

I hope I find you doing well. I want to introduce you to **The Ready Foundation** and explain what it means to Royal Rangers. **The Ready Foundation** was presented at the 2023 LEAD Conference in Tulsa this past March. **The Ready Foundation** is a donor-advised fund administered by the National Christian Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to grow contributions in order to establish a monetary base from which charitable grants can be made. **The Ready Foundation** is dedicated to making grants that will support the goals of empowering mentorship and discipleship, resourcing mentorship efforts, and growing local efforts to implement mentorship programs. In simple terms, **The Ready Foundation** is an endowment that will give Royal Rangers a solid financial foundation from which it can successfully meet the mentorship needs in the coming years.

In recent years with the decline of chartering, curriculum sales, and subsidization, the Royal Rangers ministries has not been able to steward these financial resources to progress the ministry. A few key points to show this include the following:

- 1. The loss of a national training coordinator and the inability to add staff.
- 2. The inability to provide effective marketing to promote the EveryBoy Initiative.
- 3. The inability to update training and curriculum programs in a timely manner with limited staff.
- 4. Royal Rangers does not have a roll-over account to build financial resources from year to year.
- 5. The inability to make Camp Eagle Rock self-sustainable and profitable.
  It is important to know that **The Ready Foundation** is not sponsored by Royal Rangers and is not a part of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The Ready Foundation is a separate endowment that will accept monetary contributions and will then grow those contributions through interest and investment increase. Once funded, **The Ready Foundation** will then be able to issue monetary grants to support the goals of Royal Rangers.
- The 29.11 Project is a fund-raising campaign to establish a \$1,000,000 principal basis in The Ready Foundation (donor-advised fund) by March 1, 2025.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- 1 of 1000 Endowment The goal is to have 1000 individual contributions of \$1000 in order to build the \$1,000,000 principal basis of The Ready Foundation donor advised fund. The principal will remain in the donor advised fund and can be used only to generate interest or investment increase. The principal can never be used to issue charitable grants. The interest or increase can be used to extend grants to further the goals of Royal Rangers.

**Next Steps:** As we launch this effort to empower and resource mentorship, please consider taking part in the next steps.

- 1. Acknowledge God in all plans, activities and decisions and pray that He will make the path straight (**Proverbs 3:5**).
  - 2. Consider contributing to **The Ready Foundation**. <u>www.ready-foundation.com</u>
- 3. Help us build the contact database by sending friends, family, and business associates to SUBSCRIBE with **The Ready Foundation**. www.ready-foundation.com

Thanks for taking the time to read this message.

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