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District Commander Talk By Tom Kesteley



I had the honor to attend the graduation of Jason Varughese at Central Bible College. Jason has completed four years of Bible College and is a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God. Jason was the 2006 National Ranger of the Year for the Great Lakes Region. He was in my Rangers Outpost and I was his leader for 12 years. Jason calls me his “father figure, and male role model.” I have a hard time understanding how it all came about except to say that the Lord had his hand in this relationship for a long time. Through the years, I just went where God placed me in our Outpost. Where there was a need, I was able to help. When Jeff Calvert asked me to work behind the scenes doing paperwork back in

1991 I had no clue, I just wanted to help out. In 1992, when I officially wore a uniform for the first time, I did not really know why I was doing Rangers, but the Lord knew. Through the years I just served, then in 1995 took my training, and in 1996 after National Training Camp the Lord called me to raise a Priest-hood for him. Maybe you’re the same, just continuing to serve or walking within His divine calling on your life? Walking with Jesus is much clearer when we look backward. Maybe you haven’t had opportunity to see the fruit of your labors? Well, I count myself as blessed. I have seen the Lord’s fruit. Over some years now I have been able to see many boys go into the ministry with Jason being just one of many. Jason and I, by no orchestration ourselves, moved up in age groups at the same time. He would move by age, and me by necessity within the Outpost. The year I started a Trail Rangers group at our church, Jason moved up to High school. I really didn’t even realize the fact that he was always in my group until he pointed it out to me. After all of those years, I was moved to tears when, upon the receipt of the National

Ranger of the Year medallion, Jason said “Commander K was the first man to tell me that he loved me. This is for him.”

Today, Pastor Jason is quite the example of the mentoring process of Royal Rangers through adulthood. On May 17-19, 2010 Reverend Jason joined me at the Royal Rangers booth at Illinois District Council. My prayer is that the Pastors of Illinois see the long term fruit of our labor, and recognize our call to Evangelize, Equip and Empower the next generation of Christ-Like servant leaders through mentoring. Sure we have other young men that we have poured into. Ask the Lord to show you the fruit of your labors! He will! My prayer for you all is that you can see the Lord’s fruit too! By the way, I was asked to stand with Jeff Calvert at District Council this year as he is Ordained. More fruit. There is fruit in serving our King in Royal Rangers. It is recognized in relationships and more....take a look for your fruit and share it with others.

Up Coming Events

Aug 20-21	Royal Ranger District Council WCO Seminar—Elgin IL
Sept 10-12	Southern Pow Wow— Carlinville IL
Sept 24-25	NDIV Gamers Camp
Sept 24-25	LTA Campout—Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest IL
Oct 8-10	FCF Encounter—Oakdale IL

For more details, check out the Illinois Ranger website at ilrr.org

A Special Message About Northern Pow Wow

I would like to personally thank all of the people who worked very hard to make Northern Pow Wow 2010 a huge success. We battled many elements including a new location, new ministry teams, new circumstances, weather and much more. But all of the participants and Staff rose to the occasion. The unavoidable change of location for Saturday night services had never been done before, but was truly necessary for the safety of those ministering. We appreciate GREATLY the cooperation of all who attended in bringing together a successful ministry opportunity.

I would like to thank Calvary Lighthouse in Rochelle and Their Pastor Dr. James Horvath for allowing us to ministry at their facility on such short notice. The service at the church was enhanced greatly from what we could have offered on site. It seems to me that the Lord honored our decision to move the services. The Jabez group were amazing! They blessed us with 30 minutes of professional routines which totally honored Christ Jesus. It was an anointed opening platform for the service which followed. That group of youth performed dance, dramatic presentation, lead us in worship and handled the puppet teams. They made our services unique and special and invited Christ in such a way that hearts were open to hear the message of the Gospel. Beware the Jackal! Our enemy also stalks and comes close until we accept him as not being a threat, then he strikes the vulnerable. The altar time was extended, and many hearts were touched deeply by the Holy Spirit. Boys were praying for boys, men for boys, and more... Truly God ordained. Good Word Brother Ed!

Again, I wish to extend my appreciation to all of you! I pray you have all recovered from the efforts of setting up, camping, and tearing down, and resetting wet gear to dry it out at home enough to look back and taste the fruit of your labors. Open your eyes to see the fruit of His Glory in the lives of those you have touched. You have built strong memories which will endure and encourage in times of trouble for years to come. The Lord was honored and praised by the efforts you put forth for His Glory, and His Glory alone. May the Lord bless you and keep you is my prayer! Thank you for all you've done.

