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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

About the Country

Czechoslovakia is approximately half as large as Germany, with a population of 40 million. Two-thirds of the population are Czechs and the remaining third are mainly Hungarian, Slovaks and German. The main languages are Czech and Slovak, which are very similar. The largest and most important cities are: a) Prag (1.1 million), b) Brunn/Brno (330,000), c) Pressburg/Bratislava (270,000), d) Ostrava/Ostrau (260,000), e) Plzen/Pilsen (140,000), f) Kosice/Kaschau (145,000).

Czechoslovakia is occupied by the Russians, and although their government is socialistic, it is also very strict and regulative. Absolutely no lit should be brought into this country, as any litnessing would cause your immediate arrest and expulsion. Only since 1963 has the country been having tourists and becoming more open.

There are 18 different Christian denominations. The largest group is the Roman Catholic. The Church there is not too popular, but more

like a controlled institution.

The People

The Czechoslovakian people, on the whole, are very sophisticated and cultured. They also love children and music. They dress nicely and as well as they can. Music is a real key to reach the youth, so a guitar is a very valuable tool.

Entering the Country

To go into Czechoslovakia, everyone must have a passport and a visa. To obtain a student visa in order to study at a university, it's required to have an "abitur", which is the equivalent of a high school diploma after 13 years of study. Also, before applying you have to have studied in a German university for three terms.

You may obtain a tourist visa for up to three months with a mandatory currency exchange of ten dollars per day. Any money not spent according to the minimum exchange must be turned in at the border, as it is not allowed to take the money out of the country, and they will not exchange it for you if you did not spend the required amount.

Taking a Car into the Country

If you are bringing a car, you need a valid driver's license and a paper signifying your ownership, also proof of insurance. If you do not have insurance, you will have to pay for it at the border by monthly rates. If you are in the country longer than one month, you need an International Driver's License.

It is cheaper to buy gasoline via gas bonds bought in Germany, and these are sold at all borders and at a few Czechoslovakian hotels. They are called "Fezex". They can also be obtained in Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich at the company called "Alimex".

Visas

The simplest way to obtain a visa is through a travel agency in your own town. Visas cost about ten dollars. The Czechoslovakian Embassy is in Koln, W. Germany, and visas may also be obtained directly from here.

Other Information

The main tourist season is between the 15th of May and 15th of September. The winter areas are visited between the 20th of December and the 31st of March. There are no youth hostels, but there are 15 International Youth Centers. All consulates are in Prag, and more information may be obtained from CKM, Prag 2, Zinta 12.

Only one Bible per person is allowed into the country. Bibles are sold, though, in Prag. Please be very careful and prayerful, as it is not "allowed" to proselitize in this country. So use system names and be Selah!

(Compiled by Katrina)

Thumbnail sketch of JAPAN

1. Litnessing: If you have a missionary visa, it is legal to distribute literature and receive donations, but on any other visa such as tourist or student it is illegal to get donations or even pass it out for free. At present, none of our Family have missionary visas (see no. 5 below). However, in only one city in Japan are we required to get written permission from the police to distribute. There are normal restrictions against litnessing in certain places, such as train stations and on private property.

2. Legal problems: The only problems have been with immigrations. Sometimes Immigration officials have come to our Homes or asked questions about our group, such as how we get financial support, etc., but there has never been any major difficulty. We are not legally registered here, so it makes it a little more difficult to explain ourselves to the authorities. But, Lord willing, soon we will begin to work on becoming registered in the name of Family of Love, which may take six months or less to accomplish.

3. Carrying money: None is needed if you have a missionary visa, student or cultural visa, but for a tourist visa you would need about \$800 U.S.

4. Round trip tickets are not needed for a missionary, student or cultural visa, but you do need one for a tourist visa.

5. Visas: A missionary visa is the best kind to obtain if you wish to distribute literature. However, at the moment the door to obtain

these is closed, because we are not legally registered. But in the event that we do register as Family of Love, it will be possible to obtain missionary visas. The following is a list of types of visas with which you can enter Japan and the period of stay granted for each one:

- Tourist - 60 days (with 4-year multiple entry)
- Commerical - 3 years
- Student - 1 year
- Teacher - 3 years
- Cultural - 6 months
- Entertainers - 60 days
- Missionaries - 3 years (with 4-year multiple entry)
- Correspondence - 3 years
- Dependence - 3 years

There are certain countries that have visa-exemption agreements with Japan, and citizens of these countries are permitted to enter Japan and stay here for periods of up to 180 days as long as their activities are non-remunerative. The requirement for a tourist visa is only that you have a boarding ticket. The requirements for a cultural visa are that you have 1) a document from the school or place of study certifying enrollment of application and date of actual attendance; 2) a letter from your sponsor in Japan of guarantee and support; 3) a letter of brief personal history. The cultural visa has a period of stay of six months, but it is renewable in the country up to three times, so you can stay a total of two years. This visa is single-entry. The requirement for a student visa is that you have proof of enrollment.

