

Ellis Damiani at Lightfor-the-Lost luncheon

Light-for-the-Lost literature is effective

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IN THE STRUCGLE for the minds and hearts of men, literature has become increasingly important. The new literates around the world are demanding books, magazines, newspapers, and tracts to read. And they are being changed by what they read.

The evangelistic literature provided by Light-for-the-Lost is proving an effective means to win men to Christ.

Missionary Charles Petroskey writes from Mashi, Tanzania, to say: "The literature from the enemy's side is flowing thick and fast, with deadly propaganda. We must flood the area with 'Christ Is the Answer.'"

From Rhodesia, Missionary J. Roland Jones writes: "The gospel in printed form has a powerful influence here. I found Andrew with a tract. He read the message and said, 'I want to know more!' He then found his brother and brought him to me. I thought, This is just like the Bible story. They invited me to their home to preach. Today we have a nucleus for an Assemblies of God church in Andrew's community. It all began with a piece of paper containing a gospel message. God bless Light-for-the-Lost and the people involved."

A third report comes from Africa: "We are receiving scores of testimonies as a result of the International Correspondence Institute course made possible through Light-for-the-Lost," writes Missionary James J. Chaney of Dahomey. "Over 70,000 pieces of literature have been

distributed. Thank God for those who have the foresight and compassion to provide the needed funds."

Missionary L. Wayne Turner, in Mwanza, Tanzania, writes: "Light-for-the-Lost literature has been a tremendous boost to our recent evangelistic campaigns.... Literature is more than food for the soul; it is a strong drawing card for our meetings, opening the door for many conversions."

Describing the Light-for-the-Lost contribution to the 1971 Manila (Philippine Islands) Impact Crusade, Missionary Calvin R. Zeissler writes:

"The precrusades were held in nine different Assemblies of God churches throughout the Greater Manila area. Light-for-the-Lost furnished tracts, Gospels of John, altar call material, and follow-up literature totaling 39,-850 pieces.

"Light-for-the-Lost also provided 80,000 Gospels of John and 80,000 tracts which were distributed earlier during the visit of Pope Paul to Manila.

"The main crusade was held in the Rizal Baseball Stadium. Light-for-the-Lost furnished all the materials used during the altar calls—and 440 decisions were recorded.

"A few days before the main crusade began, a half million handbills were printed announcing the crusade. We printed a gospel message on the back of the handbill.

"A man attended the crusade at the stadium because he saw one of our handbills lying on the sidewalk. When he saw the words, 'Christ or Crisis,' he became curious. He picked it up, read the announcement, and when he turned the handbill over and saw the message entitled, 'Four Things God Wants You to Know,' he was greatly moved. Later he came to the crusade and found the Lord as his Saviour."

Writing from Central Africa, Missionary Delmar Kingsriter says: "What would we do without this wonderful service arm of our Men's Department? Not only does Light-for-the-Lost help us in producing tracts, but all over the countryside you can see colorful posters bearing gospel messages and advertising the crusades ... all provided by Light-for-the-Lost. We thank God for you."

a direct result of his participation in Royal Rangers, he received a call to the ministry.

Commissioned to the rank of junior commander, Ken became the nation's 36th boy to receive the coveted Gold Medal of Achievement Award, top honor of Royal Rangers.

His insatiable appetite for accomplishment drove him to advance into the men's leadership training programs. Progressing through all four sections of the intensive Leadership Training Courses, Ken, still a boy, received his Leader's Medal of Achievement.

Recently Ken answered the call of God upon his life by enrolling in Central Bible College; Springfield, Missouri. Ken represents the finest of our youth, totally dedicated to the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many other success stories could be told of Royal Rangers. Royal Rangers textbooks have been translated into a number of languages and are now being enthusiastically received in 26 countries. Royal Rangers literaToday, nine years after its inception, Royal Rangers serves more than 100,000 boys in America alonel Over 15,000 men have taken highly specialized training to prepare for leadership within their church, section, and district. As a direct result of participation in the National Training Camps, National Training Trails, and Leadership Training courses, these men are annually winning more than 16,000 boys to Christ, and more than 6,000 boys yearly are being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Through the resources offered by the broad-based Royal Rangers program, more men are becoming involved in church ministries than ever before. Pastors report new church growth resulting from their Royal Rangers impact.

The future of Royal Rangers looks bright indeed. From its very beginning, the program has been abundantly blessed with the fruits of evangelism. As men are catching the vision, they are responding to the command found in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye..." The results have been unexpectedly wonderful. Royal Rangers is a dream