

# Checkin' Out Czechoslovakia!

Travel & camping possibilities! How you can help! Lit available!

From the Czechoslovak LIT-PIC: "CZECHOSLOVAKIA ISN'T A NATION OF 14 MILLION PEOPLE, it's a nation of 2 million families." So stated A. Dubcek, a former leader of that country, & it's probably more true now than when he said it, largely because of the suspicion that people have of one another resulting from the heavy police state situation that now exists there.

OUR HEART REALLY GOES OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY who we know from their history tend to be liberal, artistic & idealistic by nature. The word "bohemian" in English, meaning a wanderer or one with an unconventional lifestyle, comes from the name of the western-most province of Czechoslovakia, Bohemia, where the capital of Czechoslovakia, Prague, is located. It was from Bohemia in the early 1400's that one of the earliest groups of the Reformation came, the Hussites. Some of them advocated a kind of Christian communism, & they were invincible against 5 crusades sent by the Pope against them. Their leader, John Huss, was martyred.

ALTHO' NONE OF OUR LITTLE TEAM CAN SPEAK CZECH we've always had an interest in that country, & after the RNR we came to central Europe to see what had been done to reach the people there. Not too much, we found out, & so for the last three years our vision has been to do what we can to get the Words of David & the Love of God to Czechoslovakia.

THERE ARE NO CZECH NATIONALS IN THE FAMILY, but we found that some translations had been done in the past. So with the help of a Czech friend & another in another country we started re-checking, finalizing & getting into print the Letters. This is one field where the harvest

truly is plentiful but the labourers are few! By the spring of 1979 we had our first printing of Czech lit for the streets, the "Change the World" Comic. Here's part of what a Czech tourist wrote to us after she got this Comic in the West:

"ON MY WAY IN THE CAR I MET A BROTHER IN THE FAITH...fast I had your Message in my hand—in the Czech language. A great joy came in my heart. Yes, it is the Endtime like it says in the Bible. I can testify that in our country many people are hungering for God's Word. But it is forbidden to come to Christ. I myself had to change my job because of my faith. I pray for your work. Please also pray for our country! United in Jesus!" GB herl

IN THE SPRING OF '79 WE DID OUR FIRST SCOUTING OUT OF THE COUNTRY itself, visiting some members of the Communist Party who had invited us years before to visit them. No tacky talk about material trivia with them! In the short time we were able to visit with them, they quickly pulled the heaviest parts of our testimonies out of us & received everything we said.

LATER THAT SUMMER WE SENT IN THE TWO MUSICIANS of our threesome while I stayed back with the kids. Our Czech friends in the West strongly advised us to go camping there & witness in the camps, rather than aiming towards restaurants as we had thought to do. They said, "There are agents or spies who will talk in every fourth-class restaurant, but they can't watch every campfire. Revolutions begin in restaurants & they know it."

THEY SAID THAT CAMPING WAS VERY POPULAR THERE & IN EAST EUROPE,

bigger than in the West, & that by quietly & inconspicuously mixing & mingling in the smaller campgrounds we would find the safest & most responsive places to witness. You can imagine what a thrill it was to shortly afterwards get the Camping Letters, & we really believe this is the way currently to witness personally in East Europe.

FROM THIS TWO-WEEK ROAD TRIP BEGAN OUR CURRENT MAIL MINISTRY to that country which right now amounts to about 40 people. They have been for us by far the most receptive people we've ever corresponded with! Almost every one we have ever written, wrote back wanting to hear from us, which is of course much more than can be said for the ones we write to in the West.

OUR MAIN WAY OF LITNESSING TO THE CZECHS is to get it to the relatively large number of tourists from there that come to Western Europe each summer. We know how to recognise where cars come from by their license plates or the identifying stickers on the back of the cars. Our 4 & 5-year-olds really have the vision for getting out lit to these people & love to boldly jump on a Czech or Polish or Bulgarian tour bus & go down the aisle getting lit out to everyone. You should see the sight of a crowd of 30 Czechs walking off their tour bus into an amusement park, each one reading a MJ Letter! TYJ!

