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We help orphans and elderly Christians (many in their 80s, 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 Wurmbbrand with wife, Sabina

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Announcement:

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

"...When he (the Devil) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand suffered 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmbbrand 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand

THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A MISSION

Ekaterina Djughashvili, a devout Christian mother from the country of Georgia, had the dream that her son should be a servant of Christ. Her son who studied till age 16 in a theological seminary, quit the seminary under the influence of the writings of **Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov**, better known as **Vladimir Lenin**. This theological seminarist ended up being known as Joseph Stalin, the most cruel leader for 30 years of the Soviet Union. He killed more than 6 million people. He became the greatest mass-slaughterer of Christians. How could such a horrible thing happen? The last words of Stalin's mother on her deathbed were "O, if my son would have become a priest." It is said that Stalin himself, already bathed in blood not only of Christians, but also of his nearest comrades, friends and relatives, was moved by these words. How could this change in Stalin happen?

Look at your young Christian boys and girls. Could it happen with them? It surely can, if they will come under the influence of Marxist-Leninist teaching, as the young seminarist Joseph Stalin did. Communism is a deadly poison because it promotes biggest lies, the first being the claim that there is no God. LSD is a nothing at all in comparison with this. It can change saints into mass-murderers. It has made Rumania's greatest Christian poets, Radu Gyr and Nichifor Crainic, to change in men who praised Communism. They arrived to this under the influence of Marxist

brainwashing in communist prisons. Those brainwashed by the Communists can be recuperated and healed. I personally am very sorry that a Christian Mission has to do it. The church itself should be the only mission. A church which is not a mission is not a church. There should be no Departments of Evangelism. The church consists of Christians who evangelize.

Wherever the Communists came to power, they imprisoned and killed the clergymen who had collaborated with them. Where is now bishop Chang Hsia-hsu, who had put the picture of Mao-Tse-Dung near the statue of Virgin Mary? How could he ignore Chinese communist leader Mao killed more than 24 million people? He declared publicly "The Communists have proved that they respect our faith and have left us total liberty." This was a few years ago. Now, the same bishop sat in a gutter, shaved, left on his head with hairs in the form of a cross and the Red Guards passed by reviling him. This will be the fate of all those who collaborate with the Communists.

Let us take example not from such a compromised Christian leader but from our brethren living under communist persecution regimes, who, when their underground pastors were arrested, signed an application to the general attorney asking to be arrested, too, because they have the same faith. Christians suffering under communist persecutions recommended that faith in God be inculcated in children from their earliest years, when a child's consciousness is most receptive and as yet untouched by the materialistic upbringing of communist schools." (In contrast, in the U.S.A., Christian leaders were some in agreement that there should be no prayer in public schools.)

Communism is a gigantic enterprise. Its influence around the world is unfathomable. It has infiltrated high places among many nations. An example is how the Minister of State of Bolivia, under whom the Cuban guerilla leader Che Guevara was killed, declared himself to be a Marxist Revolutionist and gave Guevara's diary to Fidel Castro. Communism cannot win by argument. Only by terror. In communist countries the authorities encourage it. In the Free World guerrillas are trained to carry terrorist acts. Communism is big like the dragon described in the Bible-Book of Revelation. The Holy Spirit is represented by a small dove. But, little Davids have overcome many a time Goliath. Communism can be overcome. Communists can be won for Christ and humanity therefore can be saved from nuclear destruction and world revolution.

Valiant-for-Truth, the virtue described in the book "Pilgrim's Progress" shows again in communist countries. Let us be valiant, too, and help it shine!



The Communist Jilava Prison.
Entrance to the underground cells.



Prison cell with bunk-beds 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!)



Rev. LANGA, Tertulian

Imprisoned in formerly communist Romania uninterruptedly for 17 years, he had met many imprisoned political and religious personalities of Romania, Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand included. Even while in prison, though tortured and severely beaten, he organized secret prayer meetings, sermons. Read his testimony in our online 3/2015 Newsletter.



ANDRONIC Lucy

wrote: “I was arrested (in formerly communist Romania) 3 months only after my engagement and was judged and sentenced within one month by a military court to 5 years imprisonment with others within a group which included also my father and another young lady, 13 believers of the Army of the Lord.” Read her testimony in our online 5/2015 Newsletter.



BARBU, Maria

wrote: “My father Opris Ioan, a known leader of the Army of the Lord, having 10 children underwent much torture during 7 years in the prisons of former communist Romania. Being the oldest daughter with 9 other brothers and sisters, I had to raise them all, as my mother worked outside the house so we have what to eat.” Read her testimony in our online 5/2015 Newsletter.



LUNGULEASA, Ioan

wrote: “Being a Christian in the Army of the Lord, I was arrested in (former) communist Romania. and passed through difficult interrogations, beatings, being tortured, with 24 other brethren who shared my cell. We all got sentences between 6 and 12 years of prison. I never lost though our hope in the Lord.” Read his full testimony in our online 6/2015 Newsletter.

Christian Refugees of the Ukrainian-War Helped with your Gifts!



Bielousov Sergii wrote:

“At 5am we woke up to the sounds of explosions (February 24, 2022). As soon as we could, we quickly collected the children and headed for Western Ukraine. Then we learnt that our area is one of the hottest, where there is active fighting. With God’s help we managed to get to Romania in three days, and there we found temporary shelter.”