"Ready" in His service,

Tom Kesteleyn

Ranger Thought for the

Month:

"Leadership is about transformation, not mere information."

-John Maxwell

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In 1982, I went to my first Pow Wow as dad of an 8 year old Buckaroo. There were some very vivid memories like the porta-potties that were too few and over-flowing (Yuck!), but the greatest "life changing impression" was witnessing the total dedication of the leaders of the Pow Wow. I just couldn't believe all that they did to make such a great weekend for the boys. It was because of what I saw at that Pow Wow that made me want to be a part of that group of men. So by Round-Up, I was coming as a leader, not just a dad.



This Pow Wow I got to experience Pow Wow as a "Grandpa" for the first time. My 5 year old grandson anxiously anticipated getting to go to his first Pow Wow since January. I came back from Winter Camp and made the mistake of telling him that the next campout (Pow Wow) he would get to go. Yikes, that set up the **daily** question of how many days until Pow Wow. I knew it was going to be a long, long 5 months if I didn't do something. So I created a poster with a countdown to Pow Wow calendar. Each day from February 1st until Pow Wow he would crawl out of bed and go put a sticker on the poster covering that day's date. He was so excited by the time Pow Wow came. His first "Royal Ranger" sleeping bag and his own air mattress and flashlight.



What an experience he had this weekend. Helping set up tents and putting together tables, swimming, paddle boats, canoeing, his first campfire, playing in the rain, pretending to go big game hunting with his safari rifle and pith helmet, getting called on Saturday morning to go on stage and help Ed Corbin, Marshmallow guns, and on and on. As we were driving out of the camp ground I asked him what his favorite part of Pow Wow was. His reply was "I can't say." I asked why he couldn't say. His response was **"It was ALL good!"**



After 28 years in Royal Rangers, I am still amazed and in awe by the devotion and efforts of all the men (and women) that pour themselves into making the Pow Wow such a great event for the boys. (Some of them are the same men that made that 1982 Pow Wow so great!)

Whether it is the security team, the registration team, the guys running the games, the grounds prep guys, the sound team, the set builders, and on and on. I am also incredibly grateful for those efforts that make it possible for my grandson and other boys in our outpost to not only have a great adventure, but get spiritually fed and challenged by great men of God like Ed Corbin.



Attached are a few pics of my grandson experiencing his first Pow Wow plus a few pics of a couple of boys (from a single parent home) from our outpost that also experienced their first Pow Wow that are so "Classic Pow Wow".

Thank you, Thank you, Thank You!!!!!!

Bill Warren

R.O.A.R

Ranger Outstanding Awards Recognition



CONGRATULATIONS to Jason Varughese

Jason Varughese graduated from Central Bible College in May. He is a licensed Pastor.

Jason was National Ranger of the year in 2006.



Gold Medal of Achievement

Michael Kruse Outpost 1 Woodstock

Caleb Harmon Outpost 55 Stone Church

Zachary Jones Outpost 33 Belleville



Bronze Medal of Achievement

Matthew Harnisch Outpost 257 Lansing

Nick Morecraft Outpost 257 Lansing

Jeremiah Mills Outpost 116 Sycamore

The Story of Joseph and Elizabeth Mosala

By Ed Corbin

If you were to ask me, “What is the most significant contribution you make on the mission field,”---I would have to answer, “Reproducing my burden for children’s ministry in the lives of others.”

Quite honestly, I can reach only so many people face to face. How many? 1000? 3000? 25,000? I’ve done all that and thank God for the opportunity to reach the masses. But, God didn’t call me to reach all of Africa’s children. God called me to do my part and that includes training others and enlisting an army of people to do what I do, because there just aren’t many people doing what I do.

Over our 21 years in Africa, we have mentored allot of really good people. Today, I recall a young couple named Joseph and Elizabeth Mosala. They were students at the Bible College and they became members of the children’s ministry travel team. We spent allot of Sunday’s doing kids outreach in the villages. That’s where Joseph and Lizzy learned about children’s ministry...in those hot, dirty villages. That’s where they practiced and perfected their skills. They had an amazing natural ability and they spoke several different African languages. They became outstanding puppeteers and could draw a crowd with puppets like no one I have ever seen.

I must admit, I had plans for Joseph and Elizabeth Mosala. I wanted them on the Jackson's Ridge staff, working alongside me, maybe one day turning the ministry over to them. BUT, God had other plans. Funny how that works!

