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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**



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"And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter."

(Revelation 10:10)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand spent 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand

### **Bitter Books!**

Many volumes have been written by authors who explained that the Book of Revelation has another sense than what is written. My belief is that Revelation tells a literally true story: an angel with a minuscule booklet in his hand appeared. Why would an angel use such a trick? Did he wish to smuggle some new teaching into the church? The Greek word used here is a double diminutive, but even this is distorted. The right expression would be "bibli-darion." St. John uses, cleverly, "biblaridion" instead. It is like using in English "crook" instead of "book". John was afraid of new books in the church. Four authentic Gospels and some valuable epistles had been written. Enough! But then forgers began writing their own "gospels," that of Infancy, of Nicodeme, and many others. Teachers of false doctrines covered their heresies with the names of Jesus and Paul. Many corrupted the word of God (II Corinthians 2:17). Then the church decided not to accept new books as revelations.

John would not have accepted one even if brought by an angel, for Paul had warned that an angel, too, might bring a different Gospel from the true one. (Gal. 1:8) The unusual size of the book might have made John suspicious. His fear was unfounded in this case. The angel

tested him and he passed. The angel, happy about the refusal, tells him to destroy the new book. Being small, it could be easily swallowed. It will be sweet in his mouth. Destroying false teachings tastes like candy. It does not matter if the stomach gets a bit upset.

Nothing has hurt mankind so much as books. It has been calculated that for every word written by Hitler in his "Mein Kampf" 500 innocents were killed. Marx, Lenin, and Stalin have written much more, but millions were exterminated for each one of their books. Only in the other world will we see how many millions of souls went into everlasting hell because of atheist works or those of false religious teachers.

My documented work "Was Karl Marx a Satanist?" has appeared in at least 14 languages. In this book I give the proofs that MARX was high priest of a devil-worshipping sect, with the declared aim of bringing mankind into the abyss. \*

What about LENIN? He urged that the great French atheist philosophers' books should be translated into Russian. Did he not know who these were? VOLTAIRE, one of them, in a letter to another philosopher, DAMILAVILLE, on March 8, 1762, calls the atheist philosophers "my brethren in Beelzebub," just as believers call each other "brethren in Christ". He writes about DAMILAVILLE that "He does not deny God, he hates him."

Lenin was anxious to spread throughout RUSSIA the books of devil-worshipping God haters. How many are in hell because of these books? Everything else that Marxists propagate is just bait to attract the masses. But why should men be brotherly toward each other if we are only matter and have not God as father? How will Lenin's followers create the new Socialist man without Christ as forgiver of sins and without the Holy Spirit to regenerate them?

The Communists and atheistic socialists use nice slogans. In the West they even have men who propagate their Satanic doctrine in the name of Christ. The same thing happened during the Russian Revolution. The Communist poet ANDREW BLOCK had written, "Jesus Christ, crowned with white roses, the bloody flag in his hand, marches invisibly heading the columns of revolutionist fighters." When these fighters came to power, they closed thousands of churches and killed millions of believers. This is the harm that even a book of poetry can do. Beware yourself and warn your children of any new book in matters where God's revelation has given a definitive answer. In the words of Isaiah (8:20), "If they speak not according to (God's) word, it is because there is no light in them."

\*The book "Was Karl Marx a Satanist?" and other titles by Richard Wurmbrand may be read online at: <https://richardwurmbrandfoundation.com> (third column, N. Ed.)



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)

### Helped with your Gifts!

Some pictures of Christians Imprisoned under Communism for the Faith

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



**Victor FILIPSHIN**  
Suffered 2 years imprisonment for storing Christian literature in his home. Wife remained home with 5 children. Read his testimony in the 10/2017 Newsletter.



**PANFILOVA Alevtina**  
Suffered 2½ years of communist prison and threatened with being confined in an asylum for printing Christian literature. Read her testimony in the 10/2017 Newsletter.



**Victor PEREDEREEV**  
Suffered 5½ years imprisonment in the former Soviet Union for distributing Christian literature in churches. Read his testimony in the 10/2017 Newsletter.



