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Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand with wife, Sabina

"...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." (Matthew 6:8-9)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand spent 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmbrand was imprisoned nearly three years also for her Christian faith in same prisons.

**From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand:  
What do we need?**

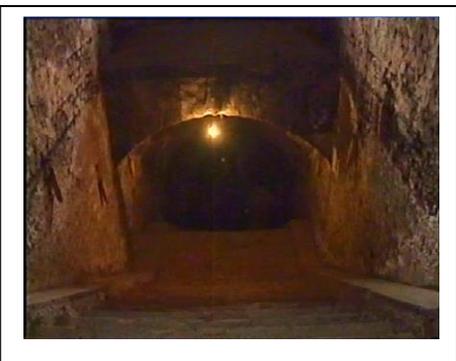
To Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews of His time, Lord Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know." (John 3:11)

We all have individual parents. The God who created heaven and earth is one father for all of us. The Lord's Prayer starts with the words "Our Father" and not the words "My Father." Humans are possessive. We cannot though monopolize God for individual needs. Therefore, we need trust God taking care of **our needs**.

Let us imagine for a moment a meeting of all the blind shown in the Gospels, having recovered miraculously their eyesight when healed by Jesus. One would have declared, Jesus healed me with one sentence: "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." (Mark 10:52) Two formerly blind persons would contradict him saying: "It could not be that simple. We are aware how Jesus placed His hand on our eyes." (Matthew 20:34) Another blind person would have asked, "How many times did Jesus touch you? If they answered, "Once" then the later would have replied, "Impossible. He had to heal me in two stages. When first He touched me, I saw men resembling trees but recovered full eye sight only after a second touching by Jesus." (Mark 8:24)

"Even this sounds hard to believe" another formerly blind in this assembly would have retorted. "Jesus healed me only by mixing a paste of His spittle and some earth dirt. Even after it was applied on my lids, I was sent to wash in a local pool named Siloam and then only I came to see." (John 9:7) The Bible describes many blind having been healed by Jesus and each one in a different way. Every one of us makes out of our individual experience a particular doctrine or think how God should act. In this way, we destroy our fellowship as Christians. Apostle Paul wrote that the breadth, length, depth and height of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge and the fullness of God may be comprehended only **with all the saints** (Ephesians 3:18-19)

An Indian king gathered around an elephant several learned yet blind persons. He asked their opinion of this animal. Those who touched the elephant body, opined he resembles an enormous log. Those who touched its legs, compared the animal to four tall poles while those who touched the tail compared it to a snake. Those who touched its ivory compared it to some bone material. Yet the elephant was more than its parts as it was just that, an elephant. Every individual point of view is a point of blindness as we hardly are aware that our vantage point limits rather than enhances total perspective. Therefore, the Bible talks about a new birth from water and the spirit. Neither water nor spirit has individual parts. They are homogenous elements. The Bible narrates of the wisdom of the King of Israel Solomon. There is an ancient Jewish legend that describes how the Ethiopian Queen of Sheba attended one of Solomon's court cases. Two elderly Jews came in front of Solomon with the following contention: One had sold the other a piece of land. The buyer discovered a buried treasure. He brought it to the seller but the seller did not want to receive it. The buyer explained he had bought in good faith this land and the price he paid for it did not cover any buried treasure, therefore the seller should have it. The seller explained how he had sold the land lock stock and barrel, with whatever was underground and therefore it would not be honest on his part to receive such a treasure. Each were shouting in front of Solomon: "yours is the treasure!" "No, the treasure belongs to you" retorted the other." In this unending shouting, none of the parties wanting to assume the treasure, the wise king Solomon asked the opposing parties: "do you have children?" "Yes, an unmarried son," replied one, while the other had an unmarried daughter. Solomon issued his judgment:" Then have your son marry his daughter and give them the treasure." The Queen of Sheba was in wonder at the nature of such a dispute. "In our land, the king or queen would have imprisoned both parties and had taken away the treasure." Solomon replied," Among the people of God contentions are like that: Everyone knows it is better to give than to receive!" Yes, the Lord's prayer starts with the word "Our." We need pray for **our needs!**



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 Jilava.

For the last 40 years, HELP FOR REFUGEES, INC. has extended financial support to Christian refugees from communist countries, orphans and Christians who had been imprisoned for their faith in present and former communist countries. Also helped is the Richard Wurmbrand College, a high school in Iasi where many children of disadvantaged families are able to study. See <http://helpforrefugees.com>.