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO? If you're in Europe you can get out lit to the refugees that come there from the East all the time or to the tourists that come in the summer. Many go to Germany & France. Loads of Czech refugees emigrate to Canada, the same goes for Australia. And if

you're mobile in Europe, why not spend a couple of weeks this summer or early fall among the people who are not Gospel-glutted but are desperately hungry for your love & friendship & really receptive. Just be careful. Go camping, collect names, come back & start your own mail ministry, or send their

names to us, if they're Czech. Or get MWM on in North Europe where some of them have heard our music, we've heard.

DISTRIBUTION KOMIX WE HAVE IN PRINT IN CZECH are Change the World, Tommy, Endtime I, Endtime II & the Warning Tract. We also have Letters printed in selah fashion,

mostly for mail ministry—Our Declaration of Love, All Things Change, Diamonds of Dust, Faith, The Candle, Love Never Fails & God Is Love. Just send us a little gift, to W.S., Pf. 241, 8021 Zurich, Switzerland (with an inner envelope for Czech LIT-PIC).

## Travel Tips To Hungary!

—By public transport! Money exchange! Food & accommodations!

From the Hungarian LIT-PIC: WE'VE BEEN TO HUNGARY FOUR TIMES & are planning to go again soon, D.V. We'd like to give you some tips for travelling if you're planning to go by means of some public transport—train, bus, boat, hydrofoil etc.

OUR FIRST THREE TIMES WE WENT BY TRAIN, following Dad's advice on security. The fourth time we took the hydrofoil. We do not recommend this if you have small children like we do, as it was really small & cramped & the windows were not sufficiently large to enjoy the beautiful scenery nor was there a quiet place for the children to lie down & take a nap during the 5-hour trip. When we reached the customs checkpoint they opened & searched all our luggage, something they had not done on the train. The boat passengers are so few compared to on the train that the officials could apparently take their time & be thorough in checking everything.

IN OUR OPINION, THE TRAIN IS BEST, esp. if you have children, being the most comfortable & with a beautiful view. The cost is a little more than a bus, which is good enough for single people. A normal river boat may be nice if you have the time & money, but may result in a similar customs hassle as the hydrofoil.

MONEY IS NOT A PROBLEM. They do not require you to show or state the amount or type of

foreign currency you have or plan to bring in. The current exchange rate within Hungary is 20 forints to the dollar. The black market exchange rate is twice as much.

IT IS ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH IF YOU DECIDE TO USE THE BLACK MARKET. But make sure you know who you're dealing with. Indecision can lead to a loss of money by a crook, being thrown out without re-entry privileges, being fined or jailed, whatever suits them. It is more tolerated than in other East Bloc countries. People there who want to take vacations in the West sometimes collect foreign currency from travellers or friends or relatives for their trip. Others do black market for a living & make a lot of money. These are not so tolerated & doing business with them can be dangerous, as they are often crooks. Avoid them! If you do use the black market, make sure they are friends or relatives or someone you really trust!

HOTELS ARE PRETTY EXPENSIVE as are pensions. These are rented out by the travel agency, & they tell you what's available, often only something outrageously expensive. So it's best to know somebody you can stay with, or ask the Lord to help you to get to know somebody! If you're staying with relatives or friends you have to be registered within 24 hours of your arrival.

If you're in a hotel, the travel agency may take care of it for you, but be sure they do as it's against the law to be there more than 24 hours without registering.

FOOD IN HUNGARY IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE & plentiful, & their vegetables & fruits are world-famous. Restaurant prices are based on the class of the restaurant & you can expect the prices in tourist traps to be quite a bit more expensive than in the restaurants for locals. Everywhere it is "first come, first served", but if you have a child or children with you you are instantly & even by law allowed to go to the head of the line. Use it! This is true for all establishments, the P.O., everywhere!

FOREIGNERS ARE AN ATTRACTION, especially blacks & Asians. Some really respect Americans & some don't. But they are usually friendly, especially if they get to know you. Be a good testimony & be security-conscious, but don't act unnatural. GBY with safe, secure happy & fruitful travel to Hungary! WLY & want to hear from you with any other travel tips, lit orders or names of Hungarian sheep for our mail ministry. You can write to W.S., Pf. 241, 8021 Zurich, Switzerland (with an inner envelope for Hungarian LIT-PIC). (How fascinating to read these inside infos!—The voices of experience! Please let's hear more!—D.)

