



# Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: **Gold-Bordered Merit**

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Note:** This merit, the Christian Missions Merit, or the Light for the Lost Merit is required to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement.

1. Explain the purpose of both passports and visas for international travel, and describe the steps to obtain each.
2. Select a country from each of the following continents—Africa, Asia, Central/South America, and Europe, and describe the following for each country.
  - a. System of government
  - b. Monetary currency and its exchange rate to the U.S. dollar
  - c. How its geography, climate, and natural resources affect trade relations with other countries
  - d. Major social/humanitarian needs that exist in that country
3. Select TWO global issues and explain in writing (150-200 words each) how they are affected by international agreements. Describe current activities involving both issues.
  - a. Environmentalism
  - b. Trade and economics
  - c. Energy
  - d. International sports
  - e. Communications
  - f. Terrorism
  - g. Military
  - h. Famine relief
  - i. Transportation
  - j. Disease control
  - k. International law
  - l. Oceanic resources
4. Explain in writing (75-100 words each) the purpose, membership, and international impact of EACH the following:
  - a. United Nations
  - b. NATO
  - c. World Health Organization
  - d. World Trade Organization
  - e. Amnesty International
5. Research and make a brief report on EACH of the following organizations. Include information such as when and how the organization started; its purpose; current size of volunteer work force; major service projects in its history; current international activities; and ways people can be involved as volunteers.
  - a. International Committee of the Red Cross
  - b. Peace Corps
  - c. CARE
  - d. Mercy Ships



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6. Using either the public library or the Internet, research “international volunteer organizations.” Find at least ONE organization in EACH of the following major areas and describe what they are doing, where they are doing it, and how individuals can be involved as volunteers.
  - a. Orphan children
  - b. Hunger/feeding
  - c. Environment
  - d. Education
  - e. Medical aid
  - f. Domestic development/construction
7. Using clippings from newspaper, magazines, or Internet printouts, make a scrapbook of three different projects occurring somewhere in the world that involve international volunteers. The projects should be three different types of those listed in Requirement 6.
8. Do ONE of the following:
  - a. Go on an international volunteer project. Work with a team or organization that travels to another country to perform a service project and keep a log/scrapbook of your experience.
  - b. Interview or write to a person who has gone on a project to another country as a volunteer working in one of the areas listed in Requirement 6 and prepare a report on your interview. Questions should include:
    - i) Why they volunteered
    - ii) What preparation steps had to be done before going
    - iii) What they did while there
    - iv) How they were affected by being part of the project
9. Read the following Bible verses and explain what each has to say about the concept of giving help to suffering people:
  - a. Matthew 25:35-40
  - b. Luke 10:29-37
  - c. Acts 20:35
  - d. Hebrews 13:16
  - e. 1 Peter 2:12
10. Explain how helping people with their needs can help in spreading the gospel.