

# COMING TO SOUTH AFRICA.??

From South Africa DAF:

**CLEARANCE:** Please pray & find out if it is God's will for you to come to this field. Write to the Johannesburg LAS for clearance first before arriving. This is their address: Mr. Y. Odhav, P.O. Box 86170, City Deep, 2049, Transvaal, Rep. of South Africa.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Very Western society, very Christian principles. Apartheid is evident throughout the country. 99% of the people speak English. COG & FOL are banned here. Mature & Spirit-led people are needed here. There are 6 Homes altogether—3 are mobile & 3 live in private housing. Winters are cold so keep your winter woollies.

**LANDING FUNDS & SUPPORT:** From experience we suggest that you have \$1200 a month support for 2 or preferably 3 months. It will take that long before the government will grant you a work permit, which is required to stay. Landing funds we would suggest another \$1200 for a family of 6 or 7. This would be a \$600 deposit & a \$600 for the first months rent, plus you must consider electricity deposit of \$30. So expect to pay around \$1500 for a family-size house with about 3-4 bedrooms, i.e. the first month only.

Another point is a car will be a virtual necessity here as public transport is not good & hitchhiking is very dangerous & difficult. Expect to pay \$1500-\$2000 for a reasonably good car, (but the Lord can still do miracles along this line. PG.).

Total recommended would be \$4000-\$5000 for landing & 2 to 3 months support. Forewarned is forearmed.

**AVAILABLE HELP FOR NEWCOMERS:** There is at present a Johannesburg LAF of 4 families, a Durban LAF of 1 family & a Cape Town LAF of 1 family. We will do all we can to assist newcomers to S.A., i.e. picking you up at the airport—if we have sufficient notice. Locating housing if you send the funds, etc. We have regular fellowships & our DAS is the Overseas Shepherd, who is also the Johannesburg LAS.

**COMBO OR RECEPTION HOME:** We have none at present. New arrivals should not expect to be able to move into a family Home as there are none. Three families are caravaning. 2 families live in black areas where whites are not allowed, & 1 family lives in a one bedroom apartment with 2 children & a new disciple.

We are actively seeking a Combo Home but we haven't found one as of May 12, 1982. Please pray for us!

**IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS:** Obtain a visa from your local South African Embassy. The best is to come as a tourist with return tickets unless you can come on a business visa with work awaiting you here. Should have no COG or FOL identifying materials. If you come on a tourist visa only, it is wise not to mention that you plan to seek work & stay, otherwise the customs officials will check everything you are bringing into the country.

**MINISTRIES:** Everything is open & fruitful if done in prayer with lots of wisdom, & if your visas are in order. "I know with God's help you can do it, because I know the Lord & I know He can do it. He can take anything to do it with if He wants to, even you." (Letter No. 675:11). Also read Mag 49, page 187, paragraphs 45,46,58-63 & 64,—"...bring plenty of money."

**"WE'RE EVEN LATE IN TELLING 'EM NOW TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA,"** we've been there, we've pioneered it & we think they ought to go. It's really a place to go & there's a lot of ministries that can happen there. It's a rich country, nearly all Christians—they just need our message, need liberation, need to be taught to be happy & witnessing, soul-winning Christians.—Even FFFing Christians.

**FFING IS A TERRIFIC FIELD THERE** as our own dear Maria & Sue found out. I mean, those hotels there full of those wandering businessmen & businessmen's conventions are fishing pools where the fish are jumping all over each other to get into the boat! And so it's a real field, Praise God!

**BUT ANYHOW THE GOOD SOUTH AFRICANS WERE VERY HOSPITABLE** to US & received us with open arms & were good to us & friendly & they just bent over backwards trying to help us, do everything they could for us. So I have nothing but good to say about South Africa, except that because of the preponderance of poor Blacks there's an awful lot of stealing & robbery & thefts & even violence & it's growing.

**THEY WERE ALMOST EAGER TO HAVE US COME** & tried to be as friendly as they possibly could be. They'll love to have you come! (Letter No. 1088, par. 45,46,62,60).

-AMEN!- We were there & we loved it!  
-Wonderful people, so hospitable & friendly!  
-They'll love U 2 if U'r wise & harmless!  
(Mat. 10:16.) If U can't go, give! Amen?

## 2 MORE adventures CARAVANING IN RUSSIA!



### SOULS SAVED AND LESSONS LEARNED

"Going through the Russian border we went through quite a search. Everything had to be taken out of the van. (We didn't take our caravan along). We had some MMM tapes & Grandmother tapes, but the only one they wanted to listen to was a Russian course. They had an English speaking military man ready to talk to us and to try to make friends. We learned later that they really want to find out about your motives and beliefs this way and you have to be careful about these officials. After 6 hrs. of searching and

filling papers out we could leave at 4 o'clock in the morning. The roads were very bad.

