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RRI Calendar of Events

RRLAC Committee

Costa Rica

September 1 -4 , 2005

EuroLeader Conference

Austria

February 9 -12, 2006

SAL Conference

Orlando, Florida

February 20 - 25, 2006

Short Term Missionaries - Part 2 "Accountable"

A three part series by Doug Marsh

A relentless desire to be Kingdom-effective as we strengthen and expand Royal Rangers around the world has led to the birth of RRI. Overseas regional coordinators are promoting Royal Rangers among national church leadership, and, in general, cultivating an environment in which the ministry can thrive.

One of the responsibilities of these men is to assist the director of RRI in appropriately matching short-term volunteers with field-identified needs. They are dedicated to the welfare of the Rangers ministry in their region. For that reason, they look for qualified persons to provide help. These words will energize leaders of excellence because they are strengthened by accountability.

Accountability undergirds those who serve in short-term missions, protects the overseas ministry, and ensures continuity. An author writes, "We do not reproduce the kind of people we *want*, but the kind of people we *are*." Short-term ministers who are humble and cooperative with the RRI regional coordinators, missionaries, and nationals show good form to those to whom they minister and set an example worthy of imitation.

Men

Leaders of excellence value local knowledge and uphold (or adapt to) the standards of the region or na-

tion where they minister. Training procedures are modeled after the U.S. Royal Rangers ministry, or after other nations in some instances, but are contextualized, or adapted, overseas. Blindly duplicating "what we do at home," or doing "what I think we should be doing at home," or worse, "This doesn't work at home, but we will make it work here," would be a recipe for mediocrity. When you carry out training according to overseas regional standards, your ministry empowers them to take their Rangers ministry to the next level.

Men of excellence recognize that they protect themselves, their family, their church, and the Royal Rangers ministry at home and abroad when they "run the bases" for overseas ministry approval. The process is simple but thorough. A) Field needs are weighed and identified; B) Short-term volunteers are selected based on their aptitude and attitude; C) The team leader communicates with his hosts where the team will minister and prepares for travel; D) Win-win ministry is conducted; E) An evaluation report is provided for the regional coordinator and the director of RRI upon returning home (from the team leader and the overseas host).

RRI is eager to mobilize leaders of excellence to strengthen and expand Royal Rangers around the world.

Next time: Part 3 "Practical"

RRI Spotlight – Bulgaria



The pastor of the church in Mezdra, Bulgaria blessing the children of the local outpost.

In May, Jukka Piirainen and Royal Ranger leaders from Macedonia traveled to Bulgaria to hold that nation's first National Training Camp (NTC). Despite harsh weather conditions, ten new leaders completed the training and the Ranger ministry is going forward in Bulgaria. Jukka plans to return later this year to hold the first Staff School. A second NTC is planned for next year.

The churches of Bulgaria are excited to have the ministry and it is so encouraging to see pastors

involved, like in Mezdra. They are well on their way towards establishing quality outposts.

Rangers in Bulgaria are called "Kralski Rangeri" and they have white, red, and green scarves to match their national flag. Lord willing, some of them will be at the next EuroCamp in Spain in 2007. Please remember to pray for the Royal Rangers and children of Bulgaria. They have many challenges ahead, but they are "ready" and they know what it means to depend on God.



You are invited to join us at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri for National Camporama 2006! Contact RRI for more details.

Reports

RRI Council Meeting Keuruu, Finland

The 2nd annual RRI Council meeting was held in Finland on May 11-13, 2005. The meeting was attended by Doug Marsh, RRI Director; JoAnn Butrin AGWM/ ISM; Bob Crabtree, RRI Promoter; Mark Broberg, Eurasia Coordinator; Jukka Piirainen, Europe Coordinator, and Andy Whitman, RRI Communications. One of the outcomes of the meeting was a decision to have a "Global Gathering" just prior to the 2010 Camporama in the USA. Representatives from around the world will be invited for this special Royal Ranger event.

The council also worked out the wording for the new Chartering Steward and Provisional Chartering Steward agreements. At the meeting, Jukka Piirainen signed the Chartering Steward agreement, making Finland the first nation to officially do so.



RRI Council Members



Jukka delivering the signed Chartering Steward Agreement for Finland

Royal Rangers/ EQUIP Partnership

Royal Rangers International is currently involved in forming a strategic partnership with one of John Maxwell's ministries known as EQUIP. EQUIP provides invaluable leadership training and resources through special conferences in many parts of the world. Royal Ranger leaders serving on their national staff can receive the advanced training for a very low cost (or even free in some instances) and improve their skills and possibly earn a new award for their uniform.

The EQUIP ministry provides a book and 6 lessons in a notebook (available in many different languages) and then asks that all leaders re-

ceiving the training go back and train 25 others in their nation. They must also agree to attend a conference every 6 months for 3 years (a total of 6 conferences). At each new conference, they will receive additional training, another book, and 6 more lesson plans. This partnership arrangement will be tested in Europe and Eurasia this year and possibly introduced at the next EuroLeader Conference in Vienna for adoption as part of Royal Rangers advanced training program for leaders. Several conferences will be held in 2006 in most European nations, giving most of our European Ranger nations and many

in Eurasia a chance to participate. We are also working on a similar arrangement for Latin America and the Caribbean.

We feel this is another great opportunity that has been orchestrated by the Holy Spirit and we are excited about the potential to "equip" our leaders with godly resources that are lacking in so many parts of the world.

You can learn more by visiting EQUIP's website:

<http://www.iequip.org>



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What Exactly Is Royal Rangers?

- Royal Rangers is passionate about reaching, teaching, and keeping young people for Christ!
- It is a doorway to action and adventure for young people in 70 nations of the world. Royal Rangers seeks to develop the total person for Christ—spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.
- The Royal Rangers ministry provides exciting opportunities for boys and girls, in co-educational nations, to discover a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This life-changing ministry is one of the world's largest and foremost Christian adventure-based mentoring programs.
- The Royal Rangers ministry incorporates both fun and accomplishment in its ministry methods. It features indoor and outdoor activities including camping, recreation, first aid, crafts, hobby skills, nature study, sports achievements, awards, trips, Bible study and much more.
- These activities are among the resources used by Royal Rangers to build bridges to the heart of youth. The heartbeat of the ministry is to enable its members to become more successful in every area of their lives.

Visit our website:
www.royalrangersinternational.com

Recognition - by Andy Whitman

“Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” Romans 13:7 NIV

Recognition is an important part of the Ranger ministry, whether it be an award ceremony for the children held before the parents, or a simple word of praise to a hard working leader. Everyone likes to be recognized for their accomplishments and showing them honor is a biblical principle.

Most people are naturally motivated and want to do a good job, we just need to remember to take notice of them from time to time and acknowledge their efforts. This

keeps them from getting discouraged and losing their motivation.

Look around you and pay attention to the God given gifts of your leaders and staff and say some kind words of encouragement when you see them giving their best for the kingdom of God. Many of them give up a lot of weekends and vacation time with their families to work with the children in the Ranger program and this alone deserves recognition. You will go a long way towards keeping your leaders happy and motivated and blessing them in the name of Jesus, as we all should.

As always, we welcome your feedback on this newsletter.