified Royal Rangers Turning Point instructors.

2. For those certified Turning Point instructors who are national, regional, or district representatives to conduct Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars. These seminars are to be conducted at a) local outposts, and b) district and regional conferences.

3. To train *all* commanders how to help Rangers avoid and/or overcome life-controlling problems. This will be accomplished through the following approaches:

- *Educate outpost commanders:* Certified instructors will schedule seminars in cities and towns where outpost commanders from several churches can attend Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars
- Educate regional, district, divisional, sectional, and area commanders and all Royal Rangers certified instructors about the role of Turning Point and *Insight Group* curricula by conducting Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars at regional and district conferences.

If you wish to attend a Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminar, contact your district commander. You do not have to wait to attend a Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminar to begin helping boys with life's issues. Today you can begin by applying our new curricula *Insight Group*. The curricula contains 13 lesson plans that deal with youth issues—such as self-esteem, peer pressure, male-female relationships, substance abuse, etc. We offer both an *Insight Group Commander's Guide* and an *Insight Group Rangers Guide*. The guide for commanders provides the needed outlines to present the lesson plans; the guide for Rangers contains discussion questions and Bible study lessons.

We also offer other video and curriculum items that are excellent tools for outpost group commanders that address youth issues. Notice below the items—such as *Victor's Victories*, *The Solid Rock* video and curriculum series, and the videos we offer.

LFTL Bible Project

Testimonies are already pouring in about our first Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen project: *The Book of Hope!*

You may recall, this past summer 100,000 *The Book of Hope* Bibles were purchased with Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen funds and given to the Division of Home Missions. DHM then distributed the Bibles to home missionaries and inner-city pastors in our major cities. Soon another 100,000 urban Bible will be given to DHM—totaling 200,000 Bibles donated to DHM all because of the LFTL Junior Councilmen program.

Now hurting people are learning about the Lord through *The Book of Hope* and accepting Christ as Lord.

Rev. Mark Gregori, home missionary to Bronx, New York, writes: "Crossway Christian Center ministers in a public housing complex of 27 buildings in the Bronx known as 'the projects.' In this subsidized housing complex are 6,000 people—an African-American and Hispanic community. Crossway has distributed *The Book of Hope* in this community.

"The Housing Authority Administration said this Book has made such an impact on their community! One woman from the Bronx said, 'If it wasn't for the Book and what you are doing here, my kinds would never know about Jesus!'

"Even Muslims have picked it up and read it. When this Book comes in, they are very open to it; then God begins to work."

Missionary Richard A. Smith, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, writes: "A 15-year-old black male says his life had been changed [as a result of reading *The Book of Hope*]. He tried to sell drugs and to live the fast street life. But he now understands how God loves him and has a purpose for him."

These are only a few testimonies of how God again is using His Word to reach a spiritually darkened and dying generation that is seeking hope. And that Hope is being discovered through *The Book of Hope*. Pray that thousands will come to know Christ as Lord through this Junior Councilmen project.

If you have not involved your Rangers in the exciting LFTL Junior Councilmen program, do so right away. The following items can be ordered by calling 1-800-641-4310:

LFTL Junior Councilmen (brochure)

Cost: Free

Item Number: 728-015

Carry the Torch (video)

Cost: \$10

Item Number: 728-014

LFTL Junior Councilmen Study Course

Cost: \$1

Item Number: 728-016

Leading the Way (leader information)

Cost: Free

Item Number: 728-018

Battling with Prayer: The Royal Rangers Prayer Task Force

Nothing has proven more effective in evangelism than to gather in one mind in prayer.

If we are to effectively penetrate America with the gospel message, we must unite in prayer—suburban church with inner-city churches, rural churches with urban churches, African-American churches with European-American churches, and Hispanic-American churches with Asian-American churches.

The format for such union is found in the Royal Rangers Prayer Task Force. And your church—regardless of its geographic location—can conduct one. It enables commanders and pastors to gather for a time of fasting and prayer and for the body of Christ to strategize its attack on the enemy, forcefully reclaiming the children Satan has stolen.

The PTF is ideal for rural and suburban Rangers groups that want to assist in urban ministry. The PTF is also successful in revitalizing the struggling rural church that needs revival.

How It Works

1. The senior commander, coordinating with his pastor, can initiate the PTF. To begin, the PTF coordinator should

contact his district office to inquire about and to initiate a PTF. The district office, then, can contact home missionaries in urban areas, for example, who would host a PTF.