**Pavel LACATOSH**  
Suffered 3 years imprisonment in the former Soviet Union for storing Christian literature in his home. Read his testimony in the 10/2017 Newsletter.

### Christians Helped with your Gifts

#### First Sentenced to Death, Suffered then 16 Years of Soviet Prison for the Faith



“Peace unto you!

Writing this letter to you is the son of Vasiliy Makarovich Aleksandr. I am 65 years old. You request that I recount my father's hardships and sufferings. He spoke about himself in a very humble manner.

#### First, about my grandfather!

My grandfather, also was imprisoned for his faith, but we know hardly anything at all about him. Being imprisoned for the faith, was a common occurrence during those times. (A Christian by the name of) Miiyakov Dmitriy Vasils served in the local church. When he learned of my father's name, he said, "I sat in prison with your father Sheshenko Makar Korneyev." He described him further, "There was a saying circulating in the (Soviet) prison camp: If anyone in the camp wanted to know a correct answer to his (religious) question, ask ‘the saint.’ He was the reflection of light. "

#### About my father!

The first ten - year sentence my father received was for the refusal to bear arms during wartime. He was summoned together with other Christian brethren. Loyalty to the Lord was tested immediately upon their arrival to the military unit. Having arrived to the military unit, the commander said, "We will now check your loyalty. You want (to go to) heaven - you'll soon be there, since you don't wish to defend your homeland."

Two (2) of the Christians present were taken to a forest. They were ordered to dig pits. When everything was ready, they stood them on the edge and made them an offer to recant their faith.

How to confirm such a recantation? They were offered either to smoke or to repeat vile words uttered by the commander. The brother whom my father was with, did not withstand this test, fulfilled the command - and lit a cigarette.

My father refused to obey the command, saying that he will be faithful to his convictions till death. For his unfulfillment of the order, the sentence was to be meted out on the spot. That conversation was taking place at the edge of the dug-up pits.

The commander withdrew a few paces back, and with these words, shot dead the one who had just recanted, shouting, "You betrayed your God, and your kind...we don't need." He ordered my father to fill the pit up with dirt. He did not shoot my father but took him to be tried by the tribunal and given 10 years imprisonment.

He shared very little about his first imprisonment. He did hard labor in a lower part of a forest. The difficulty lay in this, that one stood in the constant frozenness, and underneath the snow there was water and the feet were always wet. He returned home after his imprisonment - to die...as they say. He was ill with tuberculosis. But God was merciful and sent healing.

In 1961, God revived the church and the brethren formed the Council of Churches. Sumekaya Church was one of the first to go the path of cleansing and illumination. There were no ministers in the church. The church charged my father with the role of deacon. He manifested faithfulness/loyalty, fulfilling that until the end of his life. At that time, fines were issued to the owner of the house and to preachers but for the "elders", criminal cases were opened. Even throughout severe persecution, the church conducted services: in the forest, in the suburbs, on landings. My father was sentenced twice to 3-year terms of strict regime for conducting services. He served his time in the same camp - Donetskaya province, city of Debaltsevo. He told us nothing about these prison terms.

He conducted service under the constant persecution from the authorities. He was exposed to fines multiple times for providing his house for church (services). Christians did not pay the fines because they were not guilty. Therefore, the (sum of) fines were withheld from salaries and pensions. Hence there was nothing available to withhold, the executors of the court would come from the tribunal in order to write-up something to the "fines" account, but since there was nothing of value to be found in the house, they wrote up the chickens and took them away, about a dozen of them. So then, we lived much more according to the Word: "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." (I Timothy 6:8) God doesn't abandon the faithful. The family never went without daily bread. "O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him." (Ps. 34:9) In the photo: Father, Mother and (on left) youngest sister Nadejda Vasiliyevna, who is in need of help. She is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree invalid with Incurable Encephalitis. “

\*The mission helped the surviving son!

