

Frequently Asked Questions concerning EveryBoy Initiative, Royal Rangers, and National Boys Ministries

To provide greater clarity on the purpose of EveryBoy Initiative (EBI), the current situation with Royal Rangers, and our plans moving forward, we are trying to compile a list of frequently asked questions from leaders in the field in hopes that we can provide clear answers to all of them. Here is the list we have so far. Please let us know if you are aware of any additional questions you are hearing.

- 1. What is EveryBoy Initiative (EBI)? What is its purpose?**
 - a. EveryBoy Initiative is a cooperative effort between the National Boys Ministries/Royal Rangers office and AG U.S. Missions to provide curriculum and resources free of charge to every qualified evangelical church to enable them to reach every boy in the U.S.*
 - b. EBI provides the funding to support the development of boys ministry resources in a variety of formats to enable every church to provide some form of an effective ministry to boys.*
- 2. What is a qualified evangelical church?**
 - a. An Evangelical church is one which believes and teaches the following core doctrines:*
 - 1. There is one God in three persons: The Father, the Son, in the person of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.*
 - 2. The Bible is God's inspired and inerrant word.*
 - 3. Salvation: Individuals are saved by faith. Only through the gift of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection can sin be forgiven.*
 - 4. Second Coming: Jesus Christ is returning for His bride—the church, after which He will rule and judge the world.*
- 3. What is National Boys Ministries?**
 - a. National Boys Ministries is the comprehensive name for the ministry department in the national office tasked with oversight of all boys ministry programs and resources. Royal Rangers is the primary component of National Boys Ministries.*
- 4. What is EveryBoy Ministries? Is that a new program?**
 - a. EveryBoy Ministries was a preliminary title being considered for National Boys Ministries at one time but was not put into official use. There is no EveryBoy Ministries.*
- 5. Is the Royal Rangers name changing?**
 - a. No. Royal Rangers has been the name of the Boys Ministries for over sixty years and there are no plans to change the name.*
- 6. Why do we need National Boys Ministries? If RR is healthy and growing, why provide other options for ministry to boys?**
 - a. Although the Royal Rangers program has been in use in the U.S. for over sixty years and remains popular and effective within many churches and continues to gain new churches every month, some churches feel this ministry is not a fit for them. To facilitate our vision of "reaching more boys than ever, more effectively than ever," we are positioning ourselves to be a resource for use by churches in providing ministry to boys in a variety of settings.*
- 7. What kinds of resources will EBI support the development of?**
 - a. EBI will support the continued operation of the Royal Rangers national ministries as we expand our lessons, training, and events. EBI will also support the development of resources for mentoring and general ministry to boys.*
- 8. Who will develop those resources?**

- a. *Some resources will be created by the National Boys Ministries/Royal Rangers office. EBI support includes funding for updating and expanding curriculum and training. Some resources will be developed by the field, and some will be created by other ministry departments with the Royal Ranger/National Boys Ministry department providing tools and training on how to utilize them in a focused mentoring model for boys.*
- 9. How will those resources be distributed? Print or digital? Free or sold?**
- a. *Digital distribution is our preferred method due to the elimination of printing, storage, and shipping costs although selected items may be available in print format.*
- b. *Some resources, such as Royal Rangers curriculum, will be available for free, while others will be sold.*
- 10. How will these resources be promoted and marketed? By whom and to whom?**
- a. *The National Boys Ministries and Royal Rangers department will bear the primary responsibility for the promotion and distribution of boys ministry resources in cooperation with the districts.*
- 11. It has been said that EBI funds will be used to accomplish all the following:**
- *Eliminate RR charter fees.*
 - *Underwrite curriculum cost to enable curriculum to be provided for free to all RR outposts.*
 - *Provide additional funding to the RR national office to enable the hiring of additional staff.*
 - *Provide funding for the further development of the new Royal Rangers app and online advancement tracking and curriculum delivery platform.*
 - *Enable the development of curriculum resources for ministry to boys in contexts other than Royal Rangers.*
- When will these benefits be released? When will we start seeing the results of our giving to EBI?**
- a. *The stated benefits of EBI will be released progressively as funding becomes available. Funding received to date is already being used for some of the stated objectives, such as funding the ongoing efforts of the National Boys Ministries/Royal Rangers office, providing complimentary chartering to churches supporting EBI, and funding the development of the new Royal Rangers app and online platform.*
- b. *Additional benefits will be released as specific benchmarks are reached in funding.*
- c. *As with missionary support, the initiative must reach full funding before it can be completely released to the field.*
- 12. How will information and status updates on EBI and these other issues be communicated so contributors and leaders are accurately informed?**
- a. *The most current information will always be available on the EBI page of the national Royal Rangers website. The top of the page shows a status of funding graph.*
- b. *An email newsletter is currently being created to actively communicate information about EBI to contributors on a regular basis.*
- 13. What is the current situation for RR? Are we growing, dying, plateaued, etc.?**
- a. *Just as churches are closing and new ones are opening every week, we see the same thing happening with Royal Rangers outposts. Recently one church with ten campuses launched outposts on all ten of their campuses. We are also seeing several churches, who had closed outposts in the last ten years, relaunch. Conversely, we have churches every month who close their outposts. Often these outposts have leaders who haven't been staying current with their training and learning on how to best mentor boys, or they are*

outposts where they have a change of leadership, and new leadership doesn't understand the need of boys or the vision for ministering to them.

- b. Many of our outposts do not charter. Additionally, we no longer have a reporting mechanism, such as the ACMR, to know exact numbers of churches using Rangers. This will all be corrected with the new Royal Rangers app and online process being developed through the EveryBoy Initiative. Once released, we will not only know exact numbers of outposts using the app. We will also know weekly, how many boys are being saved and attending across the US.*
- 14. What is our vision for Royal Rangers, and what is our plan for getting there?**
 - a. Our vision for Royal Rangers is to influence more boys than ever, more effectively than ever. There has never been an assault against the young men of our nation as is currently happening. There are very few resources to counter that assault. We must continue to stand in the gap and help our boys become Christlike men!*
 - b. Royal Rangers has long been a popular and effective program for providing an effective gender-specific ministry to boys, and we plan to continue supporting this ministry among our churches and districts for many years to come. We will work continually to improve our leader training processes and curriculum resources to ensure they are relevant and effective with each new generation of leaders and boys.*
- 15. How can I give to EBI? Can I make a one-time contribution or is monthly support required?**
 - a. Although regular monthly contributions are preferred, one-time gifts are also welcome. One-time gifts may be made via the same portal as used for setting up recurring giving online.*
 - b. If you prefer to give your monthly commitment in an annual contribution, complete the [Faith Promise form](#) with the monthly amount filled in the appropriate blank. However, you would mail the entire annual contribution with the form. Although, you have given one donation, EBI will receive the amount indicated on the form each month.*
- 16. Can I give personally to EveryBoy Initiative (EBI) and my church receive a complimentary charter?**
 - a. No. The church must be the donor for the church to receive a complimentary charter.*
 - b. Until we reach the point where EBI is fully funded, all churches are asked to continue chartering as they have always done. However, if your church is currently supporting EBI you may contact the national office to receive a complementary charter. This is a way for us to say Thank you for seeing the need to reach our boys and being willing to pay it forward. Note that this waiver is only available to churches that are supporting EBI, not individuals.*
- 17. Can I give personally and my church receive credit toward its overall missions giving?**
 - a. Yes. Any person who supports EBI can designate their AG church to receive missions giving credit. This will show on the church's mission giving statement. This is not something that the Royal Rangers office sees.*