

South Africa / Suïd Afrika



Pray for Ron & Ginger Naugle

Zulu / Xhosa / Sotho / Tswana / Pedi

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our ministry over the years! We are in the process of packing with no place to go! That statement is not too unusual for one who lives by faith, and 'saddles up' in order to move out, in unquestioning obedience. We have waited two complete months for our FBI clearances, and after returning home from another fruitless trip to the post office; we phoned the FBI and was told that they will require four months to process our applications. No doubt, these delays are due to the changing world that we live in, and a 'stepped up' vetting of all applicants.

A notarized 'letter of guarantee' has arrived from our mission, completing the very long list of required documentation needed to accompany our visa applications. Once we hear from the FBI we will travel to the South African Embassy, Washington DC, to personally submit our paperwork. We are hoping that South Africa will act speedily, but our repeated experience has been that after completing every requirement of their government, there will be an embassy staff member who will move the goalpost and demand something else. They like to proudly display their self-conceived air of importance, at our cost and inconvenience. We believe that their government is increasingly unfriendly toward the United States, and continues to align itself politically with our enemies; Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Cuba, Zimbabwe, and Russia to name a few. We also believe that South Africa is a safe haven for radicalism, while trying to discourage folks like us! Religious workers can no longer enter on work permits; replaced with volunteer applications.

We are grateful for the designated gift from Bible Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC. Semper Fi, Dr. Jim Parrish! We are also grateful to Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Caravas, Pastor & Mrs. (Ruby RN) Ron Riffe, and Dr. & Mrs. Wesley Mullins and his staff for services while home. We have a savings account for 'airfare' and for 'setting up house' on the field. These expenses include travel reimbursements, temporary lodging, deposits, and a water tank with centrifugal pump. We buy drinking water from town, but must have a water system in order to shower, flush the toilet, wash clothes and dishes. If we can't repossess our generator, we will have to buy another one. We will also need a mattress, bedding, washing machine, fans, and a gas heater with two propane tanks. These items are very basic and expensive necessities. As always, we will arrive on the field with four suitcases and our hats in hand. We will be afoot, or on a bike, during our first four months unless we can pay cash for a car. Financing requires a four month waiting period, 10% deposit, and full repayment prior to the expiration of our visa. Monthly repayments are extremely high if you try to buy a late model car. Ten thousand dollars will buy a clunker, with manageable payments. Used cars do not depreciate as rapidly as they do in the states.

Remember, all 'designated' extra gifts, will be deposited in savings for these vital needs! If we were in control of our circumstances we would be overseas yesterday! We found out many years ago, that we are not in charge.... God is! Pray for us... we are eager to get back!

Ron & Ginger Romans 15:29

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