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Late Reverend Richard Wurmland with
wife, Sabina

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**" Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby
some have entertained angels unawares."
(Hebrews 13:2)**

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

From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmland

Surrounded by Angels

One sleepless night , I tried recollect as best I could, visitors who passed through my home. Being a minister, these were very many. I asked myself who of these could have been angels? Some of the visitors I was of help in my life, ended up being very harmful to myself and my family. How could these have been angels? Others did me good. Nothing though beyond normal human feelings. They did not seem to fit my notions of true angelic beings.

From the spiritual point of view, a human can be something different than what appears to our eyes. Some humans are true devils. During the time I suffered 14 years in Romanian communist prisons, I met an extremely evil communist torturer. He repeated often: "I thank God , in whom I do not believe, such a time has arrived (he meant communism) when I can show all my evil being." Indeed a true devil in a human body.

Other fellow humans proved being angels or we do not know how else describe them better. Were we able talk to a caterpillar and tell it, one day you will fly here and there as a multi-colored butterfly, it would hardly believe us. But this is the miracle of God's creation. Lord Jesus explained how his contemporaries did not know well the Scripture or the power of God. At the resurrection, believers will be like the angels! (Matthew 22:29-30)

My wife Sabina was also imprisoned by the Romanian communist regime for nearly three years. She was imprisoned in a labor camp where for many hours prisoners were breaking stones with sledge-hammers and loaded and unloaded stones into train wagons, for the building of a canal by the Danube river. More than 100,000 prisoners were held in this labor camp. Thousands died in this camp. The communist told the inmates, "we use you here till you die of hunger and from being sick."

The tortures suffered by Christians at this communist prison camp were beyond belief. Thus brother Terelai Petrica for instance, described: "I was working close to the prison morgue. There I witnessed daily 3-5 corpses having their parts of their legs, heads or ribs cut off or broken (from tortures.) Most prisoners who died though, died of hunger. The icy cold finished all off, as there were no windows or doors during the heavy (Romanian) windy winters. The doors and windows were introduced and tightly shut though during summer (so as to torture us with stuffing heat.) " Brother Szekely Balint also imprisoned there wrote: "Where I was kept in the Danube Canal Labor Camp the death of a person was considered of the importance of the death of a fly. At one time the head guard hit someone with a shovel so brutally that he broke his hand. The (communist) commanding officer at the "Five Ridges" Colony at this Canal Prison Camp would force detainees to stretch on the ground and he would dance on their body similarly to the dancing of a bear, as he was way more than 200 lbs." And brother Prodan Ioan recalled: "As to the Danube Canal prison-camp "Calvary," I should describe here only how the dead were thrown naked into shallow graves, as due to the freeze the other prisoners could not dig deep. In the spring, dogs were uncovering the graves and eating up these corpses. This was the communist inferno." And a Christian, Stefanache Dragomir also described: "It was the most frightening extermination camp the population (under communism) knew of. I was left outside to freeze to death and found by some people in some ditch. People who found me realized I was not dead but had totally passed out."

My wife recounted a miracle that happened during her imprisonment time in this Danube labor camp: "One Sunday when brought back to our prison cell, some five or six women gathered on the concrete, under the bed in order to be able to pray together without being seen through the door peephole. We did not have a Bible but repeated in a whisper from memory, passages of the Bible about Saint Stephen who before he was stoned to death, was "being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55) Again about Saint Stephen: "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. " (Acts 6:15)

"While we were talking in a low voice under the bed about Saint Stephen, we had among us a lady, formerly one of the richest ladies of Romania. She was not a Christian. She was in prison because her husband had been one of the political leaders of the country before communists came to power. She said, "I wonder about you the Christians, you seem to be intelligent women, but how could you believe that Stephen, standing before his enemies knowing that he would be put to death, how could you believe it, that his face could be so beautiful?" A Christian lady answered, "I am sorry for you. You do not know Jesus, the Son of God. But whenever Jesus comes in a heart, He never comes alone, He always comes with all His richness. He comes with His angels. He comes with the glory of heaven and so when you open your heart and Jesus comes in your heart to be your Lord and Savior, He brings His beauty. And so Stephen could be so beautiful like an angel. "

"In the middle of this dialogue, at once the door opened. The Communist guard came directly to the place where we were gathered under the bed, brought us all out, gave everyone a hard beating. Bleeding with many wounds, he threw us back into the cell. We Christians knew too well what price we had to pay to talk from the Bible and to pray. We were afraid for this lady who was not a Christian, how will she react and what would she say?

"While we were thinking about these things, the first one who spoke to me was this formerly rich, rich lady who now was poor and hungry, bleeding all over the face, smeared with blood and tears. She said, "Now I know the very fact that the Communists are persecuting the Christians, the very fact that they have beaten us only because we would speak about Jesus. This very fact for me is the best proof, that your God is God indeed. And your Jesus will be also my Jesus the Savior." And she did not know that now her face smeared with blood and with tears, shone and was beautiful like the face of an angel."



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! Three years of Communist Prison for Printing Bibles



Baptist Minister Andrei Borinsky with Wife Vera and Their Nine Children

Brother Borinsky wrote: "I was born in Singerei Noi of the former Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic of the Soviet Union (now Republic of Moldova.) I come from a family of believers and had 8 brothers and two sisters. When 17 and eight month, I was baptized. Less than a year later I was drafted to the communist Soviet army. They punished me in some kind of local stockade for refusing to swear an oath to the Soviet state. The authorities tried their best, in many manners to destroy my faith but praise the Lord who allowed me remain faithful. Eventually I was let go from the army and I involved myself as much as possible in the church life. I was playing in a church orchestra, was leading a choir, led evangelism among youth. Still I wanted to do more.

