

Does having a Royal Rangers program in the church make a difference in the lives of boys? This mom says, 'Yes!'



Matthew McFarland and other Royal Rangers at awards ceremony.

manders, Matthew has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement—one of the highest awards Royal Rangers can achieve.

Hours of teaching, Bible reading, doing good deeds, and more were required before Matthew could earn this prestigious award. These requirements are not just busy work. Boys are becoming leaders.

As a pastor's wife and mother of a Royal Ranger, I now understand the purpose behind Royal Rangers. Its threefold emphasis is to evangelize, teach, and keep boys for Christ. A program with trained leaders is vitally important to the success of the program.

The devotionals in the weekly meeting provide the foundation the boys need to grow strong. They realize that there are fun times, but there is also spiritual impact. Conduct, responsibilities, and Bible indoctrination are emphasized.

Several summers ago Matthew attended a district powwow where God called him into ministry as a youth

pastor. The next year he went to the Sierra Adventure Camp for Royal Rangers junior leadership training. While there he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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Molding lives

Molding the lives of boys into Christ's image. That is what Royal Rangers is about.

In more than 5,570 Assemblies of God churches—not including Royal Rangers in other church fellowships and churches in 54 nations—are boys in Royal Rangers attire.

You will find devoted leaders ministering to boys on Wednesday nights. They will be teaching about nature, camping, crafts, sports, youth issues, and other topics. They will also be teaching Bible lessons, devotionals, and spiritual truths.

Take time, and you too will understand

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Thank you, Al Sequeira, for the impact you made in the lives of Royal Rangers at New Life Center. Thank you, commanders, for being examples each week of what men of God should be. And thank you, thousands of men across this nation, for your involvement in forming the lives of future men of God. Keep up the good work. We moms are standing behind you, for you are making a big difference.



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the reason for this ministry: committed leaders sharing Jesus and loving boys.

Royal Rangers leaders have the opportunity to evangelize. Commanders are becoming surrogate fathers to boys who are searching for love, direction, and stability.

We have a great task, a committed team, and a caring Father to empower us. I join Marsha McFarland in saying, "Thank you, commanders, for playing a vital role in sharing Jesus and for molding young lives into His image."

—KEN HUNT



Ken Hunt is Royal Rangers national commander.