



ROYAL RANGERS

— INTERNATIONAL —

First Advanced National Training Camp in Siberia and Far East Russia

by Kirk and Karla Ford, Eurasia Royal Rangers Missionaries

Looking around the room at the smiling faces and hearing the laughter echoing from different parts of the building, one couldn't help but be reminded of a family reunion. This was the atmosphere of the first Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC) in Siberia and Far Eastern Russia held April 28–May 1, 2011. It was evident that each person belonged and was accepted by everyone else—good-natured teasing and play mingled with hard work and problem solving. With the evident spirit of mutual love and respect, it was hard to believe that these 18 commanders came from 11 separate outposts in nine different regions spread out over five time zones.

A team from the United States, led by Tom Frith (North Carolina District), helped us conduct this first ANTC. We not only experienced the camp, but were trained to staff the next one ourselves.

It seemed that Satan tried everything to stop this camp from taking place. A United States team member was bitten by a brown recluse spider a couple of weeks before the trip, and a second team member had to be hospitalized for most of the camp due to a bad staph infection in his leg. On top of that, two feet of snow fell during the first night of camp and throughout most of the second day, breaking power lines and making outdoor classes next to impossible. But due to great teamwork, we were able to generate our own power, keep the boiler stoked for warmth, and adapt to the teaching conditions.

To tell the truth, we never missed a beat, and everyone returned home full of joy and excitement about what the future holds! ❖



For a video of the camp, either paste or type the following link into your browser:
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POWWOW 2011 - INVICTUS

by Commander Reuben Ponniah

“What an amazing camp it’s been!” Many of us will look back at the four days spent together in the third Royal Rangers Malaysia Central District Powwow with fond memories, and we’ll remember the good times in the coming years. The last Powwow was almost five years ago, so this camp was much anticipated, and many rangers were thrilled at the prospect of experiencing the traditions, uniqueness, and life-changing experiences the Powwow was guaranteed to offer.

With a total of 350 rangers, leaders, and visitors, the scene was set for a fantastic camp in the Malaysian summer. We chose the same campground that hosted one of our previous Powwows—open fields, lush green forests, cooling streams, and blue skies greeted the rangers as they arrived by the busloads.

Fancy pitching your tent in the rain? Well, that was exactly what happened on a very wet first day. The rain was a pleasant welcome, and it certainly helped cool the surroundings and made tent pitching a little bit more fun and challenging.



Even as night descended upon us, the campsite turned into a mad hatter’s party, with rangers parading their most unique and creative headgear for the Powwow Council Fire. Hats off to the rangers for making it a fun-filled night by parading their colorful and quirky headgear!

Throughout the day various challenges and games were organized for both group and individual competitions. The four main groups in the camp (Red Axe, Yellow Spear, White Shield, and Blue Sword) certainly did their part to add color and competition with victory chants and songs, parading of colors and armory, battle moments, display of machismo, and bruising encounters. In the end, the war was won by White Shield. To quote the words of their leader, **“Defense is the best form of attack!”**

During the afternoons campers had opportunities to participate in individual physical challenges, traditional games and crafts, bamboo rafting (and mud walking if you fell overboard), flying fox, surfing, and learning the tricks of the trade at the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) trading post!

For speed lovers and tree-dwellers, there was even a wheelbarrow race and rope-climbing challenge! Speaking of memorable moments, who could forget the Love Your Banana game and the Powwow Court of Justice!

Amidst the various activities the outdoor night rallies remain the highlight of the camp, and for many, it was a special experience. Surrounded by nature, insects buzzing and the moon and stars glowing above, the silence of the night was broken by the sound of rangers of all ages worshipping and praising God in unison, in awe of His creation and power. Our camp speakers—Rev. Davidson, Pastor Mike Kuna, and Commander Terence—delivered God’s Word with conviction and power to the various age groups. We thank the Lord for the 24 people who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and for the many rangers who rededicated their lives back to God. The theme of the camp, Invictus, echoed throughout the night rallies. **Our challenge as Christians after the camp is to live as overcomers—victorious, undefeatable, and unconquerable in today’s modern society.**

Being part of the Powwow camp committee has been such a blessed and rewarding experience—giving rangers the opportunities to express themselves through outdoor activities and skills, learn about teamwork, allow God to touch their lives, and most importantly, to move forward together as one in Royal Rangers ministry.