2. Once the district office has established a host missionary, the district office can give you the telephone number and address of that urban missionary or pastor. (Note: The urban ministry may be in the same city, a nearby city, or a city in your state.) Contact the home missionary or pastor and introduce yourself. Schedule a date when you and your commanders can travel to that urban church for a 24-hour prayer and fast.

3. Begin sharing your burden for missions during a Royal Rangers or Men's Ministries luncheon. Get the men excited about participating in the missions endeavor. Enlist commanders and others in your Men's Ministries who will devote themselves to prayer—men who will fast and pray before, during, and after the PTF trip.

4. Your prayer team of commanders and other Men's Ministries members can look for fundraising methods so that you can present a love offering to the urban church. The funds can be used by the urban pastor to purchase Rangers uniforms and curricula. Also, funds can be used to enable the urban pastor to bring in a key speaker for a revival meeting. The funds generated can also be used to purchase gospel tracks, which can be distributed by your PTF team who would be escorted by the urban pastor and commanders.

5. If your team will engage in street evangelism during the PTF trip, hold a seminar for the men on "Gospel Distribution and Street Witnessing." Contact the national Royal Rangers Office and request the new Royal Rangers evangelism brochure *The Ultimate*, ideal for street witnessing. The brochure is available in both English and Spanish.

6. Prior to the PTF trip, engage your men in praying for the church(s) with whom your group will be meeting.

7. During the day of the Prayer Task Force—a Saturday is ideal—the PTF team should fast the entire 24-hour period. Begin the day with a tour, conducted by the urban pastor or senior commander, of the urban community, so your group can *visualize* how they should pray.

The urban pastor may need assistance in distributing gospel tracks to the boys in the community. Your team could be escorted by the urban pastor and commanders into areas near the church in need of evangelism. Your team could assist in street witnessing and gospel distribution.

Following the tour or evangelism outreach, return to the urban church for a time of discussion. The roundtable discussion is needed to better understand the conditions of the urban community your team will be praying for, what conditions the local pastor and commanders face in evangelizing the boys of that community, and what their vision is for reaching the boys in that community. Also, the discussion should provide a means for learning how your church can assist in accomplishing those objectives. For instance, your suburban church may have equipment and other resources you can offer the urban Rangers.

8. During the discussion, each PTF team member should list on paper specific prayer needs. During the prayer meeting, each need should be specifically represented. Allow time for the PTF team to lay hands on and pray for each urban commander and each member of the pastoral team. Anoint each commander and staff member with oil. At the conclusion of the day of fasting and prayer, Communion can be served to commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and soon return for His followers.

9. The following Sunday, after the 24-hour fast, the PTF team should attend church where the PTF was held. Your team may be hearing the evangelist the urban pastor invited,

which was made possible through the funds raised by your team (see point 4). The bond with your urban brethren that was formed during the previous day will be further strengthened as you worship with them.

Following the service, invite the urban pastor and commanders to a nice meal. This time of rejoicing and fellowship will further adhere the bond of love that has been created between the PTF members and the hosts.

10. When returning home, ask the pastor to allow the PTF team to testify before your church congregation of what the PTF trip did personally for them. There you will see men radiating as never before as they share how the Lord used them in a unique, special way.

Leader's Name Tab

The leaders name tab, worn on the left pocket of the uniform, should be worded to indicate the commander's name and position. For example: "JOHN SMITH" (name, which appears in 14 point caps on the first line) and "COMMANDER" (or SENIOR COMMANDER, OUTPOST CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, etc.—title appearing in 12 point caps on second line). The outpost group commander should not place on his name tab the words "OUTPOST COMMANDER."

New Royal Rangers Items Available—call 1-800-641-4310

Publications/Videos:

The Ultimate—English (brochure)

Item: 729NY007

Cost: \$.05—100-800 brochures*

Cost: \$.045—801-1,499 brochures*

Cost: \$.04—1,500-plus brochures*

*plus shipping

The Ultimate—Spanish (brochure)

Item: 729NY025

Cost: Free

Note: Both English and Spanish versions of *The Ultimate* brochure may be obtained free of charge by outposts unable to afford the cost or by outposts conducting Prayer Task Force trips. Such churches must request the items through the national office and must pay for shipment.

Urban Commanders Training Guide

Item: 729NY009

Cost: \$5.30, plus shipping

A 66-page training manual that offers new insights to penetrating urban America with the Royal Rangers ministry.

