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We help orphans and elderly Christians (many in their eighties, even 90s) who had been imprisoned for their faith in present or former communist countries.

At this critical moment, we also help many Christian refugees from Ukraine!



Late Reverend Richard Wurmland with wife, Sabina

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Announcement:

Free copies of the paperback books written by Pastor Richard Wurmland: "Reaching Towards the Heights"; "Tortured For Christ"; "Was Karl Marx a Satanist?"; and "The Pastor's Wife" by Sabina Wurmland, may be requested using the order form at the <https://helpforrefugees.com> internet site. (See request form at top of the third column!)

"There is a sin unto death." (1st John 5:16)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmland suffered. 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmland, Sabina, was imprisoned for nearly three years, also for her Christian faith, in some of the same communist prisons.

From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmland
ANTICHRIST'S PLAN

The main targets of Satan today are Israel, U.S.A. and the Christian church.

Antichrist's Plans for Israel

Communists have surely economic and military interests in the Middle East, but in their fight to conquer Israel, using the Arab states and guerillas trained in Moscow and Peking for this, the principal purpose is spiritual.

In Red China churches have been closed and desecrated with posters on which it is written "Hang God." But Satan is not satisfied. He would consider it as his greatest achievement to have "Hang God" inscribed on the church of Nativity in Bethlehem. Antichrist wishes the church of the Holy Sepulchre changed into an Atheistic museum with blasphemous pictures. He would like to create an academy of Atheism on the place where Christ has suffered for the redemption of the world. The victory of the hatred against God in the land where Jesus walked—nothing less than that can satisfy Satan.

The battle for this ideal is fought by communists in the Middle East. The Communist inspired Arab guerillas also fight for this. They give for this purpose infantry weapons, lorries and

warplanes to the Arab states. Leftist dictators follow in the footsteps of their anti-Jewish predecessor, the Nazi dictator Hitler.

The conflict in the Middle East is only on the surface an Arab-Jewish conflict. In depth it is the conflict between Satan and the chosen people of God. Therefore, the sympathy and the full support of every true Christian is on the side of Israel. Satan's plan must not be accomplished. The Communists and their Arab fellow-traveler guerillas must not put hands on the holy city. Every Christian pilgrim in Israel must know that the passion of Christ has not happened only 2000 years ago, but that He continues to suffer today in His mystical body, the church.

Win American Leftist Youth for Christ

Another main target of Communism is the United States. Death to America' rapidly emerging as key slogan of anti-Israel agitators in US. 'DEATH TO AMERICA' PAMPHLETS were circulated at college anti-Israel demonstrations.

The Communists attack the U.S.A. from within and from without, because the fall of the States would mean the destruction of Christian civilization, the end of liberty everywhere and a terrible blow to the church of Christ.

Communists are humans just like us. They also have the image of God, only that they staying in darkness, the image of God cannot be seen in them. When we hear them shouting the stupid slogans of the Reds, we know that they try to cover with much noise the fear of the emptiness in their own souls. Blasting of bombs and shootings express the rage of not being able to suppress the call of God which they hear, too, calling them to repentance.

All Christians are encouraged not to miss any occasion, to speak to leftists. Saul of Tarsus has been a persecutor of Christians become an apostle. Every leftist can be won for Christ. To try to do this, being among them is much more effective than to participate at dinners of rightist organizations in which one anti-Communist tells other anti-Communists what they already knew, that Communism is bad. Communism is not just in China, Cuba and so on. We have it right here in America. In Russia Communism killed under Joseph Stalin at least 3 million. In China Communism killed over 50 million. Every Christian must know that Communism is "a sin unto death." Every Christian must prevent and fight it.



The Communist Jilava Prison.
Entrance to the underground cells.



Prison cell with bunkbeds with no mattress, prisoners were obliged to sleep on. Stove for show only, never heated in cold winters.