Keep a lookout for the ‘BIG CAMP’ happening next year—**Camporama 2012!** We hope to see you there! God bless. ❖



FIRE AND FAITHFULNESS:

Observations from the Africa Summit

by David Jenkins

What would you do if you were nine years old, your home was engulfed in billowing smoke and flames, and your mother was screaming hysterically because your one-month-old brother was still in his crib? Isaac Boakye took action! He asked his mom to get a blanket from a neighbor and soak it in water. He wrapped the blanket around himself, courageously entered the burning home, and rescued his helpless sibling from death. Citizens of Kentikrono, amazed at his heroism, inquired where he gained such insights. Isaac said he learned them in Royal Rangers during a fire safety course. During the 2011 Africa Summit, Isaac was presented the Royal Rangers National Medal of Valor.

Also receiving recognition at the 2011 Summit was Reverend John B. Gibbons, who has faithfully served Royal Rangers in Ghana for more than thirty years. When Reverend Gibbons described his life-long commitment to Royal Rangers, he revealed, "I want to die a Royal Ranger." These individuals rekindle the conviction that consecrated lives change lives!

A Ghanaian Royal Rangers drum and drill team performed during the 2011 Africa Summit.



TOP PHOTO: Rev Gibbons prays for Africa regional leaders.

Delegates from Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Finland and USA assembled for Africa Summit III near Accra, Ghana, May 10 – 12, 2011.

This Africa Summit, the third since 2007, was superbly hosted by Walter Edem Atsutsey, Ghana National Commander, and his staff. National leaders from Togo and Nigeria attended for the first time, along with delegates from Kenya, Malawi, and South Africa. Reports were given by each nation represented at the Summit. Garhard Uys, South Africa National Director, demonstrated riveting examples of how to use drama in communicating the gospel.

Royal Rangers International (RRI) Director Doug Marsh and the RRI staff presented the "Johnnie Barnes Excellence in Leadership and Ministry Initiative." This teaching, also known as the "E.I.," provides strategic tools to evaluate one's ministry and take specific steps to reach excellence. The over-arching goal is to "influence more, more effectively."

On the final morning, a local drum and drill team performed. Rev. Dr. Paul Frimpong Monso, general superintendent of Assemblies of God Ghana, addressed the summit, pledged support, and served communion with members of his national office.

Thank you to RRI leaders, financial supporters, and prayer warriors who continually invest to see more lives consecrated and more lives changed! ❖

2011 Royal Rangers International Council Meeting

The eighth annual Royal Rangers International (RRI) Council meeting convened April 26–28, 2011, at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri. For the first time since 2007, all five RRI regions and the United States were represented by delegates. The RRI director and the regional coordinators each presented reports on the growth and state of the Royal Ranger ministry in their respective parts of the world, reflecting another year of substantial expansion into new territories.

The council members reviewed the progress of translation projects, discussed methods for developing and enhancing leadership, and explored possible revisions to the global curriculum. Special consideration was given to the plans for the Royal Rangers fiftieth anniversary celebration in 2012 and the RRI Global Leaders Encounter in Springfield, Missouri, which will host Royal Ranger leaders and church leaders from every part of the world. The council members also toured the facilities of Evangel University, where this global gathering will take place. The next RRI Council is scheduled for April 2012. ❖





Latin America National Leaders Summit - Más

by Matt Kling

On May 30 through June 3, 2011, 43 national representatives from 14 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean met at Camp Summit, Costa Rica, for the Latin America National Leaders Summit.

The theme for the Summit was Más ("more" in English). Our desire was to dream together about reaching more young people in Latin America and the Caribbean more effectively than ever. There was also a desire to foster deeper relationships between the countries



and to look to the future together as one region moving forward in unity. Doug Marsh, Royal Rangers International director, led three days of excellent discussion and vision-casting.

During the Summit, there was dialogue about the present state

of Royal Rangers in the region and how we could work together to accomplish the agreed-upon goals. Also, many opportunities were given for leaders to connect and grow personal relationships. Many took these opportunities to share their experiences and learn from others the challenges and successes they are having in their respective countries.

Exciting days are ahead for the Latin America and Caribbean Region. At the end of the Summit there was an incredible sense of unity looking ahead. What an opportunity it was for so many leaders to gather, dream, and plan for the future! We will see más from Latin America! ❖



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