6. Housing: Now most of the

houses are either in apartment buildings or houses generally Japanese style, where you sleep on mattresses on the floor and have low tables. But we all have the vision for better housing and hope to move soon to Western housing which is common in Japan.

7. System jobs: Not needed as a cover.

8. Selah conditions: We have never been selah in the past. All our literature has the name Children of God on it in Japanese as well as in English. However, we may register the group in the name Family of Love, because of certain problems we have had in the past towards the name Children of God.

9. Conservative or liberal? It goes from one extreme to the other, it has both and also radicals.

10. Religions: Most people say they are Buddhist, but this is largely just tradition and in name only. Also there is the Shinto religion, a type of Buddhism. Also present is the Unification Church and Christianity. The main religion of Japan could best be called Materialism.

11. No. of brethren there: There are about 170 adults, 126 nationals and 44 foreigners, not including catacomb members.

12. Attitude towards tourists: They like tourists.

13. Languages: Japanese, and written English is taught in all schools and is mandatory.

14. FF'ing: We are now FF'ing in the seven major cities of Japan. It's bearing fruit and there is much potential. We're just getting started and could use help if you want to

learn the language.

15. Political situation: Japan is called a democracy. The present Prime Minister is a member of the liberal democratic party. There is a fairly large socialist party, then there is the "Kome" party, which is a religious party in between democracy and socialism, and also there is a communist party.

16. Climate: Four seasons. Colder in the north, with snow, and warmer in the south. June and July is the rainy season. Similar to North America.

17. Clothing needed: Appropriate clothing for four seasons.

18. Outreach possibilities: Now we have 24 homes in 16 different cities of Japan, the 16 largest ones. There is great potential here in music and FF'ing, Church of Love and almost every phase of the Work.
(Compiled by Elijah, Mercy & Zion)

Thumbnail sketch of AUSTRALIA

1. Litnessing: Distributing literature counteracts local laws in some places and collecting donations is against local laws in most places. You can run the risk of being apprehended and possibly fined for distributing and collecting donations. However, a little wisdom and prayer has kept us from any serious trouble. Avoid the devoid!

2. Legal problems: We have been investigated on a State and Federal level, but we have encountered no major legal problems or had any restrictions put on our activities.

3. Carrying money: Upon arrival, you are rarely asked to show funds. The usual course is to have your

visa looked at, your passport stamped, and you need to show an onward ticket. However, to get a visa, you may need to show traveller's cheques or a bank draft for about \$A200 per month of your stay. Also \$A200 per month is needed if you apply for a visa extension in Australia.

4. Round trip tickets: Only New Zealand citizens or Commonwealth residents in New Zealand do not need onward tickets or visas when coming to Australia.

5. Visas: All foreigners, other than New Zealand citizens, need visas and onward tickets to enter Australia. Tourist visas can be obtained at Australian consulates. The best visa to obtain (usually given to American citizens in the U.S.) is good for multiple entries for stays up to six months and is valid for four years. If you can't get that, the next best one to obtain is a single or multiple entry visa for a stay of up to three months, as this can be extended for up to six months within the country. Six months is the usual maximum time allowed before having to leave. Marriage to a national or permanent resident is grounds for permanent residence and later citizenship. It is best to obtain visas for Australia in your home country.

6. Housing: The standard of living and housing is typically Western and middle-class.

7. System jobs: On visa applications and landing cards, it is good to mention your occupation as being somewhat related to something you know about or have done. But a system job is not needed as a cover.

8. Selah conditions: It is impor-

tant that you enter the country as an individual and don't mention "Children of God" or a religious group. The name "Children of God" is well known but not very popular, and the name "Family of Love" is what we will be using as much as possible.

9. Liberal or conservative? Basically, the blue-collar workers tend to be socialistic, while the management tend to be right-wing. The present Liberal Party government is very conservative.