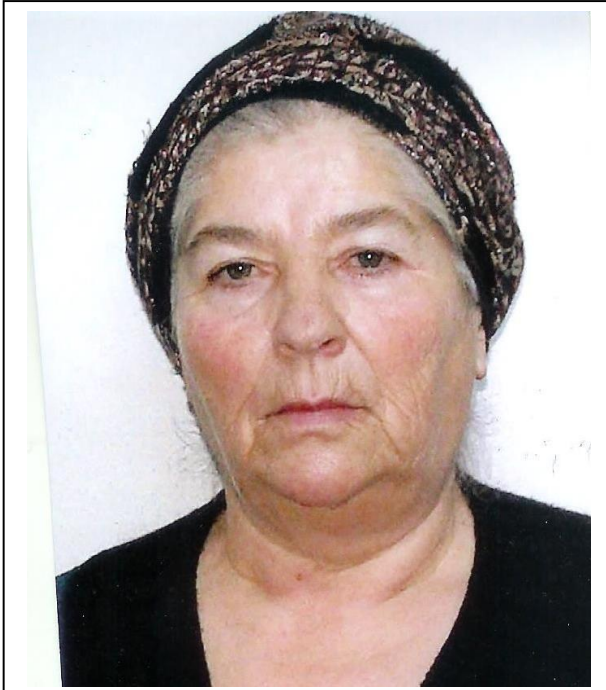
Mug-shot of Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand when held in the Jilava prison, in communist Romania.

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father are this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” (Apostle James Epistle 1:27)

Heroes of the Faith and their Families, Helped with your Gifts

Some pictures of elderly Christians Imprisoned under Communism for the Faith.

Read their full testimonies in our past newsletters at <http://helpforrefugees.com> (third column!)



Elena STRATULAT

Gheorghe Stratulat, her husband was a Communist Police Lieutenant in former communist Romania. He became a Christian after two stunning miracles happened as a result of prayers in his family. Thus, after having been a fierce persecutor of believers he turned, like Apostle Paul, into a dedicated missionary. The Communist Romanian secret police imprisoned both him and his wife and tortured them trying to stop a multitude of those who heard him speak becoming believers. When imprisoned, a criminal in the same prison recognizing him as a former police officer, asked him, “why are you here?” He, wanting to give a testimony, answered, also because of a crime, “I killed my old sinful nature!”

(Read her full two-pages testimony in our online 4/2016 Newsletter.)



Children in the Agape Orphanage, Pascani, Romania. Your gifts have allowed us to send help to this orphanage founded in 1993 by late pastor Richard Wurmbrand and his wife Sabina. We also help the Richard Wurmbrand College (an established, accredited Evangelical school, 1-12 grades) in Iasi, Romania.



Apartment house destroyed through Russian bombing in Mariupol, Ukraine, where 40% of whole town has been close to obliterated.

Over six million refugees have escaped so far from Ukraine into different European countries.

Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with Your Gifts!



Brother **Alexander Tinjajev** wrote: “I’m Ukrainian. I am the father of three young daughters aged 4, 6 and 8. My wife’s name is Lily. I served as an assistant pastor at the Christian Church in the city of Cherkasy, Ukraine.

The invasion began on February 24th, 2022, and our initial hopes were that the conflict would be short-lived, perhaps only three days.

But, the reality was far different. We tried to stay calm, monitoring the situation every half hour, grappling with constant fear and confusion in the search for truth. Cherkasy, situated at the geographical heart of Ukraine and on the Dnipro river, is distanced 200 km south of Kyiv and 400 km north of Dnipro and Zaporizhyya. I thought our location would afford us some safety, as the Ukrainians would defend Kyiv and the Dnipro river would act as a natural barrier. I hadn't considered the threat of missile strikes.

Experiencing the first air raid sirens and seeking shelter in a dusty, unheated bomb shelter with my young children was terrifying. After several experiences like this, we chose to risk staying in our apartment during sirens for the health and sleep of our family.

