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# Royal Rangers Kenya: Transforming an Entire Village

by Andrew Whitman



*A remote Pokot village that can only be reached with a guide and a very rugged vehicle (we used my STL Toyota Landcruiser)*

In February 2011 Royal Rangers helped with two outreaches to remote tribes in Kenya. The first trip was a survey of new believers among the Rendille tribe who had recently been reached with the gospel. The second trip was to visit newly planted churches among the Pokot people and distribute half a ton of rice, since they live in a drought-stricken area. Andrew Whitman (Royal Rangers International Africa Liaison) and Patrick Kawe (the National Commander for Kenya) traveled on both trips and ministered to children while presenting the Royal Rangers ministry to church leaders.

Commander Kawe was especially moved by what he saw and experienced among the Pokot people. Many of the churches were constructed out of sticks, and some had no walls—only a roof supported by poles. One church had no building—it consisted of only a few makeshift benches under a tree. Some of the villages could only be found or reached with the assistance of a guide. In some cases, someone had gone ahead the day before to slash the brush so we had a trail to follow. Commander Kawe also learned that many of the Pokot pastors had



*A new Rendille church*



*Commander Patrick Kawe of Kenya with Rendille boys (the Rendille live in the desert and herd camels)*

no formal education and could not read or write, but the ministry team was able to leave them with a few Proclaimer digital audio players. These Proclaimers had an entire recording of the Bible in Swahili and can be powered by a manual crank or a solar cell.

The next month Commander Kawe returned to the Pokot land with his wife and several Royal Rangers leaders and held a marriage-enrichment seminar for the Pokot men. During the seminar Commander Kawe explained that a Christian man must respect his wife and that sitting together in church was a way to display this respect. He also pointed out that a believing husband should not make his wife walk several steps behind him and that husbands were to love their wives. By the end, several new believers confessed they did not know the Bible said to love your wife and some confessed to abusive behavior. Several men came forward to repent of their sins, and 11 men accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Afterwards, many women formed a ring around Mrs. Kawe and danced and sang in celebration.

In a remote area of the world where men first need to be trained in spiritual leadership, our leaders are focusing on the essentials of being godly role models to the men. Who is better qualified to teach these principles than our Royal Rangers commanders around the world? ❖

# New View for Charles!

by David Jenkins

**“Where’s your boyfriend?”** twelve-year-old Charles asked the missionary near the grocery store.

The missionary was Kathi Moore. She and her husband Tom faithfully serve in Belize. Reflecting later on Charles’ question, Tom stated, “I don’t think he even understands the concept of a husband or father, because he has never been close to an example. [Charles’ mother] is trying to raise seven other children without any help from a husband or father of any of her kids.”

“A godly Royal Ranger leader could make all the difference in the world in Charles’ life and be the example he has never seen,” Tom expressed.

That is why the Moores and fellow missionaries Nathan and Barbara Lamberth are working to reestablish Royal Rangers in Belize.

“In most parts of Belize, but especially Belize City, there are many boys (and girls) without a father figure.... Nothing can fill the void of a missing father, but Royal Rangers operated through the local church can assist in filling the gap with godly men who become Royal Ranger leaders,” Tom explained.

One of the steps to establish Royal Rangers in a nation is to evaluate the level of commitment of the potential local leaders. North Texas Outreach Coordinator Randy Woods travelled with the missionaries in January 2011 to three strategic cities providing training and promoting the ministry. In each city they were warmly received as church leaders recognized the impact Royal Rangers could make.

Nathan reported much excitement: “I have people, churches, and children’s homes...calling and e-mailing me and asking me to send them materials so they can start this new program.”

Belize is one of eighty-six nations where Royal Rangers is changing destinies. Young people like Charles are coming to Christ and living with a new view as they are mentored by godly leaders. Thank you to our leaders for faithfully serving! Thank you to those who faithfully contribute financially to Royal Rangers International! Thank you to friends who pray for the ministry! You are changing the world! ❖



*Nathan Lamberth changing destinies*



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