

# ROYAL RANGERS IN AFRICA

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## **First International NTC for Africa: A Report of Unity Among the Nations**

In April 2010 the Africa Region hosted its first international camp near Nairobi, Kenya. Uganda and Kenya sent leaders to be trained in the NTC (National Training Camp). Senior leaders from Kenya, Ghana and Malawi flew in to staff the camp.

During the camp I announced the creation of two important new regional positions. In 2 years Africa has grown from four nations with a Royal Ranger ministry to the present nine. Therefore, Walter Edem Atsutsey of Ghana has been appointed the Royal Ranger Coordinator of West Africa, and Rev. Patrick K. Kawe of Kenya has been appointed the Coordinator of East Africa. Both men are tireless servants of God and have proven themselves by building up the ministry in their own nations, and by traveling to other nations to humbly share their advanced knowledge and skills.

The international camp was a great encouragement. We all realized how much Rangers has grown over the past 2 years, and it further strengthened the spirit of unity and bonds of friendship. Watching the men sit around the fire at night, laughing and sharing stories, has made a lasting imprint on my heart. Having now paved the way, the Royal Rangers of Africa look forward to many more wonderful international events in years to come.

The NTC was immediately followed by an ICS (Instructor Certification Seminar), and both events showed that Africa has well disciplined leaders that know their materials well. The camp had a Kenyan medical doctor on staff, who is a Ranger leader, and an official camp chaplain from Ghana. 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 Ranger campsite, to serve the needs of Kenya and possibly the entire region.

Major portions of the NTC were video taped 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 gave testimonies. We plan to distribute a special DVD at the next Africa Summit in 2011 using the most valuable footage. We are moving forward to equip each nation to win more boys and girls for Jesus.

## **2010 RRI Council - Ephesus, Turkey**

In April the Royal Rangers International Council (of which Andy is a member) met in Turkey for its 7th annual meeting. This was the first RRI Council meeting 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 problem with airborne ash from an erupting volcano in Iceland threatened to postpone the meeting, but most of the council members were still able to attend. While in Turkey, the council members had the opportunity to tour historic Ephesus and walk where the apostles John and Paul walked.

## **Prayer for the upcoming vote in Kenya**

On August 4th Kenyans will vote on a controversial referendum which will alter their constitution. The Church has taken a stand against it, and violence directed at the "No" campaign has begun. The US Embassy is warning us to stay away from crowds, restaurants, and shopping areas. Please pray for peace and safety. We plan to stay put in the mission compound for a couple of days after the election results are announced.

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