10. Religions: Basically a Christian country, but only nominally so.

11. No. of brethren there: At present, Australia is saturated with disciples. There is about 1 disciple per 40,000 people, whereas in Indonesia there is only 1 disciple per 5.6 million people!

12. Attitude towards tourists: Tourism is encouraged and tourists are generally well received.

13. Languages: English is the language spoken. However, migrant groups often retain their own languages (mainly Italian, Greek, Yugoslav and Arabic).

14. FF'ing: FF'ing is the key to really winning friends in high places and gaining good PR. Several influential people are being FF'ed, and this is the major area of pioneering to be done.

15. Political situation: At the end of 1975, the socialistically inclined Labor Party government was ousted and the present Liberal Party government is pro U.S. and pro big business.

16. Climate: Rather mild and temperate. November to March is hot and dry with temperatures ranging from 70-110 degrees F. April to

October is cooler with more rain in the last two months and temperatures ranging from 45-70 F.

17. Clothing needed: Generally light clothing in summer with sandals, while in winter sweaters and jackets are needed.

18. Outreach possibilities: Australia is a melting pot of many different races and nationalities (especially Italian, Greek, Yugoslav, and Arabic immigrants). Consequently, there is a full spectrum of religious and political ideologies. Most of the 14.5 million people are concentrated along the coast in 7 major cities which are rather far apart. In the past, Australia has served as a source of labourers for the ripe fields of S.E. Asia. Many disciples have joined in Australia, received their basic training and gone on to S.E. Asia where the need for labourers is so great. Also, many American brethren received their introduction to this part of the world in Australia before moving on to pioneer new fields.

(Compiled by Isaiah, John, Beth & Sarah)

CLEARANCE PROCEDURES!

Brave Pioneers, remember!—
You now only need clearance from the field to which you are going. Please send your requests for clearance to: Maria Campos, Apdo. 46131, Madrid, Spain (with "Attn: Clearance" in lower lefthand corner. Do not use COG or FOL anywhere on the envelope). Your request will then be forwarded to the Service Center of the area to which you wish to go, for their decision.

PIONEER WANT ADS!

American family of 6 eager to help pioneer Latin America: My wife & I both speak a little Spanish & have a little experience & big burden for FF'ing. My two oldest sons (age 8 & 11) play guitar together & have experience before the public.

Please let us know of any needy areas immediately! Love, Nimshi & Merryheart. Please write: John Suberbielle, Post boks 2043, 9100 Alborg, Denmark.

Single brother wants to help pioneer Asia or Africa: Age 28, college degree in Electrical Engineering. Been in Family 3 years, worked as litnesser, printer, repaired & driven

cars & done some redecorating. Please write: Ezekiel Earthquake, Box 8, 2660 Brondby Strand, Denmark.

Colorado Springs, U.S.A. Home needs 5 brethren: Male or female, with burden for C.S. & Denver areas. Please send short personal testimony & photo to: Jacob Davidson, P.O. Box 1674, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901, U.S.A.

To Russia With Love! Joseph Flowers wants to hear from those with a burden to go to Russia. Please send photo & personal testimony to: Raymond Boudreau, Apdo. 4128, Zaragoza, Spain.

Letter from Australia!

—about pre-RNR "National Quotas", leadership problems, etc.!

by Ruth & Aaron Quixote in Melbourne

Dear Rachel, 1/1/78

There has been so much happening down here that I'm sure you would have heard by now. We are heartbroken and truly, truly sorry for any mistakes we've made. We see so clearly now how problems can grow and grow if not dealt with.

I will try to recount the facts of this last month's happenings.

Several of the local leaders in Melbourne were not happy with the lit and financial situation as directed by Sydney. Then Sydney initiated the "Attack Week" idea before the Letter "NNN Attack" came out. In the next couple of days we received a phone message for the area to send up 35 dollars per person immediately for 300 NNNs per

person and 30 pieces of Wild Wind per person. ("NNN Attack" came out the day before Attack Week officialy started.) This lit was supposed to be in obedience to the "NNN Attack" vision.

We didn't receive the paid-for lit until almost two weeks later. The only ammunition we had for Attack Week was old lit and mostly mini-lit and the amounts of lit we could order were limited, as Sydney's small presses apparently couldn't produce to meet the demand.

The result of the Attack Week funds was to go to buy colour NNN No. 2, but we were given no information on how long the shipments from Hong Kong would take, what

was the price or contents of the NNN. (MO: *Crazy!*)

At the end of November, Shem, Zeal, Abel and Mercy arrived from Sydney to embark on "MO's new vision for Australia", which was "to raise the standard". Around this time we had received another Attack Week advisory. This time we were offered no NNN's for distribution.

