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Royal Rangers

This week's Letters page features the testimonies of Royal Rangers leaders and supporters, in celebration of the ministry's 50th anniversary.

I've been in Royal Rangers for four years and had never led a boy to Christ. Tonight that changed. Two boys came to Christ! I'm so glad to be in Rangers and to be part of what God is doing!

DAVID MEDINA, OUTPOST 258, GROUP LEADER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our outpost had tried to support a missionary in the past, but we never met our pledge. So I had little faith when Matt Kling, Assemblies of God world missionary to Chile, visited our outpost. The boys were very attentive, but that did not affect my faith. As soon as he drove away, I brought them together and we made a \$25-peryear pledge. Over the next three weeks, we collected over \$50 and became really excited about missions. Our outpost collected \$300 last year for missions. My expectations were small, but God taught me an important lesson in faith.

JOHN ROBINSON, OUTPOST 182, DISTRICT DIRECTOR ALABAMA

At Rangers camp, the speaker delivered a powerful message. Boys flooded the altar to pray. Many of them shared problems that broke my heart. One teary-eyed boy said, "My dad acts like I don't exist." Another, "My parents fight all the time and are getting divorced." For the next hour, I prayed with boy after boy. That night I was reminded why I'm a Rangers leader!

NAME WITHHELD

I have had the pleasure of mentoring a 14-year-old Ranger so he can earn his Gold Medal of Achievement. He is accomplishing so much. I believe that these truths will stay with him for the rest of his life.

CHUCK WILLIS DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICH.

Outpost 379 started in late 2010 with just three boys and two men. One year later we have 22 boys and seven leaders. God is so good!

RICH SMITH CARLSBAD, CALIF.

Royal Rangers offers good friends, adventures and hands-on learning. We want the boys to understand that by making the right choices they can do anything.

DAVID RICHARDS FORT MYERS, FLA.

Correction: The article "From Out of Death's Shadow" in the Jan. 22, 2012, issue incorrectly stated that Patti Giebink began attending Water of Life Assembly of God in Chamberlain, S.D., in the spring of 2011. It should have read "in the spring of 2001."

WE BELIEVE

I the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). ■ there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19). ■ in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1). ■ in the blessed hope - the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming (Titus 2:13). ■ the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (John 14:6). ■ regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (Titus 3:5). ■ in water baptism by immersion (Matthew 28:19). ■ the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (1 Peter 2:24).

- the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Galatians 5:16-25).
- in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Revelation 20:11-15).

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