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Late Reverend Richard Wurmland with
wife, Sabina

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**“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and
holy in all his works.”**

Psalm 145:17

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

From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmland: Profound Faith

A believer fasted and prayed fervently for a special grace, to be able see and meet an angel. An angel appeared and told him, "I was sent to fulfil your wish. Therefore, do ask!" "I need to learn God's wisdom," answered the believer. "Therefore, I beg you allow me travel here and there with you on earth and see very close-up what an angel is doing?" The angel explained to him how impossible is for humans to understand the mysterious doings of Providence. Still the believer insisted. The angel agreed on condition that the moment the believer will question anything of the angel's doings, the angel will depart from him. The believer gave him high assurances he will never question anything.

So, the angel and the believer travelled together and at night found shelter in the house of a very poor farmer. His only possession was one cow he kept for obtaining milk for his family. The farmer did his best to accommodate these guests. When leaving in the morning, the angel pronounced a few words and the cow died. The believer was in total disbelief. Is this the way the angel rewarded such generous hospitality? He asked the angel, "How could you?" The angel reminded him of his promise not to ask questions. It had been agreed, the moment any question will be answered, that would be the end of their journey together.

Next night they were received in a very unfriendly manner by the richest man in a village. They were offered no food. The rich man was in the midst of erecting some decorative, imposing walls. Again, when leaving, the angel muttered but a word and the walls appeared of themselves ready, tall and majestic. The believer though dying of curiosity reminded himself to stay silent.

Travelling further these two attended a service in a large, wealthy church. Nothing was offered to these travelers since they looked like beggars. At the end of the service the angel blessed the church and asked God to increase the church and many of the attendees should become smart and prominent. The believer still did not get it. Next night, in another town, again they attended a service in a well-packed but poor church. The angel asked God when leaving, to give wisdom and prestige to only one person in that assembly.

The believer could no more hold his tongue. "What kind of God's wisdom can I learn by accompanying this angel?" the believer doubted. "Please explain yourself," he insisted with the angel. The angel answered, "because you did not keep the promise not to ask questions, we part ways, yet I will explain: The poor man's cow was gravely ill and about to make sick the entire family. Therefore, the cow should have died as soon as possible. If the rich man had dug under the wall before it was completely erected, he would have found a treasure. I made this impossible for him to find it. To the crowded rich church, I wished them to have many prominent persons because this would conduct eventually to fights and quarrels, driving them apart. To the worthy poor assembly, I wished them only one wise leader, because this will make their assembly prosper." The angel continued, "though we part ways you need learn that God's plans are beyond the comprehension of a human mind. In all God does, He is righteous. When evil prosper, it is to their curse and where good persons are suffering, it is to their spiritual blessings."

We read how the much suffering Job answered in the end, "I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.... Therefore, I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42,3-6)

I spent 14 years in a communist prison. My wife also underwent communist imprisonment for nearly three years. I arrived in the Free World only by the grace of God. I would not have had the opportunity to hold such a meditation, had these many suffering years not taught me faith. Having faith is not a choice. There is no alternative but trust the Creator of the Universe.



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 past 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>. Anyone may use a "DONATE" button on site. "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)

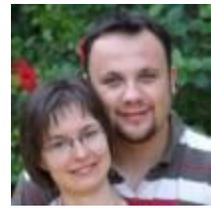
Christians helped with your gifts
A letter from the widow of a Bible-smuggler



Sister CLIPA, Teodora writes: "I was born in 1947, one of 15 children, in the Virful Cimpului village, Botosani County, Romania. My parents became practicing Christians in 1930 through the witness of a local brother who become a confessing believer only five years earlier. Even before communism, my parents were persecuted by local authorities, due to their Christian witness. I married Ioan Clipa in 1965 and we had seven children, three girls and four boys. They are all Bible-believing baptized Christians. My husband was especially eager to fulfil the Great Commission of the Gospel. He was an elder in the city of Suceava in a church belonging to the denomination called in Romanian, "Christians Committed to the Gospel" (Plymouth Brethren or Brethren Church - NT.) He involved himself under communism in the dangerous underground activity of Bible-Smuggling both in communist Romania and inside the Soviet Union. As his wife, I was secretly working with him. In one of our common trips to Poland for example, I was able to deliver 70 Russian New Testaments to a Russian believer in the Cernivtsi Gorod train station. (This town used to be inside the Soviet Union and nowadays is in Ukraine - NT.) I continued to help my husband until he got arrested by the Romanian secret police in December 1972. My husband was tortured, repeatedly beaten for this alleged "crime" of having smuggled the Word of God. As a result of these tortures, he died shortly after having been allowed out of prison. He passed away when only 42 and I remained a widow at the age of 33, my oldest kid being 14 and my youngest only two.