In our meeting with this leadership, when we questioned "why this selection of lit?", they said it was MO's selection for Australia. (MO: *Never!*) A few weeks earlier Abarim's colony had provisioned 5,000 copies of "Our Declaration of Love", but was reprimanded and told that they were not allowed to distribute them. (MO: *My God!*)

A few days later, Shem (who's position I frankly do not know, presumably our AB), called a meeting of all Melbourne leadership to explain how we all needed to physically raise the standard, rent upper-middle-class housing and get new clothing right away. Needless to say, we were all excited about it, but were bewildered about the practical aspects and how we were to finance these, considering that the lit we had to order from Sydney cost 8-10 cents apiece. Then, several of us shepherds in turn began to explain some of the grievances we had. At no time was the conversation heated or voices raised. There was no plan of any kind to even bring these things up, as we had not been in communication with each other about these issues. I am truly convinced that none of us who spoke up that day had any evil in-

tent and that we were not trying to, nor did we, sow discord or disunity, but that the spirit that our remarks were received in was, for the most part, the cause of so much heart-break to follow. (MO: *Poor kids!*)

The next night, all "rebels" involved were isolated in one colony. We were expecting and hoping for a meeting with leadership that evening. Instead we were given a list of MO Letters to read and study the following day. The next day brought news that we were not allowed to make contact with anyone outside the house. By this time, we were all offended at the harsh and unjustified treatment and incarceration, and we began to feel as though we were there to be de-programmed. The only word we received was via phone message from a brother at the other colony.

The next day we were all sent out to distribute literature to raise some money for lit for the area. The next day Abel came to collect the money. On the fifth day, some of us were deciding to head out and hit the road, sure that we were being excommunicated. Abel came to drop off some lit and Merisha pleaded in tears for a chance to talk and was given a quote to read to Abarim about how God wasn't finished dealing with them yet. They left, and this prompted leadership to start talking with us.

By the next day, we were all sufficiently broken to be spoken to by Levit (I suppose he's the Minister) and Keda our AB, Shem, Zeal, Abel and Mercy. We were all dealt with individually (by couples) and very quickly apologised.

Three weeks later I realised that Melbourne had slumped back into its former lethargy, and no one questions or proposes anything. (I'm afraid that I can't answer some of your questions about our Chain of Cooperation, as it's changed a few times without us on the bottom knowing.) The publications department has most certainly been a mystery, as all letters we have received from them over the last two years have been signed "Publications". (MO: *Sign names!*)

It looks like we need a change of leadership down here. Shem, in particular, has a reputation with those of us who've been in the country three or more years for his heavy-handed dealings with people. My husband and I were once even taken from the country leadership of New Zealand and put out of the Family by him. That must have been four years ago. I don't know the others as closely. I believe Levit has visited the colonies in Australia once in the beginning of the 1½ years he's been Minister, and we've heard very little from him since. Keda is a real sweetheart and was left to make apologies for the shortcomings of the work in Australia, as if it was all her fault. She also met with our Region after our five-day ordeal or "word break" and explained to all that the local leadership had made some grave errors, were dealt with, got the victory and were all on the right track again. (MO: *GBH!*)

At the end of our five-day "word break", I picked up for the first

time "The Treasure Ship", and I was thrilled to find some quotes that really seemed to be for us, the most striking of which is the last: "Someone should find it."—The story of the crew being held captive on a sunken ship and compiling information about the ship's story and personnel and inventory seemed so much like us! Perhaps you've received letters from others about our "sunken ship" down here.

Praise the Lord, if this letter helps in salvaging of the ship and gets the work down here floating again. I'll be so happy! Australia has a lot of potential that we haven't yet begun to tap. We all love you dearly. Please give Dad and Maria a big kiss for us!

Love in Jesus & David,
Ruth Quixote
Melbourne, Australia

P.S. from Aaron Quixote: Thanks so much for listening. All we really want is a fair go and some added inspiration to carry out the MO Letters. We really need some childcare leadership down here, as it is a very neglected and forgotten ministry. We love you very much and were thrilled with your letter to us. Thank you so much again.

Love,
Aaron Quixote

(MO: *I feel like the French patriot who said during the French Revolution: "Ah, Liberty! What crimes are committed in thy name!"*
—Ah, me! *What crimes are committed in my name!*)