



# Footprints on Our Land

<http://www.south-african-homeschool-curriculum.com>

## FAQs

### 1. Why should I choose a Footprints programme?

“I can’t decide whether to use ... [an imported curriculum] ...or a Footprints programme next year. I need more information to help me make my decision...”

After about 6 years of home educating using excellent imported curricula, we, the authors of Footprints, realised that our children were exposed to too many stories about Thanksgiving, baseball, bears and snow at Christmas and that they were lacking in knowledge of their own heritage and environment. **Footprints On Our Land** was born to fill this need.

Our vision was to put together South African programmes that would make our children **proud to be South African**, that would make them understand and appreciate the good in our country as well as its problems, and that would give them a desire to play a part in building a bright future for our nation.”

President Paul Kruger once said: “*Search in your past for what is good and beautiful. Build your future from there.*”

### 2. Can Footprints go along with other curricula?

“Am I correct in thinking that it is a supplementary programme to [imported curriculum], i.e. if we’re doing the [imported] course then I can add the Footprints as an extra ...or must I leave out something in the [imported] course for Footprints?”

Our programmes have been designed to be slotted in between other top imported home education programmes like Sonlight Curriculum and others.. Where these programmes take a year to study American History and culture, our clients use our packages to study our South African heritage.

Some families use our Footprints On Our Land-South Africa's Heritage programme (for ages 7-12) as a supplement to go along with other imported unit study programmes. For example instead of studying a unit about the American Pioneers, they use Footprints to study the Voortrekkers!

### 3. Are Footprints materials available in Afrikaans?

Little Footprints: Although seventeen of the twenty-seven story books we use in our Little Footprints studies have been printed in Afrikaans, the Afrikaans versions are now out of print (except for about 7) so if you want to use them, you will have to locate them at the library or ask the librarian to order them via inter-library loans. The titles that are in print can be bought from your local book shop or online vendors.

Although our manual is only in English, the manual is written to YOU, the parent, giving instructions and ideas of things to tell or discuss with your children from the stories and also activities to do. This you can then implement in Afrikaans.

Read the [testimonies of Afrikaans families](#) that used Little Footprints and how they enjoyed it.

Footprints On Our Land: There are 8 books that have previously been printed in Afrikaans. We can supply these titles on request in place of the English counterparts. Due to variances in the reproduction and copyright costs of these books, the price of your package may vary slightly from that of the standard English package.

#### **4. Please would you send me your booklist of essential reading materials.**

On receipt of a **deposit**, we will send you our booklist for the programme you need. Some folk are shocked that we will not just hand it out for free, especially since we claim to be Christians. We believe that as the Scripture says in 1 Timothy 5: 18: "The worker is worth his wages." (See also Matthew 10:10)

To justify all the effort and time away from our husbands and families that sourcing the literature and creating our programmes has cost us, we feel we have to offer our services as a business and not just as a ministry. And we find that we need to guard our Footprints "baby" from those who would seek to exploit us, by using our work without ever paying us for it.

What we do offer **free of charge** is online support via our websites, free ezines and our Footprints eloop. On the Footprints eloop we often post reviews of new books and resources, websites etc that we have found that fit in with our SA studies. We arrange field trips for our Footprints clients, hold "public" open days and allow home educators to visit us in our homes privately to view our products and ask our advice about home education in general.

#### **5. What do I need to add to my Footprints package?**

What you will need to add to each of our Footprints packages for a child in grade 1 or higher, is an age appropriate Language Arts programme (phonics, reading, spelling, dictation, grammar etc.) and an age appropriate Maths programme. We have given reviews and contact details of a few of these for you to consider under **Curriculum Reviews**

**"I have been told that Little Footprints is not "enough" for Grade 1 level. I personally disagree but would so appreciate your response to that."**

Being unit studies, with each of our programmes, you, the parent, can control to what depth or "how much" of a topic you wish to study and this varies from child to child and family to family.

**"My 5 year old knows his alphabet (phonics) and is keen on reading. Will Little Footprints assist me in teaching him to read? "**

The story books we use in our lessons are intended to be read aloud by you, the parent. Little Footprints is not a reading/phonics programme, so you will need to add an age appropriate Language Arts programme (phonics, reading, spelling, dictation) and an age appropriate Maths programme. Refer to **Curriculum Reviews**. Later on, once your child has learnt to read, s/he will be able to enjoy reading the Little Footprints stories alone!