Olexiy Silayev wrote:

“After the war started, we were forced to leave Bakhmut and move to the village of Chudey, Chernivtsi region. All our property remained in the Donetsk region. Here we received a house for living free of charge. We express our great gratitude to your organization for the help provided to us.”

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

Over 8 million refugees have escaped so far from Ukraine into different European countries.



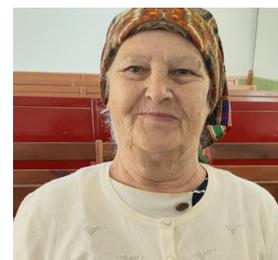
Testimonies of Christian Refugee Families from War-Torn Ukraine, Helped with your Gifts!



Butov Evgen wrote:
“Our motherland has been living in the state of war for 8 years. In 2014 we lost everything: our house and all our property. We changed several places of residence. At the moment when the war started, we were in Irpen. Because of the shelling we were forced to leave.”



Chernoivanova Oxana Olexandrovna wrote: „I took 4 minor children out of Bakhmut because of the war. Now I am renting a house in Storozhentsi with my children and my mother. Many thanks to the people who helped me financially. May God bless you. This money will help me to get to an oncology hospital in Romania.”



Nikitenko Ganna wrote:

“I was at home all through the war and survived the nine months of occupation. **Now I suffered from flooding caused by the blowing up of the Kakhovskaya hydropower station.** Many thanks to everyone who helps us.”



A. Volodimirovich wrote:

“The town of Toretsk has been under constant shelling by the Russian army since February 2014. There is no electricity, water or gas in the city. As we have small children, we moved to the village of Lenkivtsi in Chernivtsi region.”

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Report from brother Ruslan ZUBKO:

Good afternoon! As of February 24, 2022 when the war in Ukraine began, our life was divided into before and after. On this day, we did not understand anything when we heard the first explosions. We were not going to leave anywhere, but the explosions became more frequent and it became dangerous, we had to go down into the cellar with our small child of 4 years old (Zlata) where it was damp and cold. That night we made the decision to leave the country to protect our child

from this horror. As a man, I took the responsibility to bring out the family. For a couple of days it was necessary to obtain gasoline for the car, because there was a limited amount of 10 liters (2.6 gallons) available for sale. After we had a full tank and canisters in reserve, early in the morning we packed our things, picked up another family and set off on the road, got to the border of Ukraine, the road was long and very tense, there were big traffic jams. We stopped at friends, because the children simply could not stand this road, morally, emotionally and physically, everything was difficult. The night was literally 6 hours of sleep and early in the morning, I left again to find gas for the rest of the way. After refueling, we continued the journey again. I took my family and a friend's family to the border and at that moment I could not go any further since men were not allowed to leave. They had to continue their journey on their own. My wife Vladuslava and our 4 years daughter and the family of a friend, a woman with two children, got into a car with a person who agreed to drive them to the Polish border. Then they continued their journey on foot. There were numerous tents that were filled with people. All day they moved through these tents, where it was very stuffy and there was nowhere to sit, I just can't imagine how my little daughter endured this journey, at the end she just burst into tears from exhaustion, when there is no place to sit down to rest, to sleep, there is nothing to eat ... After crossing the border, it was night, they still had to go by bus to the camp to rest at least a little, there was only an hour in the rest camp, my daughter didn't even manage to sleep, it was one o'clock in the morning, she just fell asleep. When she had to get up, my wife tried to wake her up, but her body was so exhausted that it didn't listen to her, she got up and fell. She had to be carried in my wife's arms with bags. The wife herself, tired without strength, continued the journey, by another bus, and a train. When they had already reached the station, there they were to be met by a pastor from Finland, Oleksandr Turovsky, who agreed to take care of them. After they met, my family and a friend's family went to another place where they had to stop, and there they managed to sleep, eat, wash and rest a little. After the pastor took care of the apartment where 4 families lived, they had no money and had to travel for humanitarian aid where they could take food, hygiene products, dishes, bedding and many other things to live. In order to get out of the country, I passed the medical commission in Ukraine, because I am disabled, I have bad eyesight and a cataract in my eye, I can only see with one eye. There is also a problem with my collarbone, it was broken and did not grow properly. I lived separately, because in the apartment where the wife and child lived, only women and children lived and I lived in the center of the migration. My wife managed to apply for an apartment for our family and we were able to live together after 4 months. This is how we got to a new, unfamiliar country.

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 4 million have escaped the current war and another 3 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, nearly 1 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 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 reliable 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 3 adults and 12 children. Most of these refugees entertain the illusion of taking refuge out of their native country and their lodging and work, for a short 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. Again, thanks and God Bless, **Michael Wurmbrand**

409	Власенко	Валентин	Мефодьевич	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	ДРИСВЯННИКОВ	АЛЕКСАНДР	АЛЕКСАНДРОВИЧ	1959	Россия
418	СКВОРЦОВА	ЛЮБОВЬ	НИКОЛАЕВНА	1959	Россия
419	Варавин	Виталий	Федотович	1959	Россия
420	Дубицкий	СЕРГЕЙ	АДАМОВИЧ	1959	Россия
421	Лященко	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 long 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 most likely 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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