



Royal Rangers and Missionettes

Making new trails

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In July 1977 a group of nine boys and girls gathered in an Assemblies of God church for the first meeting of the Singapore Royal Rangers. In December 1979, 32 attended the first powwow.

Last June 431 boys and girls came to the powwow. First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Goh Chok Tong visited during the opening day, and *The Straits Times* newspaper wrote a special story on the 4-day event. But the climax took place when more than 90 boys and girls responded to the altar calls and another 25 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Since its humble beginning Singapore Royal Rangers has been making new trails to reach children for Christ. Training has been its hallmark. With help from U.S. National Commander Johnnie Barnes, Commonwealth Commander Will Thorne, and others, qualified leaders have been established and are training more up-and-coming leaders. To date, more than 80 commanders have either completed or are completing their Leadership Training courses.

In April 1984 the General Council



National Commander Nicholas Choo (center) joins a group of Rangers at the 1986 Powwow.



Above right: The Royal Rangers' Deaf Patrol was begun in 1983. Right: Missionary Naomi Dowdy officiates at an Honor Star crowning ceremony.

