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Thank you,

The Editor



**ROYAL RANGERS INTERNATIONAL:
LAYING FOUNDATIONS – BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

We Royal Rangers leaders are living in exciting times! Everywhere I've traveled over the past year-and-a-half, national leaders overseas have said, "The *only* problem with Royal Rangers International (RRI) is that it was not around 40 years ago."

RRI has but one purpose: To strengthen and establish Royal Rangers overseas. We achieve this by helping nations develop curriculum, train leaders, and promote the ministry.

You play an important role in laying the foundations of this ministry and building its future. We need your immediate help:

- **Camp Summit**: At National Council, ten districts agreed to raise \$8,000 for construction materials and to lead a Pathfinders team to Costa Rica.



Two teams have already been to Camp Summit, including one led by Commander Mariott. The 15-member group built the annex beside the conference center (see photo). Many thanks to David Boyd and BGMC for providing the project funds!

If your district has yet to set dates for the trip, please do so by e-mailing John Anthony, the Camp Summit Construction Supervisor— john.anthony@agmd.org. Visit

www.dougmarsh.org/campsummit for trip planning information. One team had to cancel. If your district is willing to pick up the slack, please contact the author.

Many thanks to the districts that have already followed through on their financial promise made to Camp Summit last March!

➤ **Missions Coordinators:**

The 2004 National Council will be historic. We plan to meet with the Missions Coordinators for the first time. Regional Missions Coordinators will gather Wednesday, March 24, and will meet together with the District Missions Coordinators Thursday, March 25.

Regional Coordinators and District Commanders: *Please appoint a top-notch missions-minded person to the position, and be sure they are able to attend.* This team of men will play a vital role in supporting the RRI Council—a select group of nationals and missionaries being formed to coordinate Royal Rangers in the five overseas regions.

➤ **Financial Base for RRI:**

RRI is a ministry-in-creation. We wish to serve the overseas leadership with excellence. It is crucial that we establish a multi-language website and circulate a regular communiqué among our overseas national leadership to keep them connected and informed. Of equal importance is the need to aggressively promote the ministry in nations that could potentially adopt it. We must also be prepared to help nations financially when they introduce the ministry, or when unique opportunities or needs arise.

These are just a few of the reasons why we must establish a solid, constant financial base for this ministry. AGWM leadership recently honored our request to give RRI an institutional missions account. This will allow us to raise monthly support from churches just as a missionary would build his own ministry budget.

Our goal by June 2004 is to raise no less than \$6,000 in monthly support for RRI. These funds will enable us to provide services to our overseas leadership and to pioneer the ministry in new nations.

At National Council we will approach each district about becoming a “Friend-Finder.” As such, the district leadership would agree to find between five and eight church pastors willing to sign a monthly commitment form of \$25 or more in support of RRI. With the help of each district, we will meet this challenge. *Begin praying now for the pastors you might approach.*

➤ **2004 Missions Trips:**

Our friend David Boyd, the National BGMC Director, repeatedly says, kids need to “know, care, pray, and give” to missions. The best way to achieve this is to provide boys and men first-hand knowledge of missions by *going* overseas.

We will provide many “going” opportunities in 2004. Here are just a few:

- Evangelism Outreach in Mexico—July 23-30: ***This is an ideal trip to schedule with your 14-17 year-old-boys.*** The cost is \$495/person from El Paso, TX. Your boys will work with Royal Rangers groups in Chihuahua, Mexico to do street evangelism in conjunction with local churches. (Contact — alex@suncitymissions.com.)
- Advanced NTC in Russia—April 27-May 7: Marvin Lemke, South Central Regional Coordinator, will lead this team. He is accepting applications from qualified, mature leaders. The camp will be followed by an exciting opportunity to pioneer Royal Rangers in a town outside of St. Petersburg. (Contact: Marvin Lemke— cmlemke@sbcglobal.net.)
- Pathfinders trips: Many districts are leading Pathfinders construction trips next year. If you would like to be part of a team, e-mail Doug Marsh— dmarsh@ag.org —to be placed in contact with a team leader.

Currently there are only five missionaries devoting themselves to Royal Rangers ministry overseas. If we plan to see Rangers strengthened in the 65 nations using the ministry, and expand into many others, we must expose our boys to missions, both in the weekly Rangers meetings and with hands-on experience overseas. By teaching your boys to “know, care, pray, give, *and go*” you will play a part in raising up a generation of Royal Rangers missionaries who will span the globe in the years to come.

As you can tell, *you* play an important role in laying the foundations of Royal Rangers International and building its future.

Together we are completing Camp Summit, which is a prototype of the Rangers Camps we plan to build in each overseas region of the world. We are also raising-up the U.S. support personnel and finances for the ministry. And finally, by educating and involving our boys and leaders in overseas ministry, we are cultivating future missionary “givers” and “goers.”

Thank you for your willingness to be personally, sacrificially involved!

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