On the sixth day, March 1st, the realization hit that this situation was only escalating. I began to think about getting my family to safety. Through prayer and fear, God led me to consult with my pastor who agreed that it was best to protect the children from the horrors unfolding around us. Despite the need to serve in the church during these difficult times, God gave me peace in the decision to leave. We made the decision at noon, planning to depart at 6am the next day.

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We packed quickly and began notifying our relatives and closest friends. By 3pm we had 20 people ready to accompany us, and by 6pm we had gathered a group of 65, primarily young families from our church. About 45 were children, and approximately 20 people were without their own vehicles. We managed to organize transport for everyone, and at 6pm we held a church service, praying for God to guide us.

We decided against going to the Polish or Moldovan borders due to heavy traffic, and chose Romania as our destination, aiming for the border after the Carpathians. We had one contact in Romania who promised to take us in, obtained through our partners who run Summer Camps, even though they got to know the contact only the day before sharing the contract with us, so the journey was fraught with risk. But we trusted in God's guidance. My brother-in-law agreed to co-lead the convoy with me.

At 6am the next morning, we gathered outside the city at our meeting point. By 6:30am all eight cars had arrived, and two more cars from other churches joined us, afraid to travel alone. So, our convoy now consisted of 10 cars. We set off on our journey.

Over the next three days, God guided us through small villages to avoid traffic congestion. We made it to a Baptist church in western Ukraine on the first day, where we found food and shelter for the night. Here we were joined by another family from our city, bringing our convoy to a total of 11 cars and around 80 people. We reached and crossed the Romanian border at 2am on the second night. Local Caritas organization provided us with accommodation. The most challenging part of the journey was behind us, and we thanked God for His grace.

On the third day at 9pm, we arrived at the Village of Hope, an orphanage near Oradea in Ineu, owned by Marvin Lane and his foundation from the United States. Even though we were assured we would all fit at the Village of Hope, space proved to be limited. It fell to me to decide who would sleep where. Our family was the last to find a place, receiving a small about 9x9 feet room in a house with Romanian orphans. Despite its size, it was enough for our weary family.

We remained at Ineu for two weeks, where I acted as a group representative due to my English proficiency. The time was demanding, with numerous people bringing aid and requiring coordination. Illnesses, emergencies, and hospital visits were frequent, with about 50 people sharing a single house and two smaller groups occupying separate houses. I found strength in my faith, knowing God was using me to assist everyone.

In two weeks, we had to move again to make room for incoming Ukrainian orphans. I had to distribute the group into various Christian homes, all thanks to connections God had provided within two weeks. Peter Lucaciu and his ministry from Beius agreed to take the majority of us. Some of our members elected to continue their journey, while the rest chose to stay with us. By this point, we had grown to nearly 100 people.

I'm now pastoring in Oradea since early summer 2022, God arranged here a Ukrainian Church (without a name though) that receive around 100 (sometime more, sometime less) Ukrainians every Thursday.

Once we started to evacuate people -- we had children that we evacuated without parents or representatives, from different regions of Ukraine. For example there was a girl that I guided through evacuation from Sumy on the East -- she travelled through the whole country to Lviv where she was left alone unfortunately, so she made it to Romanian border alone by my guidance where we picked her up and took to Ineu near Oradea.

Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with your Gifts

April 16, 2022*

Dear contributors:

My gratitude to all who donated generously toward helping so many refugees from Ukraine, a true flood of displaced individuals. More than four million have escaped the current war and another three million are expected to come out. If one reads the daily news, one will be convinced easily these are not exaggerated figures. These are persons who flee from extensive bombing and continuing total destructions of whole towns.

