

# South Africa / Suïd Afrika



**Pray for Ron & Ginger Naugle**

**Zulu / Xhosa / Sotho / Tswana / Pedi**

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Dear Friends,

Thanks for praying! We have been on quite a roller coaster ride! Ginger and I held on tight for another anticipated dive from the top! Like disembarking most rides, we felt sick at our stomachs and wanted to throw-up as we left the South African Embassy; nevertheless we are determined to keep getting on until the Lord shuts down the ride.

Here is what's going on! We finally got our fingerprints verified by the FBI, and quickly compiled our documents and headed for the South African Embassy in Washington DC. We provided every requirement and followed procedure with confidence that every detail was carried out meticulously. We had passport photos made, state drivers license renewed, international license secured, applications completed, doctor's report, tuberculosis screening, resume, letter of guarantee from our mission, annual earnings statement, three months banking statements, fingerprint cards, postal money orders for fees, FBI criminal background report, letter of intent, notarized marriage certificate, passports, postal envelopes with tracking numbers and fifty dollars in stamps for return of passports, proof of qualifications, and a letter from our church sponsor in South Africa.

We had made a previous trip to the embassy to confirm the procedure and see if there were any changes that we needed to be made aware of, just a few weeks ago. The consul whom we have dealt with many times before, over many years said, "everything is the same and that we may apply for a volunteer visa as before." No problem! Wrong! We submitted our paperwork to the same consul and was told to have a seat in the interview room. He came back a few minutes later and literally threw our documents back at us, and said that we needed a police clearance from South Africa (must be sent by post; e-documents not accepted), possibly one from both Tennessee and Virginia (places lived in last ten years), reapply with a general work permit (opening the door for taxation at 40% I think, plus the usual 14% VAT on all purchases and services), and we must have an invitation from a government approved organization that is registered with the South African Revenue Service, and they must prove that we are vital to their business and that our purpose for being there cannot be fulfilled by a South African citizen. If our applications are accepted by the embassy, they will then go before a newly created (August 1) Labor Review Board for approval, and will take an additional four months.

We have made contact with our Portuguese and Afrikaner friends requesting information about these changes and police clearances from Captain Henk van Rensburg, SA Police. He is a good friend who was saved about seven years ago. We feel terrible about more delays and have sought encouragement and advise from pastor and missionary friends. When dealing with this government, we always feel like wounded mice being played with by a sinister cat! They care nothing about playing with our livelihood, our emotions and physical energy, and our ministry! Nor, do they care for their own citizens to frustrate the gospel the way they have for our last thirty years of service there! Always an uphill climb! Much of the groundwork must now be repeated due to a time requirement placed on some of these documents.

We have been spending more than is coming in for the last six months trying to make things happen, and to equip ourselves for another term overseas. We have dug a deep hole and bureaucracy is trying to bury us alive. Ginger and I drove over to the storage facility and gave up our two units, moving the contents to our spare bedroom temporarily. We suppose that there is enough opposition to get us pretty discouraged. But, one of my Bible teachers used to say, "Doubt in the mind is always due to sin in the heart." Therefore, we are trying to avoid the slippery slopes and trying to remain propped up, knowing that you are faithfully praying for us!

Special thanks to Leon and Dee Bullen for their special gift. We appreciate all of our friends and supporters... our desire is to faithfully labor together with you in the regions beyond, and earn a 'well done' from our Savior! Pray for us!

**"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9**

**Ron & Ginger** Romans 15:29

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