## Hungarians Hungry For The Word!

NEWSLETTERS MINISTER TO HUNGARIANS IN EAST & WEST!

From Lucas & the Hungarian Lit-Pic Crew: GBY! WE WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AT THE HUNGARIAN LIT-PIC. We have been working on a regular "Love Is News Newsletter" for both our West & East Bloc readers & correspondents, & a translation of this into English for the Family.

THE "LIT NEWSLETTER" IS ACTUALLY WRITTEN IN TWO VERSIONS: One for our East Bloc Hungarian readers & one for the West Bloc ones. This is to help keep our security in the East Bloc, as they don't know of us being a big family. The one for our West Bloc readers gives a bit more detail.

THIS, LORD WILLING, & I'M SURE HE IS, MAY THUS IN THE FUTURE PROVIDE A SOURCE OF NEEDED INCOME, which we can not expect on a large scale from those behind the Iron Curtain (providing also that more addresses come, perhaps from you?).

ALTHOUGH HUNGARY IS ONLY A VERY LITTLE COUNTRY with only a few million people actually living in the country itself, there is tremendous potential in reaching the Hungarians who are scattered in cities throughout the world & now number as many, if not more, than the live-in population.

THERE IS A TRUE JOKE THAT BUDAPEST (the capital of Hungary) is the largest Hungarian city, with Burgenland (a region of Austria) coming in 2nd, & New York ranked as the third largest Hungarian city. There are hundreds of thousands of Hungarians in New York, with distinct Hungarian sections, if not "ghettos", & I personally have had the experience of knowing of thousands in Chicago, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and, in



fact, in most major American, European & even Australian cities. So there is a need for Hungarian lit there! OUR MAJOR PUSH NOW IS TO START REACHING THESE HUNGARIANS OVERSEAS & to find among them those who would like to receive our new "Love Is News Newsletter", which, we hope, will grow in quality & content, as well as in frequency & number of subscribers.

WE HAVE BEEN REACHING THE PEOPLE LIVING IN HUNGARY WITH NUMEROUS YEARLY ROAD TRIPS BY OUR STAFF, as well as with a growing mail ministry to that country. Now we feel that it's also time to reach their numbers in other countries, to witness to them the love of Jesus & the WNW & about our work to reach them in the "old country".

WE BELIEVE THIS WILL INCREASE OUR MAIL MINISTRY witnessing numbers & even net some disciples & translators, which would really be a blessing! In addition, it is only from these wealthier West Bloc Hungarians that we can now expect the kind of financial support needed to help us become more indigenous.

WITH YOU, OUR DEAR WITNESSING & LITNESSING FAMILY, THIS CAN BE MADE POSSIBLE

in your contacting these people in your daily ministries & then sending us their names, addresses & any other information you may have about them.

WE CAN THEN PUT THEM ON OUR WORLD-WIDE HUNGARIAN MAILING LIST to receive our Hungarian LITN & MJ Letters! We now have 29 Hungarian Letters translated, 22 of which are in print, & the others are soon to be printed. Still others are in the works & soon to be translated.

YOU CAN ORDER A LIST OF THOSE IN PRINT & AVAILABLE, or a distribution mixture for use in your area. If you would like, we can also send you a Hungarian packet: one copy of each Letter to reproduce as you like in your area. If you personally would also like to help us continue, please pray for us & try to include a donation with any order, although no orders will be turned down!

ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THE HUNGARIAN LIT-PIC ADDRESS BE KEPT ON EACH PIECE, & that responses be forwarded to us for us to minister to them also. However you may of course add your address to the lit (and should). And please continue to minister to them personally yourself.

THE MAIL MINISTRY HAS GROWN SO FAR FROM A FEW TO OVER 70 IN NUMBER, mostly in Hungary & as a result of our visits & from addresses sent in by the Family. Thank you & God bless you.