"When 20 ½ I got deeply involved in printing Christian literature in an underground printing shop. After two years, the leader of this Christian shop was arrested and so I remained in charge for another six years. All our team made out of myself and six Christian ladies was discovered and eventually arrested. The arrests took place in the town of Obreja in October of 1985. We were interrogated during 8 months. At the end of the eight months of deprivations and interrogations, the authorities ended up congratulating us in a way by admitting that we had not denounced our Christian contacts, spreading the literature we were printing and that will turn out better for everyone.

"Such printing of Bibles was considered slanderous to the Soviet communist state. For this supposed 'crime,' I was tried and sentenced to three years of prison. Many a night when going to sleep in my cell, I was praying, **"Lord, if my death will praise You more than (being alive within) these cold walls of this cell, I am ready to be killed for Your sake."** God destroyed Satan's temptations. Far from being depressed I was a joyful Christian. Many asked me, "how come you are so cheerful in this sad prison?" I replied, **"I am happy no one can take the presence of the Lord from my heart,"** Even in prison God gave me much faith and allowed me be in communion with Him. I am nowadays, after the fall of the Soviet Union, a church minister. Five of my brothers are ministers as well. Four of my children are members in our church. May God give you plenty of blessings! With Love, Andrei Borinsky."

Christians Helped with Your Gifts! 10 Years of Prison Sentence for Christian Church Activities



Myself, Krivko Michail Sergheevichi was born in 1933, in a family of menial workers, in the Kharkiv Region, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. All Baptist churches were registered under the communist Soviet government. The communist police watched strictly over all church activities. The government named or fired ministers and led all voting activities inside the church. A true spiritual revival happened in the year 1961. This gave rise to an incredible persecution of all churches by the communist authorities. I was arrested on Christmas Day, 1961 and sentenced to one and a half years of prison. My charge was that I asked loudly in the church, not to allow the communist government mix up in the life of our church. As soon as freed I continued being intensively active in the life of the unregistered churches. Again in 1984, I was arrested and sentenced this time under

same charges, to 10 years of prison. I was freed upon the fall of communism in the former Soviet Union in 1988, when a general amnesty took place and hundreds of thousands of prisoners came out of all communist Soviet prison camps, the Gulags. I thank God for the path He guided me upon all my 84 years. I also thank you, for your intention to help us. May the Good God bless you.

Christians Helped with Your Gifts! Three Years of Communist Prison for Binding Christian Literature



Peace! My name is Andrietz Alexander Ivan. I was born in a family of believers in the city of Komunarsk (named Alchevsk now) in the Voroshilovgrad region, in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. I became a believer early in my youth and involved myself in the youth-life of the (underground) church. The authorities followed closely the secret activities of this unauthorized church. The Soviet Secret Police (KGB) tried very hard to infiltrate their agents among the believers. In our home, a good number of us, youngsters were gathered regularly to help out the underground Christian literature that was being printed. We were for instance manufacturing hard covers for the binding of Christian books.

On June 1, 1985 the KGB descended upon our home. The policemen confiscated a good number of the New Testament for Children, Evangelical songbooks and much other printed material. I was arrested same day and interrogations lasted 3 months. When the trial took place I was sentenced to three years of prison under Article 187 of the former Soviet Penal Code. This Penal Code punished the spreading of Christian literature, as being a slandering of the Soviet communist state. These prison years, I was incarcerated in a communist prison in a small town named Zhovti Vody not very far from the town named Dnipropetrovsk, in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

I live now in the city of Merefafa in the Kharkiv Region, Ukraine. I am both a minister of a local Baptist church and am responsible for children Sunday schools in the Kharkiv region. I thank God for receiving the strength to be faithful to him.

**We Sent One of our US Donors to Visit the Agape Orphanage
and the Richard Wurmbrand High School in Romania (September 2017)**

He reported: "Our time with Carmen and Dorin (Agape Orphanage Directors) has also been exceptional. I have spoken about Beloved Richard and our Dear Sabina often. So often that one of the children at Agape asked in public, "why are you so impressed with Richard Wurmbrand?" 90% of what I said came from The Oracles of God."



Lunch at the Agape Orphanage and Kindergarten



**Christian Songs Meeting in the Woods
for the Agape Orphans**

Due to tax laws inside Romania and Eastern Europe, 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 in Eastern Europe, most of them now 70 to 90 years old. We help the families of those who endured many years of communist prison.

Help to Disadvantaged Children



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Filocalia Foundation – “Richard Wurmbbrand” Christian School, str. Smârdan nr. 13, Iași, 700399, registered as a non-profit foundation, having the fiscal code 3204471, represented by Mr. Adonican Dascalu, confirms by this document that we received \$2,000 (7,700 lei) on September 29, 2017, from **Asociația Creștină Sabina Wurmbbrand**, represented by Michael Wurmbbrand. This donation was made to support the education of children from disadvantaged families.

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Richard Wurmbbrand High School Visit (Grades: 1-12)
 School has about 430 Students
 On the Right: **Cristian Lucaci**, Principal



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