As soon as we arrived in the campground, an English speaking In-tourist guide would meet us. Usually they were really sweet people but one time we got into trouble because I wasn't careful and prayerful enough. The guide and his helper were trying to make friends and asked all kinds of questions and I didn't heed the Lord's check and we got into politics and religion! The next night we had a party and he came and was around when we prayed with 2 students to receive Jesus! We had been singing songs and talking, ending up with Rev. 3:20, and it got quite late and one of the student's job was to turn off the light in our part of the campground. So having just received Jesus he finally remembered about the light! They told us how difficult it was to get a Bible so I wrote a lot of verses down for them and they also got a MMM tape. The next morning they came back with 2 friends who wanted to see the Bible and they both asked Jesus into their hearts! Ha! After, we read John 3 together. We were just done when I was called to

the office where they had a report about our behaviour! After much talking we had to promise to stop talking about politics and religion! We followed the official's advice to behave nice and we just kept our smiles and look of love. Especially the children's sample of love often got us through problems and they won friends wherever we went. We never realized before how we have to let them shine."

### CHILDREN AND MUSIC HELP WIN FRIENDS!

"When the Letter 'You can take your caravan to Russia' came out we felt it poke right to our hearts and confirmed the Lord's will for us. At that time by a miracle of God we met a high Russian official on the street and he got us in on the only Russian language course in our country, which otherwise was impossible for us to enter. The harbour in our city had more visits that winter from Russian ships than ever before and we were able to meet many of the crews to practice the language and give them lots of Russian lit to take home with them.

We were off to Russia, armed with our Bibles, Family's prayer, a good car and tent. When crossing the borders they thoroughly checked our luggage and car. - They were friendly and we had no problems. Our vision and prayer for this trip was to follow the counsel given in the Letters, to be a sample of the Love and Joy of Jesus! We found the Russian people to be usually friendly, and open-minded, simple people, hungry for love. Our greatest means of openings and getting contacts with people was the children. In the cities, very few people have more than one child, if any, and wherever we went people just flipped over our children. One good friend who has one girl herself said, that after meeting us she felt like having more

children. God also used 1 of our children to change our plans drastically. Our oldest boy became very sick. It turned out to be an infection in the appendix & he was operated on in one of the best children's hospitals in Moscow. It seemed like such a defeat and contrary to our plans. But God gets His greatest victories out of seeming defeat. So although it seemed hard to see why at first, we had peace in our hearts that everything would turn out for a "greater victory" for His glory. We met a very sweet and helpful young man at the hospital who's studying to be a doctor. He comes from quite an influential family and was very open-minded to talk with and brought us gifts. He invited to show us around next time we come. Our boy was so brave all the time and the staff loved him. He used the time to paint pictures he gave to them as love gifts and that made them so happy. It was also very interesting that way to get to know Russia and the people in a way we otherwise would not have. In the meantime at the hotel we met some nice and helpful people. We got to share with a very sweet and precious lady whom we met before and really wants us to come there again. We shared with another sweet friend who really poured out her heart to us and was so hungry for love and fellowship. While singing for her in the lobby at the hotel there gathered quite a crowd, which turned out to be some pretty girl dancers and members of the band playing at the hotel. They travel with their show all over the USSR and other East Bloc countries. They liked our songs very much and were captivated by the spirit which we could feel was so powerful. They were eager to give us their addresses to receive tapes with the songs. It really struck us the

difference from musicians in the West. They were good musicians but so sweet and humble and appreciated our songs so much. We believe that can be a very good opening for our songs of love, since they just love to learn and sing western songs. We are very thankful the Lord gave us the chance to reach Russia before the war. We were excited before we went there but are even more excited now to share with the people we met via mail and see how the Lord will use these friends and contacts to bring His message of love to so many people who are so very hungry for it. A few days after coming home, the letter "The Russian Faith-Test" came in the mail. It's amazing how appropriate and exact this letter shows the mentality of the Russian people. If you will win their confidence, you will surely have a friend for life and also the Russians are a highly warm-hearted & intelligent people."

## RUSSIANS ABROAD!

-Testimonies sent in-



### MEETING RUSSIANS IN THE STREETS

"I got out some Russian lit in 2 of the main cities in Ireland. The sailors were really interested and eagerly received it. GBT. They asked me where it was printed and

I showed them the address. One of them said 'Very interesting! It was a real comical accent, like out of a spy movie! Ha!'"

### REACHING A RUSSIAN SHIP

"We found a Russian ship had arrived the night before. We went to the ship and started walking up the plank. We met 4 or 5 Russians who took a ML each. They started to give it back to us, not being able to openly admit their hunger for the Word. They told us we couldn't see the captain, he was sleeping, and sort of formed a wall so we couldn't enter. We made sure we only took back 2 of the ML's they tried to give us. As we got to the bottom of the plank we stopped, as someone else was heading on the ship. He was a medic going to his office on the ship. We showed him the Russian letters and he asked what it was. He eagerly promised to do his very best and place them in the cafeteria etc. all over the ship! He put them under his coat and walked up. Next we checked the warehouse ... on our way out we met several sailors coming back on board who all took lit. Then as we were in the parking lot I approached 1 more person who happened to be a longshoreman about to go to the same boat. We gave him some lit. I told him who we were and he also eagerly promised to take all the remaining lit and put it in places secretly that no one could find them all till they got back to Russia. He was even thankful to act as our agent!"

### DAD'S COMMENTS!

"These countries are not so closed, most of them, that some of their citizens don't get out once in a while."