

LIVES AND HOMES CHANGED BY ROYAL RANGERS

The heart of the Royal Rangers ministry has always been evangelism and Christian development. Annual reports from local outposts indicate almost 18,000 boys were won to Jesus Christ in the past year, and over 4,000 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Boys are the target—but often when a boy is saved it leads to the salvation of the whole family.

The following testimony is an example. It comes from Robert Letourneau who attends First Assembly in Stafford, Texas:

“My family and I thank God for Royal Rangers, especially for the little Buckaroos.

“In 1974 a friend of Ralph, our old-

est son, invited him to visit the Buckaroo meeting of the Royal Rangers. Ralph was thrilled at the prospects of being a real Royal Ranger and enjoying the excitement they offered. However, he soon discovered he was expected to attend Sunday school.

“This posed a problem, for we were not concerned with serving God, only with fulfilling our own desires. When Ralph approached us on the subject, I rebelled. We were doing all right without all this Jesus study. I was serving the devil full time, and did not want to make any changes. But Ralph persisted; and finally he talked us into letting him attend Sunday school.

“This was the beginning of the happiest days of our lives; for a few weeks later my wife attended the church and was gloriously saved. I noticed the change in her and felt I should investigate.

“Three weeks later, I too accepted the Lord. Now all five of our family are saved and serving our wonderful Saviour.”

And all because a little Buckaroo invited his friend to share Royal Rangers with him.

Many pastors are utilizing Royal Rangers to win new families. One pastor explained:

“When a boy joins our group, we consider his family are prime prospects for our church. The home is visited regularly. We usually find open doors, because they know of our interest in their son. It works! Last year we won nine new families into our church.”

At one church where I was the speaker, the pastor invited a family of five to the platform—father, mother, and three children. The youngest boy testified how he joined Royal Rangers and a few weeks later accepted Christ.

He said he shared with his family

what had happened, and invited his older brother to join Royal Rangers.

Then this older brother testified. He said he was impressed by the change in his brother's life. He liked what had happened, so he went to Royal Rangers; and at the second meeting he attended he was saved.

The oldest one told of following their example and being saved at a Pow Wow.

The mother then testified that, in the meantime, she had started attending church. She was so happy over what happened to her children that she too gave her heart to Christ.

Finally the father testified. He told how miserable he was until he surrendered to Christ. The family would pray over the food, and would talk about Royal Rangers during a meal, and he always felt left out. Then he went to church on Sunday night, accepted Christ as his Saviour, and everything changed. He immediately volunteered his services as a Royal Rangers leader.

His wife also was assisting in one of the Royal Ranger programs—so the entire family was involved, and it was all because one boy started going to Royal Rangers meetings.

During a Royal Rangers award service where I was speaking a few months ago in Toowomba, Australia, three Catholic mothers were saved. Later one of the mothers approached me. With a glow on her tear-stained face, she exclaimed, “It's so simple and so wonderful. I never knew a person could have an experience so beautiful. Just think, if my son had not joined Royal Rangers, I might never have been saved.”

She expressed the sentiment of many parents whose lives have been changed because of Royal Rangers.

The program is enjoying steady growth. There are now approximately 150,000 members in the U.S. and some 50,000 abroad. Royal Rangers is now in 39 countries changing lives and homes for the glory of Christ.



Robert Letourneau family

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