

# 1994 Royal Rangers of the Year named

**E**ight National Royal Rangers of the Year were named during the 1994 National Camporama in Eagle Rock, Mo. The awards ceremony was performed during the July 12 evening service. Ken Hunt, Royal Rangers national commander, presented the awards. The recipients earned their medals following months of rigorous competition among hundreds of Royal Rangers across the United States.

National winners are selected by region each year. Brandon Boyd, 18, Great Lakes, attends First Assembly in Newton, Ill. Nick Gray, 17, Southeast, attends Bushnell Full Gospel Assembly in Bushnell, Fla. Luis Barraza, 17, Southwest, attends Mision Elim in Montebello, Calif. Troy Farris, 17, Gulf, attends Second Assembly in Joplin, Mo. Joshua Horvath, 17, South Central, attends Evangel Temple in Waxahachie, Tex. David Sutter, 18, North Central, attends Maple Grove Assembly in Maple Grove, Minn. Anthony Raduano, 16, Northeast, attends Bethel Assembly in Hagerstown, Md. Matthew Toro, 16, Northwest, attends Christian Worship Center in Bremerton, Wash.

The Ranger of the Year award is one of the highest and



**Back row (left to right): Anthony Raduano, Matthew Toro, David Sutter, Troy Farris. Front row: Joshua Horvath, Luis Barraza, Brandon Boyd, Nick Gray.**

most prestigious a Royal Ranger can attain. It is awarded each year to eight winners who win their sectional, district, and regional Ranger of the Year competition.

As a national winner, each Ranger is honored with a 1-year membership to the National Royal Rangers Council. This body consists of district, regional, and national staff who govern the program. The winners will also have opportunity to travel within their re-

gions for speaking engagements at various Royal Rangers functions.

Begun in 1962 Royal Rangers is one of America's

largest and foremost adventure programs designed for boys and young men 5-17 years old. The Assemblies of God sponsored organization offers training in a variety of skills while nurturing participants spiritually at each stage of their development.

This year's national winners recognize the value of Royal Rangers' spiritual foundation. "Rangers has been the main reason I have continued to serve Christ," said Brandon Boyd.

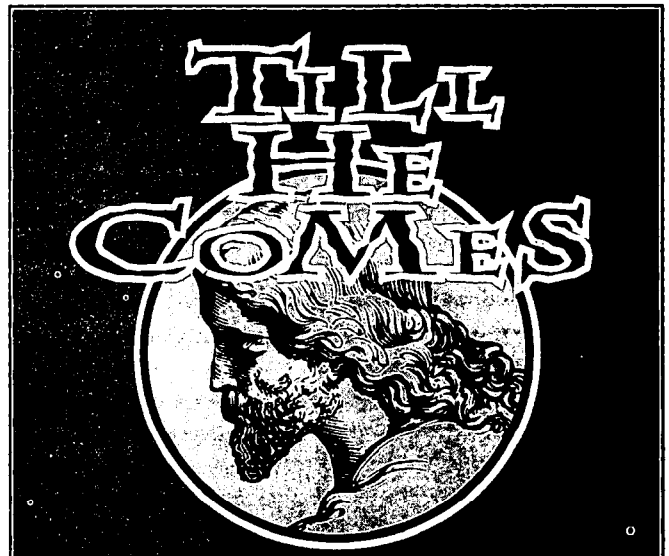
"The Rangers program reaches out to boys at an early age, giving them an outdoor experience as well as applying Christian values," Luis Barraza said.

"I was saved at a powwow and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit at another," Matthew Toro said. "Rangers has taught me more about the Bible and has taught me how to be an example to others." □

## AT A GLANCE

•*The Church of God recently introduced a new "ministry of blessing" at the denomination's General Assembly held in San Antonio, Tex., in August.* A press conference announcing the ministry included a gift of more than 60,000 pounds of food to the needy of the city of San Antonio, three orphanages in Mexico, and other agencies. "Under the umbrella of Operation Compassion, existing ministries will be expanded and new innovative people-helping ministries will be started," said John Nichols, the church's director of benevolences.

•*Dayspring International reports a widespread evangelistic impact on Indian society through its completely Indian-produced Life of Christ film.* The film features all Indian actors and was filmed in India in Indian dialects. It presents no racial or cultural barriers to the audiences. Mobile teams of Indian nationals carry the film and a portable projector and screen, showing the film in large cities and small villages across the country. The free showing always attracts a crowd, and an estimated 1.5 million people are reached with the gospel each month. The ministry provides follow-up discipleship materials to new converts, and where possible film teams refer new converts to Bible-believing churches.



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