It happens that my birth country, Romania, and the Republic of Moldova (also a Romanian language country) have together the longest common border with Ukraine. At the same time, Romania is one of the poorest countries in the European Union and Moldova is economically worse. Between Romania and Moldova so far, one million Ukrainians have sought asylum already. **Refugees come at times at the rate of 10,000 every 24 hours.** * Most of these refugees are women with 3 to 8 children. Fortunately, many other countries in Europe and North America are accepting to resettle these refugees if they can arrive there. Many churches outside Romania, have sent transportation means, like buses and even chartered flights. These refugees speak Ukrainian and Russian. Here and there, the communality of the Romanian language is of help, since some closer to the border localities like the university town of Czernowitz (name in German, Cernauti in Romanian) where my mother was born, used to be part of Romania before WWII. Some of the younger generation might have a little knowledge of English. Through many dependable contacts of many years in Romania, we concentrated on helping with local Romanian currency of US \$200 to \$2,000 per family of **Christian believers**-refugees. Many came out with hardly more than the shirt on their back. There were miles-long lines at the border. Through the local Christians who deserve all praise, we provide pocket money given in hand for food and believers' lodging for a few days, until there is a partial resolution as to near- future plans of settling some place somehow or moving-on further to other countries. \$2,000 seems to be a large sum for an elderly couple who could escape but most couples come out with larger groups of 10 to 15 children and grandchildren. Just as one example, we paid for a Victoria village home, \$6,000 for a one-month lodging and food for three adults and twelve children. Most of these refugees entertain the illusion of taking refuge out of their native country and their lodging and work, for a brief time but the way the news comes out on this prolonged war, I doubt this will be the case. I believe these refugees will remain refugees for many years to come. We publish in these newsletters a few testimonies and some receipts of scores more, documenting what I wrote above.

*(**Update February 2024:** Refugees still pour-in most days at the rate of 8,000-10,000!) Michael Wurmbrand

409	Власенко	Валентин	Медфодьевич	1958	Украина
410	Вольф	Андрей	Корнеевич	1958	Казахстан
411	Куркин	АЛЕКСЕЙ	ЯКОВЛЕВИЧ	1958	Россия
412	Левен	НИКОЛАЙ	ВИКТОРОВИЧ	1958	Казахстан
413	Романюк	Владимир	Николаевич	1958	Украина
414	Тиссен	Давид	Давидович	1958	Россия
415	ТУРКЕВИЧ	Василий	Тарасович	1959	Украина
416	Бычков	Степан	Павлович	1959	Украина
417	ДРИСВЯНИКОВ	АЛЕКСАНДР	АЛЕКСАНДРОВИЧ	1959	Россия
418	СКВОРЦОВА	ЛЮБОВЬ	НИКОЛАЕВНА	1959	Россия
419	Варавин	Виталий	Федотович	1959	Россия
420	Дубицкий	СЕРГЕЙ	АДАМОВИЧ	1959	Россия
421	Ляшенко	Борис	Владимирович	1959	Украина
422	Ткаченко	ИВАН	ИВАНОВИЧ	1959	Казахстан
423	МАРЧЕНКО	Станислав	Павлович	1960	Украина
424	Донченко	Александр	Максимович	1960	Украина
425	Отмахов	Вениамин	Александрович (Валерианов)	1960	Узбекистан
426	Савченко	Михаил	Михайлович	1960	Эстония
427	Фадеева (ШВЕЦОВА)	ДИНА	ВЛАДИМИРОВНА	1961	Алания
428	ШВЕЦОВА	АННА	ВЛАДИМИРОВНА	1962	Алания
429	Богодимов	Александр	Валерьевич	1962	Эстония

Above, a **sample only** of a lengthy list, our mission was able to compile beside other lists, of over 480 elderly Baptist Christians most of them still alive, who suffered for the Christian faith in the former Soviet Union. The prison sentences amounted from 2 years, to as many as 18 years of communist prison. If considered together, their years of prison-sentences shown in our **abbreviated** table, would add up to over 2,000 years of prison. The 4th and 5th column together, show year of birth and the most recent country they live in (like Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, etc.) We try obtaining exact addresses, so we may be able to send encouraging help to those still alive. We were able to send repeated help to about 120 such elderly Russian-speaking Christians and over 110 speaking other languages. Many of their testimonies you can read in the monthly newsletter. Testimonies available also on the internet. **Look up third column at: website: <https://helpforrefugees.com>**

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