THE LAST TIME WE SENT A "CO" LIKE THIS OUT TO THE FAMILY, we got an increased number of responses & new contacts, so we feel we have to do it again! Please remember to send these addresses in, because I'm sure many are meeting Hungarian people! WLY! (Amen! GBY!—D.)

## Argentina Travelogue!

City-by-City Guide to Central Argentina to help you "Look Before You Leap!"

From Carlos & Rosa: HERE'S A SORT OF ROUND-UP OF OUR EXTENSIVE TRAVEL by road, train & air thru' central Argentina, which we hope may prove useful to anyone going to that country & not wishing to stay in the huge capital.

THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES IS THE LARGEST of the mainland provinces (slightly larger than all of West Germany or all of Italy) & with a population of 16 million (compared with 57 million in Italy & 63 million in West Germany). For a period of nearly 4 months we travelled a significant part of this province, particularly an area south of a line running southeast from the capital to the port city of Bahia Blanca. We stayed for prolonged periods in 5 different communities & travelled by car between them on several occasions. This is our overview:

BAHIA BLANCA —A VERY PLEASANT, HOSPITABLE CITY in whose metro area there are one million people. The city proper has only some 300,000 with attractive neighbourhoods & prosperous amiable people. It sits inland some 15 kms. from a vast port which as usual hasn't a very pleasing atmosphere, but somehow it doesn't contaminate the main city's spirit.

120 KMS. DUE NORTH OF BAHIA BLANCA IS THE SIERRA DE LA VENTANA, one of the only two mountain ranges disturbing the endless green flatness of the province of Buenos Aires, the heart of the highly fertile & famous Pampas. At the Sierra there are two towns (Torquise & Sierra de la Ventana), each with roughly 50,000 people & sitting some 300 mt. above sea level. They are quiet, sleepy communities perfectly suited for a remote-refuge situa-



tion. There's plenty of water & even phone lines.

125 KMS. EAST OF BAHIA BLANCA along the coast is the beach resort of Monte Hermoso where the best of Bahia gathers in the summer. —Quite good for family-to-family witnessing & for finding out who Bahia's actual city fathers are. The Bahia Blanca area in general, which is 700 km. from Buenos Aires, is very potential because it is the financial & trade center for the huge agricultural area, as well as being the main port after B.A. It is windy & cold in winter, hot & dry in summer.

TRES ARROYOS WITH A POPULATION OF 70,000, IT IS UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS. It lies 500 km. from Buenos Aires, 200 km. from Bahia Blanca, & 80 km. from the coast, in what we are told is the best grain-growing region in the country. Because its nearest communities are distant & small, Tres Arroyos exerts influence & power well beyond its size, while remaining slow-paced & very attractive. Beautiful rolling hills

are found all around it, making for some of the most striking scenery in the province.

WE FOUND IN TRES ARROYOS (named for the three streams crossing it) some of the sheepiest most hospitable people in Argentina —& the most reasonable prices anywhere. And because of its activity & prosperity, one would need to go to a bigger town only to witness. It wouldn't be too difficult to live in Tres Arroyos.

TANDIL IS MUCH CLOSER TO BUENOS AIRES (350 KM.) & it takes its name from the Sierra where it's located, the other mountain range of the Pampas. It is an eminently tourist-oriented town. Whereas Bahia Blanca & Tres Arroyos have a character all their own, in Tandil one feels the long arm of the capital, especially in its prices.

MAR DEL PLATA ARGENTINA'S MOST PROMINENT SEASIDE RESORT (400 km. due south of B.A.), its population of half a million soars to almost two million during the summer. However, its extensive manicured residential neighbourhoods help one soon forget the aimless hustle & bustle of the oceanfront bathing areas flanking the enormous pink-coloured casino. Altho' it's not readily apparent—

THE MAR DEL PLATA AREA IS MOST LIKELY AN IDEAL SPOT for those who haven't the faith or burden for the gargantuan metropolis of B.A., but don't want to be too far away either. Traditional witnessing, FF'ing & even litnessing are possible in Mar del Plata, for even in winter the city swells up during the weekends. It was here, in fact, where with little effort but a lot of prayer & determination we got our daughters Mikal & Anim to be part of