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

### Christians helped with your gifts



Brother Rodoslavov Eugen Constantin

He writes: I was born in 1949 in a family of believers living in the city of Odessa, Ukraine, (at the time a territory of the Soviet Union.) Our family church was intensely persecuted by the communist authorities, who conducted frequent house searches to discover and forcefully seize (smuggled) Christian literature and Bibles. When only thirteen, the communist police arrested the ministers of our church. They were sentenced to 8 and 7 years of prison. When 16, there was a large underground church meeting in a forest. After Rudenco Grigori Anton, an elder from the town of Kishinev preached, I was so impressed that I dedicated my life to God and promised God to serve Him to my last breath. In 1965, 5 men and 2 sisters were arrested and sentenced to 15 years of prison for underground Christian activities. I remained then the youth-leader of the church. In 1968, 9 brethren in our church were arrested, among these myself also. Being only 19, I was the youngest among these detainees. The communist tribunal was very severe. We were all sentenced to 5 years of prison and 5 years being deported in the far-reaches of Siberia. The five years of prison I spent as a slave laborer in a coal mine in the Donbass region. Then I was deported to the far end of Siberia, to the city of Khabarovsk. (About 5,500 miles away. Russian communist authorities placed Christians on purpose far away from families in harshest possible prison camps. NT)

Though in Siberian deportation, I could start a house church in the village of Bogorodsk (close to Omsk) a church still in existence to this day. In 1980 I returned to my city of Odessa. The communist persecution continued. One night the communist authorities came to arrest both our minister Nicolaie Boico and myself. Fortunately, I was not home and so escaped being imprisoned again. From 1980 till the fall of the Soviet Union I remained the underground minister of this church. Nowadays, after communism the church has 300 members and a Sunday school with 100 children. The church conducts a Christian center for drug- and alcohol-addicts.

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Sister Lyuba Lozinskaya wrote: I was born in the city of Tula and am 67 years old. My mother, my sister and other relatives were all believers. My father was not a believer. I became a Christian when only 16 and was baptized when 17. (Being trained in music) I became the conductor of the church choir and orchestra and involved myself wholeheartedly in the Christian education of our children. Even some churches were legal we still were dragged to the police station, threatened with being arrested and slapped with high fines. In 1970 the communist authorities conducted extensive house searches in order to seize as much Christian writings as possible. We were repeatedly obliged to appear in front of prosecutors and were interrogated. On the 3rd of February 1971 I was arrested by the communist authorities and charged under article 142 of the Soviet Penal Code. I was accused of forbidden religious activity (witnessing one's faith outside state-regulated church services.) I was told I will never come out of prison. I was sentenced to one and a half years of prison. While all this took place, I thanked my God for the peace and quiet I had in my soul. I remembered the verse 5 of Psalm 139, "Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me." It seems impossible to render into words my experiences of that time. I was mocked constantly by the communist prison authorities. The prison commander made me an example of how he mocked and disgraced me in front of other detainees. The hardest time for me was the period I was transported by prison wagon from the city of Tula to the city of Atyashevo in the Republic of Mordovia. When I reached the prison camp I had though the joy of meeting believing sisters. We were praying together and even could find a smuggled Gospel, we read together. Eventually the communist authorities found this Gospel and confiscated it. Other prisoners around us, were told by the communist prison authorities we should be viewed as dangerous criminals. Many women prisoners ended up very curious and asked us about our Christian beliefs and church activities. They inquired about our faith. We had many opportunities to witness our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When freed, I was received with much love by my family and fellow church-members.



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5 years in Soviet prisons, a 40 days' hunger strike!

### My fight for the Bible by Mikhail Alexandrovich Pshenitsyn

He writes: "I was imprisoned in two periods: 1974-1976 and then again was arrested and this time was subjected from 1985 to 1988 to a really harsh communist prison camp. I had succeeded somehow to have a Bible smuggled into my cell. I hid it inside the double bottom of a nightstand. An Afghan, a common-law criminal imprisoned for murder, shared my cell-block. He had been placed there by the communist authorities to spy on me. Having no suspicions, I witnessed to him and one day he asked to allow him to read the Bible. As soon as I gave it to him, I had doubts I will ever see this Bible again. Indeed, two days later, he claimed the Bible had been taken away from him by the authorities.

I asked the Bible be returned to me but was refused. I told everyone I will fast until the Bible is brought back to me. In the beginning I did not touch any food in the prison mess. Since due to hunger I could not fulfil the work-norm, I was isolated in a stockade where I could only stretch on a bed of bare boards. The prison guards delivered food and water and were spying on me to find out if I eat. I only drank water.

It so happened in this time period the government issued a general amnesty. I was called by the prison commandant and told how if I renounce my obstinacy and start taking food, there is a chance I could be liberated and be back with my family. I answered, "I will start eating only after you return my Bible since it says in the Bible that food is sanctified through God's Word and prayer." The officer answered: "You will stay imprisoned and (when you die) we will tie just a label onto one of your corpse-toes. No one will ever know where is your grave." I answered, "How wrong. God knows everything."

I had a curious experience while being so hungry. My sense of smell became very sharp. I could tell just having a whiff, what kind of food was being prepared in the far away prison-kitchen. Though so weakened, I was able to smuggle out of prison a letter to my family describing my condition. My family alerted many Christians, even believers outside the country. The prison authorities received hundreds of protests coming by mail, by wire even. The prison authorities were so startled by such a wide-world reaction to my predicament that on the 40th day of my fasting, the Bible was given back to me. I went out of the stockade, breathing the fresh air, miraculously having new strength.

