**Orania Afrikanertuiste (Orania, Afrikaner's homeland)**

During the years preceding the end of Apartheid, some Afrikaner's politicians and activists were interested in creating a white province, a fallback in a system they knew doomed to disappear.

This idea of a white province was rejected by the ruling and opposition parties negotiators while finding an end to Apartheid. However, a small part of the Afrikaner ideologists had already bought an almost deserted and derelected settlement from the Department of Water, so they could create a private town for the white descendants of the 'Great Trek pioneers'.

An enclave with the intention of allowing the Afrikaner's community to live separately and in an independent way towards the other populations sharing the same territory.

Today, this town called Orania has 700 inhabitants and would extend over some 8000 hectares of mainly agricultural land. Numerous inhabitants came for ideological reasons, some for work or safety.

Some Afrikaners are convinced of it, in this countryside has begun to resurrect South Africa, their South Africa.
Orania is situated in the heart of South Africa, on the way to HOPE-town.

As often in South Africa, a cross is overlooking the city. The private character of the city is indicated on the panel, under the heading, Orania, home of the Afrikaners.

Orania Afrikanertuiste
Maranata
In Orania

The church of Maranata is one of four churches of Orania, it is also known as the 'singing church'.
Carel Willem Hendrik Boshoff
Bly in Orania vanaf 1992

After being a senior politician and activist for the Afrikaner’s cause, Carel WH Boshoff now focuses on writing and reading. He is the son in law of Hendrik Verwoerd, the apartheid’s architect. He’s also one of the town founders.
Joelene Jacobs
Bly in Orania vanaf 2010

Joelene Jacobs has arrived in recent weeks with her husband, her brother and her dogs, her mother is just passing through.

Lives in Orania since 2010
Sebastian Biehl
Bly in Orania vanaf 2005

Sebastian Biehl is German, after studies in Johannesburg he joined Orania where he’s the real estate agent of the city. He realized his dream by buying an African farm in the isolated heart of the veld.
The juskei is a traditional game invented by the Boers. The bowling game was originally played with a specific part of an ox wagon.
Orania has two schools, a traditional one and another with an alternative education system based on the autonomy of students (helped by computing tools).
Afsaal Cafe
In Orania

Situated at the entrance of town, the Afsaal cafe is usually the first place where almost all visitors pass.
It is also a restaurant and guesthouse.

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Twice a week are conducted classical dance workshops in the alternative's school hall.
David Johan Van Niekerk
Bly in Orania vanaf 2008

Johan Van Niekerk David is a computer engineer, he's teleworking for a company based in Pretoria.

On the wall, a boat offered by his wife in memory of their honeymoon's journey sailing on a lake.
Orania Bestuursdienste Raadsaal
In Orania

Former hospital when the city still belonged to the Department of Water, this is where decisions are made.
Danie

Bly in Orania vanaf 2002

While he’s still a student at the alternative school, Danie works with her parents in this shop which is also a cyber cafe.
Koos & Tineke Hayes
Bly in Orania vanaf 1998

Former employee of the South African Railways, Koos is now a fertilizer and pesticide sale agent for local farmers. Tineke's teleworking for an estate agent in Johannesburg.
Dawid Van Der Merwe
Bly in Orania vanaf 2006

Lives in Orania since 2006

Dawid has sold his farm to come to Orania. He produces dried fruits and some spices, and he's very concerned about his pumpkin that he's protecting from the sun so it doesn't whiten; it will soon be presented to a vegetable competition in town.
Lives in Orania since 1994

Life in Orania has little leisure; the liquor became one.

Henda is the owner of a bar where you can find some Oranian, but also sympathizers coming from around

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Janneke Wiid

Lives in Orania since 1991

Janneke's family was one of the first to move to Orania.

She became a hairdresser, due to the limited clientele this activity seems to be more a hobby.
Jozé Du Plessis

Lives in Orania since 2009

Jozé is installed at the Social Centre called Elm, his grandmother lives in town, he wishes to stay in Orania as long as possible. Jozé works for daily contracts given to him by the social center. He works on construction site, farm, etc. Jozé occupies his free time repairing electronic hardware.
Kobus Hartzer
Bly in Orania vanaf 1990

Kobus has always lived here, before the installation of the first white settlers in 1991 his family has participated in the evacuation of homes occupied by black or colored families and workers.
Lottie has one of the most bourgeois houses of the city. She arrived recently and like many others she opened a guesthouse.
Marie & Johan Etzebeth

Lives in Orania since 2008

Johan and Marie spend their retirement in Orania, always with a form of nostalgia for their previous life and home. After 18 months on site, they still don’t feel quite at ease here.
Although the number of people didn’t really seem to progress, the city built many houses. Many will be leased to Afrikaners coming for vacation. Michael is the foreman.
Omar Fourie

Lives in Orania since 2009

After immigrating to London, Omar came back to settle in Orania where he works as a social worker. The town has to face many problems with alcohol, violent behavior or early pregnancy among youngsters.
Roelin was destined to be a farmer, but her passion for jewelry has taken away. Her production also focuses on Huguenot cross, a very important religious symbol among Afrikaners.
Stefnie & Christo Muller
Bly in Orania vanaf 2010

Stefnie and Christo are young retirees who have sold everything (house, company) to come and live “out of the world.” Installed for two months a little outside the town, they know very few people, and do not try to
In the garden, a wreck with the words “our ship has arrived.”
Sonia Roux
Bly in Orania vanaf 1992

Sonia is an orphan, she does not know her history nor her French origin. Her life in Orania is her only luggage.
Lives in Orania since 1999

Dave Prinsloo
Bly in Orania vanaf 1999

Dave is a former police officer, a former soldier and a former mercenary.
He became very religious, he is a member of the "Israel Truth" movement with its literal and strict interpretation of the Bible.
Dave is also passionate about geology.
Ben & Charles
Nie toegelaat om te vestig in Orania

Ben and Charles have traveled separately for several days by foot, by train and hitchhiking to Orania. They hoped to find work and a new life with these Afrikaners 'brothers'. After an interview at the Social Centre, they didn’t fit with the 'criteria', they hit the road together.
Kopje
In Orania

Around Orania are some hills (Kopje) quite often covered with rock etchings, some made by the first African tribes, others by Boer farmers taking possession of the land, others more recently to celebrate the victory Majuba against the British Army.
Each year Orania celebrates the victory of Majuba against the British army. This victory during the Anglo-Boer war is a great pride for Afrikaners and erases some of the many defeats suffered thereafter until the final surrender in 1902.
Ons vir jou Suid-Africa
Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria

Located in Pretoria, the Voortrekker Monument celebrates the installation of the Afrikaner people in southern Africa who came “to bring the light of civilization.”

Each December 16, Victory Day of the Blood River battle against some 12,000 Zulu warriors (a sign of divine intervention...), a ray of sunshine through the building and illuminates the cenotaph in memory of Pretorius and all the Afrikaners for the cause.

The cenotaph we can read the words “We for Thee, South Africa”

Orania Afrikanertuiste - Alan Aubry - 30/30