Joseph went on to teach Children’s Ministry at the Bible College, later becoming a pastor and starting a church in a very difficult disadvantaged township area...a place filled with crime and plagued with unemployment. Today, he has a nice big church building and at least 200 children attending his Sunday School program each Sunday morning. They begin Sunday School at 8:00 AM and Joseph and Elizabeth personally conduct the entire program. That’s right...the Senior Pastor leads the children’s ministry program, in a country that considers children’s ministry to be women’s work. The Mosala’s then start Sunday morning adult services at 10:00 AM. It s a full day!

The interesting thing is that when they have a special day...they will have 400-500 kids, often turning them away at the door for lack of space. The kids will line up outside the church a full hour before Sunday School...they are so excited to attend this life-changing ministry.

The Mosala’s will tell you that they have learned all they know about children’s ministry from Pastor Ed and Sonja. We trained them. We poured into their lives. Today they are doing what we cannot. They are ministering each week to hundreds of kids in a sprawling township called Boitekong. That’s why we mentor others. That’s why training works! It’s all about multiplication.

Southern Pow Wow Camp

Ed Corbin will be ministering at Southern Pow Wow on September 10-12. Make plans to support his ministry at Jackson Ridge through BGMC donations. If you have not gotten your church or Outpost involved in using the buddy buckets or master toolboxes start NOW!



World Class Outpost Training

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Please sign up for World Class Outpost Training! The deadline for registration is approaching soon! July 24th is the last date to register your Outpost leadership for this VITAL TRAINING!!

You must register at the National Royal Rangers Web Site in order to participate in the WCO training. Staff from around the country will be coming to Elgin Illinois to host this required training event. Register NOW and you can help to make Illinois a better place for Royal Rangers ministry!

Early Registration for Chartered Outposts is \$35.00 by July 24th.

Early Registration for Non-Chartered Outposts is \$44.00 by July 24th.

Link to the registration form at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/training/schedule/pdf/WCO%2008.20.10%20IL5.pdf>

This is a new and updated WCO so if you have taken it in the past please consider taking the updated version.

Online Charter

Benefits of Chartering your Outpost

Online Chartering is coming up in August. Please make sure you charter to get the benefits.

The charter year is September 1 - August 30 (traditional school year) The charter-processing period will be August 15 - October 30 for all established outposts. All charter renewals should be submitted during this time (although charters submitted after October 30th will be accepted).

- 15% discount on Ranger gear when ordered via the [online Ranger Superstore](#)
- 15% discount on all national and regional [training events](#)
- 15% discount on national and regional activities like [Camporama](#), Rendezvous, [National Council and Conference](#), and more
- 15% discount on district training events
- 15% discount on select district Royal Rangers activities and events
- Each chartered member of your outpost will receive a free copy of [Rangers NOW](#), the group-specific, annual magazine from the National Royal Rangers Ministries that lets boys know how to get the most from their Rangers experience during the current school year. There is an edition for leaders, too.
- Your outpost will get one free copy of the [Outpost Promotional Kit](#), which is full of resources like promotional videos, reproducible touch cards, clip art, customizable banners to advertise your ministry and/or decorate your meeting rooms, and more!
- Access to download [Outpost Navigator](#), a data-tracking tool to record and track boys' and leaders' advancements
- An official outpost number to wear on your [uniform](#)



A Royal Ranger Outpost

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Walt McMillan has gone home to be with the Lord a few years ago now. He shared with me a vision, which is with me today. Maybe I will share that with you all in the future... Yet Walt's memory lives on in simple poems and visions which he wrote down for us to ponder. Walt, many remember as Many Visions, was a boy commander. He served for years in the Boy Scouts until he found Royal Rangers and the joy that comes from leading boys to Christ in the ministry he loved so dear... Royal Rangers. Others too have gone home, and many of them are still dear to our hearts. Remember them today, your friends who have gone before us. They have served as countless others before them to lay a foundation of ministry for Christ our King. We are walking in that heritage of victory in Jesus!

It just simply touched my heart and encouraged me at Pow Wow, and again today as I read through it once again. I pray it does the same for my fellow Commanders. – Red Eagle.

A Royal Ranger Outpost by Walt McMillan

The birth of our Royal Ranger Outpost
was in the spring of 2001.
What a way to serve Jesus!
It may be work, but also fun!
To reach out to those boys who are
lost, and those that go a stray
Oh! What reward it is to teach
them that Jesus is the way!
The day they accept Jesus the foundation
has been laid.
Us that are commanders,
this is what we prayed!
Now we give thanks to our Father,
the Son and Holy Ghost
For they are the number-One Commander
of our Royal Ranger Outpost.

Amen, and Amen