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Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand with wife, Sabina

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From an unpublished book of late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand.

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.'" (Matthew 9:35-38)

When the doctor's 6-years-old answered "father is not home," someone insisted, "Where could your dad be?"

The child followed: "Your best bet is to find him in a hospital helping out those who are sick!"

So is our Lord Jesus, always on the go, healing and soothing someone's suffering. Many pretend looking for a Jesus sitting in heavens and claim not finding Him. It is told that in the 17th century a young man brazenly claimed to be an atheist. This was indeed a rare occurrence with the local religious population. A wise believer told him, "what a great responsibility you have! When I meet someone suffering or in need, many a time I just say, 'Let God help him!' But you do not believe in God's existence, so you have a personal responsibility to help every needy person you happen to meet. Go around doing that and you will become aware of God's existence!"

Many years ago, I was present in the studio of Alan Burke, a TV interviewer. He had as guest the leader of the worldwide Atheistic movement, Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Her lawsuits pursued all the way to the Supreme Court, had put a stop to public prayers and Bible-reading throughout all the US public schools. During the show she was a "loud-mouth" making fun of all who believed in God. The moderator invited people from the audience to ask questions. I was first at the microphone and asked, "Mrs. O'Hair, I travelled through the entire world on 5 continents. I came across, Baptist orphanages, Pentecostal elderly people homes, Catholic or Jewish hospitals, in short many religious charitable works. Are you so kind to give me one address of an Atheistic hospital, an Atheistic orphanage? The entire studio fell into total silence, Mrs. O'Hair remaining speechless for at least four full minutes. To break the silence, the moderator, invited me to debate Mrs. O'Hair for the rest of the half-hour show. After the show I asked Madalyn O'Hair for the rights to rebroadcast the show. She refused. Eventually her life and the lives of her close family ended up tragically when all were killed by one of her

employees whom she had taught a lack of faith in God.

It is written the Lord is moved with compassion like for sheep without a shepherd. In Jesus' time the proportion of priests to the entire population was incredible. The temple in Jerusalem boasted of over 20,000 priests. Like the Gospel wrote about the father of John the Baptist, only once in a life time a priest arrived to bring incense in the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctuary of the temple. Yet the Gospel calls the Jews of Jesus time, "sheep without a shepherd."

The most powerful and self-reliant of us need compassion. Charity is part of the miracle of God's creation. Look around you how a world mired in hate, without Christian love, looks like. Haphazard "evolution" of animals would never engender compassion. Modernly a priest or minister is not always and necessarily the one ordained or the one with theological studies. Only those having the soul of a shepherd, ready to defend the safety of the sheep at all cost, may be called ministers. A true spiritual minister is dominated by the passion to bring souls to the pasture of eternal life.

It is said that gold-storing banks nowadays have such sensitive scales that the electronics are able to distinguish between a blank piece of paper and one of same size with just one word written on it. So sensitive is the scale on which our souls will be judged at the last judgment. Will on that soul be found written Jesus' name, His compassion?

In a village several believers decided to gather in the local church to pray for the poor. At the scheduled hour, a cart pulled in front of the church full with sacs of wheat flour and corn meal. The boy on top of the cart told everyone, "my father could not show up. Nevertheless he was able to send ahead these, his prayers."

Your gifts have allowed financial help be sent to the children of Agape, an orphanage started in 1993 by my parents, Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, in Pascani, Romania. Substantial help could also be sent to the Richard Wurmbrand College in Iasi, Romania and to a good number of elderly Christians in their 80s and 90s. They spent many years within communist prisons in Eastern Europe because of their Christian witness.



On the left, the village hut of the Cernat-s, a family of alcoholic parents (father died in an alcoholic coma and the alcoholic mother disappeared, totally abandoning her 5 children.) On the right two of the Cernat children, Alex and Marin praying inside the Agape orphanage. The orphanage needs over \$120,000 per year to function properly. Due to shortage of funds, the orphanage relies on local donations of food-packages, cans and containers. Some of its grown-up kids earn money working in the fields.

