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First Royal Rangers Balkanorama

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The Balkan region is located in southeast Europe and for many centuries has been noted for disputes and wars between its different people groups. Royal Rangers demonstrated how to put aside political differences as Rangers from several Balkan countries came together July 9-13, 2013, for the very first regional Camporama, called Balkanorama. Participants from Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and the host nation of Macedonia attended, as well as guests from the United States and Germany. The camp was held at a lake near the border of Albania and Macedonia.

Breathtaking nature and crystal-clear lake waters provided a wonderful backdrop for the camp's theme, "Masterpiece." The Balkanorama truly became His



masterpiece during five days of fellowship. Rangers had an opportunity to make their own masterpieces out of wood, stone, or leather, as well as hear wonderful stories about the Great Artist who created the heavens and the earth and uniquely formed each one of us. Rangers participated in a skill competition called "The Seneka Run," in which finishing well required all their skills—including rowing a boat, throwing a tomahawk, shooting a bow and arrow, and performing first aid, just to name a few.

Each evening around the campfire Rangers were called to make a commitment to God, accept their identity in Christ, and live as new creations—God's masterpieces. As I was preaching at the last campfire, smoke came into my eyes and tears started rolling down my

cheeks. I could not see, so I continued preaching with my eyes closed. As I was calling the Rangers to come forward and make a decision to follow God, I kept my eyes closed. When I finally opened my eyes, I was surprised—not a single Ranger was in front of me; all of the seats were empty! When I turned my head, I saw that all had come forward for prayer with their leaders! Seeing the whole camp dedicating their lives to God was the most amazing experience.

About 60 Rangers participated in this first Balkanorama. It is a small start, but with God's help we will continue to grow, praying the next one will be much bigger and include Slovenia, Croatia, Romania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. 🙏





FIRST EURASIA REGIONAL CAMP

By John Wilson, Eurasia Royal Rangers

Eurasia Royal Rangers hosted the first-ever Eurasia Regional camp, EurasiLet 2013, on the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea, June 30–July 5.

Dasha's father, an unbeliever, heard that Dasha's Royal Rangers group wanted to attend a camp hosting people from all over the world. He decided to help raise funds so her group could have this multinational experience. Dasha met kids from her home country, Ukraine, as well as others from Russia, Belarus, Estonia, and America. It truly was a life-changing event for Dasha and the 640 youth and leaders who attended. Some Royal Rangers traveled as far as 5700 miles to participate! The sense of unity was overwhelming. History was made, and we had the privilege to witness and be part of it.

The theme, "Be First!" guided Royal Rangers throughout the week. During the day they experienced workshops and activities of all kinds. Through clouds of mosquitoes and occasional downpours of rain, the young people traversed a rope bridge, played paintball, threw a tomahawk, or started a fire with flint and steel. Squeals of laughter could be heard from those swimming in the Azov Sea. Some students created beautiful crafts, and sports such as archery, volleyball, and weight lifting entertained others. Soloists and groups displayed their music and dancing talents on the big stage in the afternoons.



Evening services were filled with pageantry, talent, worship, and the Word of God! Opening night began with a parade of flags representing the nations in the Eurasia region that have Royal Rangers ministries.

A Facebook post said something like this: On the last night in camp, it was no longer clear who was from which country. Participants had traded scarves and bolos and had become friends. Each member worked hard to make the event what it was. The camaraderie revealed that Royal Rangers is one big family—a family of winners!

Thank you to all who prayed for the first all-Eurasia camp. The presence of God was profound. We hope to see you at the next one! 🙏





ABOVE: The lively and talented energy of the Filipinos made the song and cheer session very enjoyable.

LEFT: Fun & Games time during the training session



RAISING LEADERS IN PHILIPPINES

Written By Chan Xide, Royal Rangers Singapore

From May 17 to 21, a team of eight Royal Ranger leaders from Singapore and Malaysia visited Cebu, Philippines, to conduct a Leadership Training Academy (LTA). The team was led by Jim Guneratnam (RRI's Asia Pacific Coordinator) and Chia Eng Kiat (Singapore's National Commander) and also included Wu Tze Chong, Aaron Lim, Johnson Lieow, David Ng, Joycelyn Wong and Chan Xide. Pastor Emerose T. Nemenzo served as the event host.

The LTA was held at Immanuel Bible College, and over 75 participants came from various regions of the Philippines. Over the course of four days the participants were trained in Ranger Basics, Ranger Safety, and various camp skills such as tool craft, rope craft, and basic first aid.

Those who are familiar with the Royal Rangers program will understand the immense task of imparting so much information in such a short time span. In our human understanding, the task seems impossible. But with God all things are truly possible, and His grace and providence enabled the team to accomplish their goals.

It was a blessing to see how leaders like Jim and Eng Kiat and the older leaders had equally great hearts and genuinely wanted to impart their considerable experience and knowledge to build up a new generation of leaders who can reach, teach, and keep boys and girls for Jesus Christ in the Philippines.

Likewise, it was heartening to see the warm responses from the participants in Cebu. The training will equip the leaders to further establish and enlarge the Royal Rangers ministry in the Philippines. Their enthusiasm and passion to reach the kids of their nation was strongly evident in their discussions and interest.

We are committed to improving the level of leadership among our regional Royal Rangers family and pray that we would continue to have a pivotal role in raising leaders for the Asia Pacific Region.

◀ Leaders undergoing the advanced training sessions



▲ A patrol sharing their song during morning parades.

▼ Making new friends





Royal Rangers Malaysia Holds NTC

The thirteenth National Training Camp of Royal Rangers Malaysia was held in Kuala Lumpur, May 29 to June 1. A total of 42 leaders from Malaysia and Indonesia participated. Instructors reminded the trainees that children are observing and mimicking them and that they can have a positive impact in their outposts.

Trainee Adrian Looi had the following experience:

DAY 1. The first day I felt trepidation and fear, and I was unprepared for the camp. My stamina was nowhere near that of other candidates. In the rush, rush, rush of the camp, the instructors were surprisingly reasonable—different than I had anticipated. My extremely good patrol mates shared the workload. I was dead tired, dirty, and stinking, a far cry from my cushy and comfy environment at home and at work. I couldn't get out of my mind that I was scheduled for work in the early hours of the last day of camp. Worse still, I gave up a lucrative job assignment to attend this camp. I thought of quitting.

DAY 2. There was more rushing and sweating. I was feeling really self-

conscious about how I smelled to others. In my profession, it is imperative to look and smell good at all times.

DAY 3. I no longer cared about how uncomfortable and tired I felt or that it was hot and raining. I cared more about not letting my patrol mates down and about getting the job done. If Jesus could suffer so much for me, this was way easier to endure. If I come away from this camp a better father or teacher, then it is worth the sacrifice. I was actually enjoying the camp!

The moment that I had to leave camp for work was approaching, and I was dreading the drive. I did not want to abandon my patrol mates. Then I noticed I had missed two calls on my mobile phone from my office. When I called in, the officer asked if I minded not coming to work that morning. I replied with a steady voice and pretended to be nonchalant, even though I was thrusting my palm in the air and praising God in my mind. The officer gave me four choices in duty patterns, a real rarity in my profession. I had tears in my eyes. God really came through for me. 🙏

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