



2010 Royal Rangers International Council

On April 21-22, 2010, the Royal Rangers International (RRI) Council held its seventh annual meeting in Izmir, Turkey. This was the first council held in the Eurasia Region and in a predominantly Muslim country. The choice of location shows RRI's commitment to reaching children all over the world. The meeting was nearly postponed due to airborne ash from an erupting volcano in Iceland, but most members were still able to attend. While in Izmir council members had the opportunity to tour historic Ephesus nearby and walk where the apostles John and Paul walked.

Council members reviewed pioneer works happening around the world, with an emphasis on the new works in Eurasian nations such as Moldova, Belarus, Armenia, Israel, and Georgia. The council also reviewed the progress of ongoing translation projects. Royal Rangers International is currently committed to translating the Global Curriculum into major languages, including German, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Mandarin Chinese. The Eurasia Region reported that the Russian translation project is nearly finished. The German and Portuguese projects are well-advanced (under the guidance of the Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean

Regions, respectively). Also, the Mandarin project is moving along under the guidance and supervision of the Asia Pacific Region. In addition, although it is not a major language, the Malagasy translation is also on-target due to the explosive growth of Royal Rangers on the island nation of Madagascar in the Africa Region.

Royal Rangers International has taken a new direction in 2010 by creating a survey to critique the curriculum and training materials currently available to national commanders around the world. The results of the survey will help RRI improve existing materials as well as prepare new materials to meet needs addressed by national leaders. Council members also discussed changes in the U.S. program and ideas for branding and promoting the Royal Rangers name to a higher level, not only in the United States but around the world. The basic idea is to do a better job of getting out the message of who we are, what we do, and why it matters. This goes hand in hand with the commitment of RRI to making sure that nations have what they need to effectively run a Royal Rangers ministry.

The next Royal Rangers International Council is planned for April 2011 in Jamaica.



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RRI council attendees at the ruins of Ephesus



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Africa Region International National Training Camp

In April 2010 the Royal Rangers of the Africa Region held their first-ever international camp near Nairobi, Kenya. The camp's main purpose was to be a National Training Camp (NTC) for new leaders from Kenya and Uganda. The camp's secondary purpose was to bring countries together to promote greater cooperation and sharing of resources in the region. The camp was staffed by senior leaders from Kenya, Ghana, and Malawi. In addition, leaders from Ghana and Malawi received the experience necessary to return to their respective nations and hold successful camps on their own.

The NTC was immediately followed by an Instructor Certification Seminar (Training Academy), and both events showed that Africa has well-disciplined leaders who know their materials well. The camp even had a Kenyan medical doctor on staff who is also a Ranger leader, and an official chaplain from Ghana participated who has been a part of the Royal Rangers ministry since the '70s. The Royal Rangers of Africa proved they are ready to handle their own training needs both at home and abroad. The site where the camp was held also has the potential to become a permanent Royal Rangers campsite to serve the needs of Kenya and possibly the entire region.

Major portions of the NTC were videotaped for future use in other training events, such as a national academy to teach new instructors how to run an NTC. Leaders were also interviewed, and testimonies were recorded for potential future applications. The Africa Region is planning to use the most valuable footage and distribute a special DVD at the next Africa Summit in 2011.



Another result of the international gathering was the creation of two important new regional positions. In two years the Africa Region has grown from four nations with a Royal Rangers ministry to nine, and the regional coordinator can no longer cover the needs of the vast region alone. Therefore, Walter Edem Atsutsey of Ghana was appointed the Royal Rangers coordinator of West Africa, and Reverend Patrick K. Kawe of Kenya was appointed the coordinator of East Africa. Both men are tireless servants of God who have proven themselves by building up the ministry in their own nations and traveling to other nations to humbly share their advanced knowledge and skills.

The international camp was a great encouragement and a much-needed confidence builder for the Africa Region. It further strengthened the spirit of unity and the bonds of friendship that have been growing in the region for the past few years. Having now paved the way, the Royal Rangers of Africa look forward to many more wonderful international events in years to come.

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