## Christians Helped with Your Gifts

### Richard Wurmbrand Highschool Teachers Feed Homeless During Pandemic In Iasi, Romania



**Cristian Lucaci**, the Principal of the Richard Wurmbrand High School in Iasi, Romania and wife Rebeca, an English teacher at same school. This state-accredited school was started in 1993, three years only, after the fall of the communist regime. The founding Christians had read books of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, introduced surreptitiously during communism in Romania and it was their choice to name the school to honor late Pastor Richard Wurmbrand missionary work.



## Abandoned Children Helped with Your Gifts

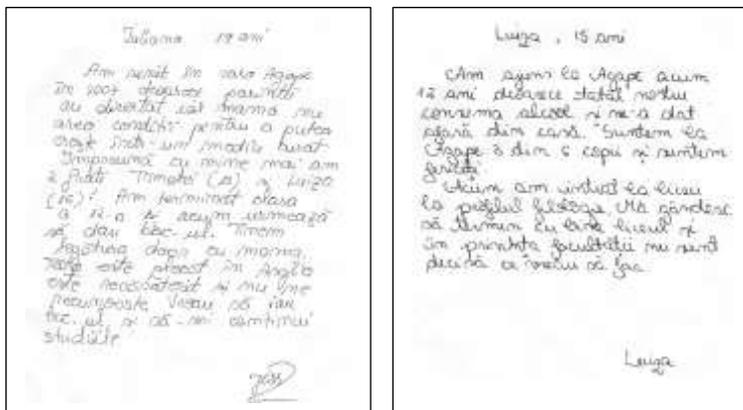


Teodora Ana (see 10/2019 Newsletter) and Iuliana P at Agape. The Agape Orphanage was established in 1993, in Pascani, Romania by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand and wife Sabina.

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409	Власенко	Валентин	Мефодьевич	1958	Украина
410	Вольф	Андрей	Корнеевич	1958	Казакстан
411	Куркин	АЛЕКСЕЙ	ЯКОВЛЕВИЧ	1958	Россия
412	Левин	НИКОЛАЙ	ВИКТОРОВИЧ	1958	Казакстан
413	Романюк	Владимир	Николаевич	1958	Украина
414	Тислен	Давид	Давыдович	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	Варовин	Виталий	Федотович	1959	Россия
420	Дубицкий	СЕРГЕЙ	АДАМОВИЧ	1959	Россия
421	Лашенко	Борис	Владимирович	1959	Украина
422	Тягичко	ИВАН	ИВАНОВИЧ	1959	Казакстан
423	МАРЧЕНКО	Станислав	Павлович	1960	Украина
424	Донченко	Александр	Максимович	1960	Украина
425	Отмаков	Венедикт	Александрович (Валерианов)	1960	Узбекистан
426	Савченко	Михаил	Михайлович	1960	Эстония
427	Федеева (ШВЕЦОВА)	ДИНА	ВЛАДИМИРОВНА	1961	Австрия
428	ШВЕЦОВА	АННА	ВЛАДИМИРОВНА	1962	Австрия
429	Богородице	Александр	Валерьевич	1962	Эстония
430	Миников	Павел	Дмитриевич	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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> column together, show year of birth and the most recent country they live in (like Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, etc.) We try obtain 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 of other languages. Many of their testimonies you can read in the monthly newsletter. Testimonies available also on the internet. **Look up third column at:** <https://helpforrefugees.com>



**Iuliana P. wrote:** “I was taken into Agape in 2007. My parents divorced (father abandoned us) and mother had no means raise us in a clean environment. Two siblings were taken in together with me, a brother Timothy (now 13) and a sister Luiza (16). I just finished 12<sup>th</sup> high school grade and need take the baccalaureate exam (a comprehensive exam given at end of high school in Romania and most other European countries N. Ed.) I am only in touch with mother. Father travelled to Great Britain, did not remarry but does not recognize us (as his children.) If I pass the baccalaureate exam, then I need continue my studies.”

**Iuliana’s sister, Luiza wrote:** “I arrived at Agape 12 years ago since our father drank and threw us out of our home. We are three siblings here out of six children and we are happy. I entered a humanities high school. I want to complete well my high school and am not decided yet what to study further.

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