Thanks Letter and Biography of Rev. Tertulian LANGA from Cluj-Napoca, Romania

“Much beloved Mr. Michael Wurmbrand: In thankfulness I let you know that through ...of Bucharest I received the sum of sent by you. This deed is a sign of remarkable faithfulness to the memory of your father and of generosity according to his ideal of love and compassion toward those who, out of love for Christ’s Gospel, had to suffer under the Atheistic Communist regime of Romania. I shared the same fate as that of your heroic and unforgettable, ready of sacrifice, Richard Wurmbrand, in the sinister subterranean dungeons of the Jilava (prison.) I met him again during a short visit he made to Romania (in 1993) when I was fortunate to also make the acquaintance of the much respected Sabina Wurmbrand, his exemplary wife, who was totally devoted to the same vocation, which strengthened their union, love and service. ... I admired his generous work he was accomplishing, amply resounding in the world of suffering, a world the Pastor crossed with dedication and full of dignity. Now, over time, space and diversity, we find again our never-interrupted communion we experience in our souls and in the love of the Lord. Both you and I consider as partners in the ideals and the sacrifice which entwined our lives, tied to the same love brought into this world by Jesus Christ. Please receive, beloved brother, my thankfulness and my prayer with the hope I will meet you to thank you within the Lord’s embrace.”

Biographical Note on Rev. Tertulian Langa

Graduated in philosophy, law and theology. 3 months after he married in 1948 he was arrested by the communist government. He will see his daughter born meantime, only when she was already 16. Having been interrogated in many communist torture prisons he described these tortures: “After being beaten with fists in the face to produce a confession of guilt, with his eyes covered by dark glasses (using tin lenses) he was led into a basement room. With pants off, he was sat down, arms tied by a thick rope around folded legs and knees, while a metal bar was passed under his knees. Abruptly the metal bar was raised in the air in between supports and he ended head down. To avoid leaving marks, a wet cloth covered his bottom. Then painful blow after blow followed with some big wooden bat. To muffle the shouts of pain the torturers had stuffed old socks into his mouth. As he seemed to mumble some words instead of shouting in pain, his tormentors hoped to hear a confession. They quickly tore off the socks out of his bloodied mouth. In total consternation the torturers found out, he only had kept repeating again and again, ‘Jesus!’ It was the night before Good Friday.” At his trial the communist prosecutor declared, “there is nothing incriminating in his file. However how could he be imprisoned if not guilty. Therefore I ask the maximum sentence of 20 years.” Imprisoned uninterruptedly for 17 years, he had met many imprisoned political and religious personalities of Romania, Rev. Richard Wurmbrand included. Even while in prison he organized secret prayer meetings, sermons. Once freed he functioned as an underground minister preaching in hay-barns, cemeteries, forests and even in public markets.



Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand who made 14 years of communist prison (right) with late Reverend Langa (died in 2013) and his surviving widow, Doina. Picture was taken in 1993 after the fall of communism in Romania. (Help continues to be sent to Mrs. Doina Langa and many other bedridden Christians who were imprisoned under communism, now in their 80s and 90s.) Please pray for Doina and all these Christian families who were steadfast under communism in their Christian testimony. See a 1 and ½ minutes testimony by Rev. Langa on meeting Richard Wurmbrand in the communist prison of Jilava, Romania at: <http://helpforrefugees.com/langa.htm>

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Biography of Pantelie Petre

“I declare herewith that I had been sentenced to three years of prison (under communism) while drafted in the army. The reason of the sentence was my Christian faith to which I refused to renounce in the face of my enemies. I was sentenced by the Military Tribunal in Constanta (Romania) and taken (to execute the prison sentence) at the (construction of the Danube) Canal where I met brother Varadi Josef who ended up writing about my case in his 464 page book (available in Romanian only) entitled” The Communist Persecution...”

He wrote about me at page 163. My sentencing docket is No. 220, year 1952, Sentencing No. 13/1953. I reside presently in the city of Constanta, Romania.

I am completely deaf, living the last days of my life being helped by my wife, herself also very old and infirm. Our strength is in the Word of God in which our Father assures as that who shall remain faithful to the end will receive the crown of life, Rev. 2:10.”

Please include this family in your prayers!

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**Autobiographical Note of Rev. Cristescu Gheorghe, 79,
a Christian who suffered in Romania’s communist prisons**

“Activity: My underground church activity was uncovered by the Communist secret police only a month after being ordained and was sentenced for conspiracy against public order to 6 years imprisonment and another 5 years of house imprisonment of which I completed only 3 years and 4 month under a decree given by the new communist leader Ceausescu. Once out of jail, I was closely watched and supervised everywhere I worked.”

Though 79 he is fully active and he wrote: “(Now that the communist regime has ended) I pray Christians from abroad would help and sponsor me opening a small professional school for youngsters, so they may learn a profession for life. There is a building lot I could obtain from local believers for building such a school. Many thanks.”

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