One of the common-law prisoners asked me, "so, where is the Bible?" I proudly pointed to my pocket. As soon as I took it out of my pocket, he snatched it from me. He was loudly shouting to his fellow prisoners, "I was right! I was right! I told you Mikhail will never renounce his hunger strike unless he recovers his Bible." I was wondering, how come he is so happy about me getting my Bible back? So, I asked him, "what would have happened had I come out without getting the Bible back?" He answered, "we would have killed you!" Thus, I found out these common-law criminals had placed bets on my faithful steadfastness.

Thus, God helped me remain faithful and alive!

Due to tax laws inside Romania, some help needs be sent through the local Romanian nonprofit Sabina Wurmbbrand Christian Association. The financial support is distributed in turn as financial aid to Richard Wurmbbrand High School, the Agape Orphanage or to many Christians and their families, most of them now 70 to well into their nineties. Everyone endured many years of communist prison.

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### CONFIRMARE

Fundația Creștină pentru Copii “AGAPE” din Pașcani str. Dragoș-Vodă nr. 23, jud. Iași, ROMANIA confirmă prin prezenta că a primit din partea Asociației Creștine Sabina Wurmbbrand, în data de 11.01.2017 suma de 21.520,00 lei ( douăzecișiuna mii cincisutedouăzeci lei), conform contractului de donație.

Banii se vor folosi în scopul susținerii și educației copiilor orfani ocrotiți în Centrul de Plasament al fundației AGAPE. Vă mulțumim.

Director,  
Dorin Gavril



Receipt for help in the amount of US \$5,000.00 (21,520 Romanian Lei) to the Agape Orphanage, Pașcani Romania

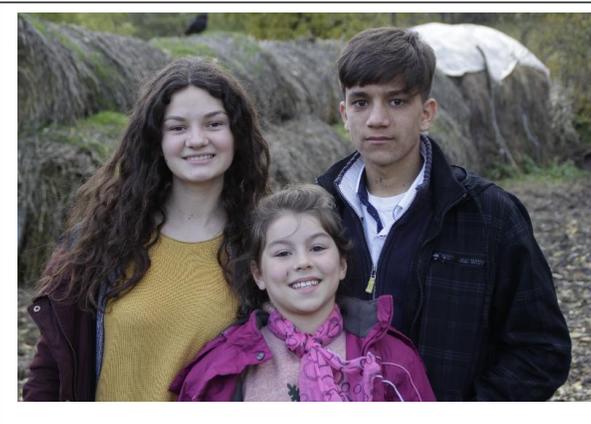
**The Agape Orphanage was started by late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand and his wife Sabina in 1993 on their last trip to Romania. At the time, Romania had close to 200,000 orphans at a population of 20 million inhabitants. The United States with a population of 345 million, has less than 130,000 orphans.**

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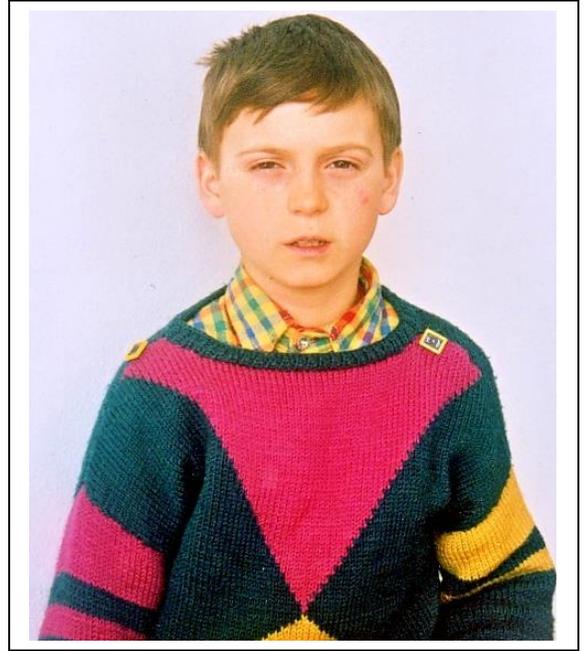
Run-down house in which the three children Vasile, Elena and Maria D, shown below lived, before being taken into the Agape Orphanage.



Vasile (now 16), Elena (15) and Maria (9) were received into the Agape Orphanage when Vasile was 10, Elena 9 and Maria only 3. The Romanian Social Services found them begging on the streets and asked the Agape Orphanage to take them in. They are dedicated Christians and excellent school students. Below: their grandmother.



## Orphans helped with your gifts



At right the orphan Iulian SAHLEANU at ten, when living in the Agape Orphanage. Iulian stayed in the Agape Orphanage to the age of 19. He met his wife Daniela, an orphan also and now have three lovely children. Iulian made a professional school and works in the metal industry. Both parents are members in an Evangelical church in Mircesti, Romania.



Above, Iulian and Daniela's wedding attended by other orphans at Agape. Pictured in front, Dorin and Carmen Gavril, the directors of the Agape Orphanage.

Sign on the wall reads:

"Jesus the Light of the World.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house!"