

## DOCUMENTATION: LETTER TO RESIAN EMIGRANTS

The problem of the decreasing population in the Resia Valley, which the preceding Note touches on, is being addressed; this is demonstrated by a letter, and its appended questionnaire, sent out in December 1988. The letter is here reproduced in translation, and the questionnaire in its original Italian. The document was supplied by Professor Eric Hamp, University of Chicago.

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### PARISH OF SANTA MARTIA ASSUNTA, RESIA

To our emigrants:

In his sermon at the Holy Mass which was celebrated for Resian emigrants last August, Father Rinaldo Gerussi, the parish priest of Stolvizza/Solbica, invited the emigrants to propose ideas to resolve the problems of employment and depopulation in the Valley.

Some people responded to this appeal, suggesting the following idea: based on the fact that our valley has kept its surroundings intact—pollution is minimal, there is some (albeit small) production of natural commodities, and there is a wealth of medicinal herbs—they propose to exploit these riches, since there is always a demand for these things, especially among those who live in cities.

A group of people have since met, on several occasions, and from these meetings was born the proposal to send out the questionnaire (appended on the following page) to all the families in the valley, to obtain the best information on the situation and availability of products.

We are now sending this questionnaire to you, Resian emigrants, because you are interested and because you are able to make useful suggestions, e.g., about the availability of a house, or part of a house, which could be allocated to the people concerned, and the provision of land which might be used for growing medicinal herbs. . .

We should be grateful for immediate replies from those willing to help.

don M. Ridolfi, Parrocchia di S. Maria Assunta, 33010 RESIA (UD).

QUESTIONARIO

Fam./Sig .....

Indirizzo .....

Composizione nucleo familiare n° .....

Attività svolta dai componenti .....

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1. Stanze libere con servizi n° \_\_\_\_\_ senza servizi n° \_\_\_\_\_

2. Terreni di proprietà SI NO

3. I terreni sono coltivati SI NO - o da coltivare SI NO

4. Conoscenza, coltivazione di erbe medicinali
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5. Conoscenza, coltivazione, produzione di prodotti naturali (miele, frutta, formaggio, ...)
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6. Conoscenza e metodi di cura con le erbe
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7. Antiche ricette di cucina locale
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8. Metodi naturali di conservazione dei cibi
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9. Conoscenza di lavori artigianali in Valle
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10. Altre informazioni che potete dare
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11. Disponibilità a partecipare a questo programma SI NO