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We help orphans and elderly Christians (many in their eighties, 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 Wurmband with wife, Sabina

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Announcement:

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

"He worshipped him." (John 9:38)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmband suffered. 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmband, Sabina, 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmband
TRUE WORSHIP

The life of a believer consists of worshipping Christ. We worship Him in three manners: by loving, patient, joyous bearing of our cross, by prayer and by right action.

Atrocities in Red China

In streets, out of tourist sight in Red China, you can read the slogans "May the revolutionary regime stay red for ten thousand generations" (the hope that the Communist regime will become more human is an illusion) and "Let what is called human affection get out of the way" (Mao-Tse-Tung and the Chinese Cultural revolution by R. Lifton, Random House).

The Communists wish to destroy the natural human affection, love, hope, faith, attachment. For this they use the cruelest methods. We don't even know if our jailed Chinese brethren WEN-YUANG, KUNG, LIU-LING, CHIU, CHOU-CHING-TSE, TUNG-HU-EN, FANG-AI-CHIH, CHOU-FILCHING and tens of thousands of others are still alive after all the tortures they had to endure. In Beijing there is the prison TS'AO LAN TZU, renowned for its intellectual gas chambers, in which people are made to lose their mind by brainwashing and to realize that they are going insane. You could call it hell, if it were not for death which releases you from it. You are tortured by your own cell-mates which have been lured or frightened to become tools of the Communists. One of the tortures is called a TOU CHENG (accusation process) lasting weeks,

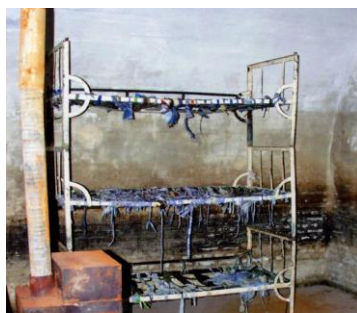
during which tens gather around a Christian, shouting at him, cursing him, beating him, while he has to kneel down. When this is not enough to squeeze "a confession, the worst physical tortures are used. By these tortures, children have been made to sign petitions requesting the execution of their fathers. Wives request the execution of their husbands. ("Four years in a Red Hell" by HAROLD RIGNEY, Henry Regnery Company.) Christians remember that Christ has suffered such things to save us and worship Him by bearing their cross with gentleness, meekness and love. We call all Christians who enjoy freedom outside of communist countries to the worship of prayer with intercession on behalf of our persecuted brethren. Ask also from your pastors and priests that not one religious service should pass without public prayer for the tortured Christians of Red China. God needs children to worship Him by deeds. To stand up for God means to risk to lose Mummy and Daddy. Christian parents are often deprived of their children, if these witness for their faith in school. God needs children in the schools of the free world, too. Will you stand up for Christ in your school?

Mao-Tse-Tung has written "In order to win victory, we must try our best to seal the eyes and ears of the enemy, making him blind and deaf." (Works, vol. II) Henry KISSINGER wrote in his book "Nuclear weapons and foreign policy" (published for the Council of Foreign Relations by Harper & Brothers) that for Communists "peaceful coexistence is the most efficient offensive tactic, the best means to subvert the existing order." He warns that "MAO places great emphasis on the ability to create illusions for the enemy and then strike him with a surprise attack." He also writes "It was because the noncommunist powers refused to believe in irreconcilable antagonisms, that the USSR has emerged in the center of Europe and China has achieved a dominant position in Asia."

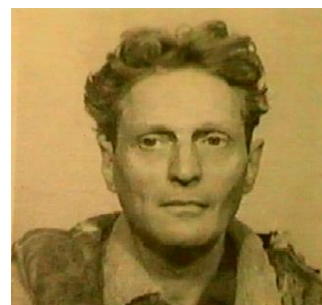
God needs dedicated ministers. You here, are free to minister. You are called to worship by unmasking the evils of communism and winning communists for Christ. Do you wish to be one? God needs you. He calls you to worship by action. A man plucked weed together with his wife in their garden. He saw an angel who told him "It is time to come to your eternal abode." The man answered "It would leave so much more work for my wife to do. Allow me to finish.' The angel nodded his assent. In the evening, the man helped his wife to wash the dishes. The angel came again calling him to the eternal abode. But they had had guests and the dishes were many. The man said "Let me not leave the whole burden of bringing the house in order to my wife. Let me tarry a little bit more." The angel acquiesced again. Late, when the man had gone to bed, he called the angel "Now you can come and take me to the eternal abode. The angel appeared and answered "That is where you have been this whole day." To work for the Kingdom of heaven is heaven. To work for the glory of God is to worship. God calls Christians to become workers in His harvest.



The Communist Jilava Prison.
Entrance to the underground cells.



Prison cell with bunkbeds with no mattress, prisoners were obliged to sleep on. Stove for show only, never heated in cold winters.



Mug-shot of Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand 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!)