I was greatly helped financially through the work of late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand. One of the families who heard of our plight from brother Wurmbrand, helped us substantially and regularly so that I could send not only my children to school but I could also care for four other orphan kids. I thank God for helping my family through brother Wurmbrand."
(Read of her husband in the November 2016 newsletter at <http://helpforrefugees.com>)

Children Coming from Disadvantaged Christian Families Helped with Your Gifts At The Richard Wurmbrand College in Iasi, Romania



Cristian Lucaci,
principal of the
Richard
Wurmbrand
College
and wife
Rebeca, an
English teacher
in same high
school

Bianca Profiri (6) three brothers and parents live in a two-rooms home in the village of Corni, Vaslui County, over 60 miles from the Richard Wurmbrand College in Iasi. The older brothers Andrei and Vlad are enrolled tuition-free in the Richard Wurmbrand College and return home only every two weeks.

The Richard Wurmbrand Christian school is located in Iasi, in the North-Eastern part of Romania, close to what used to be the border with the Soviet Union. Therefore, the communist influence is still strong in the city. A lot of the children come from poor villages around Iasi. The poverty rate in this area is 40%, being the highest in the country. The poor children statistics read as follows: 16% of children have parents working abroad, 24% are neglected children, 11% are abandoned children, 10% are institutionalized orphans. Some of the activities the children do to support themselves or their families: Beggars 41%; Salesmen 17%; Car-washers 3%; Thieves 2%; Traders 25%; Recyclers 5%; Domestic activities 7%. The Romanian educational system is disastrous. The smallest salaries in the educational system in the European Union are those of the Romanian teachers. A Romanian teacher earns in one

year the amount of money a Danish teacher earns in a month or a Luxemburg teacher in 2 weeks. The average monthly salary of a Romanian teacher is about \$300 while prices of goods in stores are at the level of Western Europe! This Christian School was started in 1995 with the vision to bring the light of the Gospel into the spiritual darkness of the Romanian society. The spiritual darkness may be seen from the fact that recently one million pilgrims came to Iasi to worship the bones of a local saint.



Bianca Porfiri in front of her home.

Due to tax laws inside Romania and Eastern Europe, some help needs be sent through the local Romanian nonprofit Sabina Wurmbrand Christian Association. The financial support is distributed in turn as financial aid to Richard Wurmbrand High School, the Agape Orphanage or substantially to many Christians in Eastern Europe, most of them now 70 to 90 years old. Everyone endured many years of communist prison.

The Children at the Agape Orphanage

Look from what dilapidated buildings and surroundings they come!



Andrei's and Andrea's Christian Family

**Agape Orphanage Helped with Your Gifts!
Children Taken-In at the Agape Christian Orphanage. See How They Have Matured!**



**The four children in the Gheorghies family at Agape (clockwise from left):
Emi, Andrei, Carmen, Alex (late 90s)**



**A happy Christian family: Emi with
husband and their 3 children**



Alex' and Rita's Wedding

Carmen Gheorghies graduated in biology and trains now to become a missionary.

The Agape Orphanage in the city of Pascani Romania was started by late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand and his wife Sabina in 1993, on their last trip to Romania.

Christians helped with your gifts
 All 11 children in the Schipor Family
 attended or attend still the Richard
 Wurmbrand College



Levi (left with sister Damaris and parents) is the youngest child in a family with eleven children. The entire family lives in a 3-room apartment. The Schipor family decided early on to enroll their children in a Christian school when the Richard Wurmbrand Christian School had just opened in Iasi. In the first year of the existence of the school, they had their oldest son in the first fifth grade and, since then, all their eleven children have studied and graduated at the Richard Wurmbrand College.

The family is in a precarious financial situation, for the mother is a housewife and the father is a handyman. They have decided however, to give each of their children the challenge of a very good education in a Christian environment. This is why they have sacrificed a lot so that their children could study at the Richard Wurmbrand Christian School. They helped paint the school and the extensively needed cleaning.

Like his older brothers and sisters, Levi has his responsibilities in the house. He is a very active child and he dreams of becoming a firefighter. Levi goes to an evangelical church in Iasi where he loves the music and attends the children's choir. He also enjoys learning Bible verses. He knows Psalm 117 by heart.

Christians helped with your gifts
 Hid in her Home, Ministers Sought to be
 Arrested by the Romanian Communist Police



Late Eugenia Farcas
 Sister Farcas had 4 small children but was not scared to place the whole family in jeopardy in order to help the church, hold underground church meetings, etc. Her husband Vasile made 8 years of communist prison. Eugenia only one and a half years.



Late Reverend Grigore DOGARU
 was arrested by the Romanian communist regime, was tortured and ended up in a labor camp at the Danube-Black Sea Canal in a group with another 40 ministers.

He spent nearly three years in communist prisons and another 3 under house arrest. Still he led a strong Christian underground activity, had 8 children and was able to build a church after the fall of communism in Romania.



One of the Agape Orphanage Receipts (5/2017 for \$3,000)