Urban Rangers—Dallas, Chicago (video)

Item: 729NY052

Cost: \$5.00, plus shipping

The video highlights urban Royal Rangers in Dallas and in Chicago—ideal for promoting the ministry's involvement in the inner cities as well as for encouraging churches to raise funds for inner-city outposts.

Insight Group: Commander's Guide

Item: 729NY049

Cost: \$9, plus shipping*

Insight Group: Ranger's Guide

Item: 729NY050

Cost: \$7, plus shipping*

The *Insight Group* curricula is ideal for groups Pioneers through Air-Sea-Trail Rangers. However, the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders can apply the program features in their outpost group meetings by adapting the topics to the boys' level of understanding. The Bible study lessons can be applied in the same manner.

Insight Group provides 13 sessions that are ideal for monthly meeting features or a weekly 30-minute values/Bible study.

The *Commander's Guide*, a 104-page guide, instructs the leader how to use the curriculum along with the materials that are presented in the *Ranger's Guide*.

Along with Bible studies, the curriculum addresses issues such as trust, the trap (substance abuse), peer care, Christ-esteem, making decisions, and dating relationships.

*Order 10-19 copies of each item and save 10 percent or receive a 20 percent discount for ordering 20 or more of each.

Victor's Victories

Item: 729NY057

Cost: \$18, plus shipping

For Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders: Contains 13 stories with Bible studies and discussion topics that address issues today's young boys face: the single-parent home, death is not the end, controlling anger, peer pressure and gangs, friendship, the importance of winning, and much more.

Behind Our Sunday Smiles

Item: 729NY055

Cost: \$9.95, plus shipping

Offers insights on life-controlling problems and *Insight Group* curricula application

Prevention Resource Guide

Item: 729NY056

Cost: \$35, plus shipping

Educates on various chemicals that are abused and what physical affects the substances have on the body. Other topics: Diagnosing Your Walk With God, Self-Image and Identity, Honesty and Transparency, Making Decisions and Setting Goals, and Steering Clear of Life-Controlling Problems.

The Solid Rock, video and curriculum series (estimated availability date: March):

- *Kids 'n' Gangs*
- *Streets of Pain*
- *Who is God?*
- *Finding God's Will for Your Life*
- *Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places*

Cost Each: \$39.95

Each packet contains a video on the youth issue, a leader's workbook that can be duplicated, and *The Youth Bible* that contains numerous devotional topics ideal for the outpost meeting.

New Meeting Feature Videos Forthcoming:

- *Treasure Hunt*
Topic: Heavenly treasure versus earthy treasures
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos

- *I Didn't Do It*
Topic: Telling the truth
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
- *Who's Watching Me*
Topic: Child Abduction Prevention
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
- *Decisions & Consequences*
Topic: A look behind prison walls; teaches the consequences of sin
Audience: All age groups
- *Incest: Solving the Pain*
Topic: Child abuse prevention
Audience: Commanders

Helpful Tools:

Gold Medal of Achievement Bulletin

Item: 729NY069

Cost: \$15 per 100

The 11- by 8 1/2-inch format, which folds in half, enables the user to print the GMA ceremony schedule and service activities on opposite side of design.

Church Heritage Packet

Item: 729NY006

Cost: \$2

Required reading for Rangers wanting to earn the Church Merit.

Computer Software:

Royal Rangers Computer Presentation

Item: 729NY051

Cost: \$35.00, plus shipping

Designed to enable commanders to promote the Royal Rangers program via their computers. It contains two 3.5-inch disks that provide a continual run program. The program includes colorful graphics, one-color photographs, depicts various activities, and presents each grade/age-group program.

Ranger Pro

Item: 729NY066, 3 1/2" disk

Item: 729NY068, 5 1/4" disk

Cost: \$45, plus shipping

DOS computer program that enables the outpost commander to maintain records of his Rangers—such as advancements earned, level of spiritual commitment, address and phone number, and more.

Accessories:

Urban T-shirt

Size L: Item 729NY058

Size XL: Item 729NY059

Size XXL: Item 729NY060

Cost: \$9 each

\$7.75, order 7 or more each item

Urban Cap

Item: 729NY067

Cost: \$7

\$6, order 10 or more

Camp Eagle Rock T-shirt

Size L: Item 729NY061

Size XL: Item 729NY062

Size XXL: Item 729NY063

Cost: \$11.50 each

\$10.00, order 10 or more each item



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