On Pentecost Sunday, 1958 Reverend Visky Ferencz was arrested by the Communist secret police together with other 20 Christians of the (Calvinist) Reformed Church and placed in a show-trial in Oradea in the Military Court. He was sentenced for his Christian activities to 22 years of hard-labor prison. Rev. Richard Wurmbrand spent several years under Communism in the same prison cell with Reverend Visky. He described him as one of the true saints he has met in his life.



The wife of Reverend Visky, Iulia (center back) with their seven children and Deme Maria (back left) a Christian lady who volunteered to be deported with this family to the no-man's land of Baragan under the terror-regime in communist Romania.

Though not imprisoned or sentenced to prison, Ms. Deme Maria, a member of his church, requested with tears in her eyes to be deported together with the wife and his 7 children.

(Read the full testimony in our online 5/2016 Newsletter.)



Children in the Agape Orphanage, Pascani, Romania. Your gifts have allowed us to send help to this orphanage founded in 1993 by late pastor Richard Wurmbrand and his wife Sabina. We also help the Richard Wurmbrand College (an established, accredited Evangelical elementary and high school, 1-12 grades) in Iasi, Romania.



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

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

Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with Your Gifts!



In our country we have around 50,000 refugees from Ukraine.

In my town Rakvere we have a special center for refugees from Ukraine. Last Saturday I was visiting this place and distributed food for 20 persons. I have many friends in this house. Yesterday we have five refugees in our service in the church. Two of them were orphans! Every refugee has a difficult story..."

Mother **Margarita** with Ukrainian refugees daughters **Veronika BALAKAR** and **Nadiia BALAKAR** wrote:

"Our trip to Estonia lasted 6 days. One day we drove by car, and at night we spent the night in a kindergarten. We also spent the day in a bomb shelter.

Then, we spent 12 hours in a sitting position in the evacuation carriage, after which we spent the night in Lviv, Poland.

We crossed the border with Poland with the help of a kind Estonian, slept in Poland, and then drove to Estonia for 2 days." It was difficult, but thanks to good people, the difficulties were overcome."

Pastor Stanislav Sirel who helped locate the Balakars refugees family wrote: "Thanks for your interest about Estonia and my mission work. I am 67. I am a pastor in a Pentecostal congregation in Rakvere. We are living 100 km from Tallinn. Usually I am visiting Tallinn once per week. Every week I am working with refugees from Ukraine and with poor people in Narva, less than a quarter mile from the Russian border. Now this work is very important.



Sister **Svitlana Sukhina** wrote: Thank you very much for your letter. To make a long story short, I fled with my three daughters on the third day after the war started. The children were very scared because there were explosions in our city in the first days.

We traveled only with small backpacks, it doesn't matter where exactly. It was difficult to get on the train because of the number of people. But with God's help we reached Lviv from Kryvyi Rih, helping people from Kharkiv whom we picked up on the way.

In Lviv, there was no way for us to go to Poland, we tried all possible options, but nothing worked. So we had to stay there for two more nights. We prayed with the children that God would help us.

One believing man agreed to take us to the border. We saw with our own eyes the queues of cars and many people simply left their vehicles to reach the border on foot. After crossing the border, we were still sitting in some school and waiting for them to take us further. We saw a lot of tears, fear and scared people. It was very difficult to explain to the children what was happening, because I myself did not understand how to be and what to do.

When we reached Warsaw, we began to help others. You can get from Kryvyi Rih to Warsaw in about 15 hours, but our journey took 5 days. Thank you!"



Brother **Yura SAVIN** wrote: "Thank God, dear brothers and sisters, we welcome you with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to briefly describe myself to you, in 2011 I fell ill, my kidneys failed and I was transferred to an artificial kidney and my health became worse and worse, every day I received blood transfusions, and the doctors could not diagnose me and said that they could not help me in any way that I'm dying And we prayed that God would heal me and show me a way out, and God gave us the word, Romans 15:24-28.

We accepted this word and with God's help and the miracle he showed us we arrived in Spain. And then the Lord began his work of healing, I was diagnosed with cancer myeloma And my family and I began to serve and help sick people who needed help as we did. Thanks to God, I have been living for 10 years, I am going through various difficulties, but I know that God extends my life so that I can continue to serve him. Our family, my wife Iryna and son Benjamin and daughter Josephine, we serve in the Church of the Bride of Christ in the city of Murcia. I am the pastor of the church and I serve the Lord to the extent of my health. I thank God for giving us the opportunity to serve him. Due to the state of my health, I do not have the strength to work physically and only one wife works in the family. I filled out this form. If God puts it on your heart to support our family, we will be very grateful. With respect and love Yura"

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 four million have escaped the current war and another three 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, one 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 closer to the 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 dependable 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 three adults and twelve children. Most of these refugees entertain the illusion of taking refuge out of their native country and their lodging and work, for a brief 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.

*(**Update February 2024:** Refugees still pour-in most days at the rate of 8,000-10,000!) Michael Wurmbrand

409	Власенко	Валентин	Медфодьевич	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	Ляшенко	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 lengthy 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 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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