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Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand with wife, Sabina

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"We returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work." (Nehemiah 4:15)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand spent 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmbbrand 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand:

Christians are doing a great work!

After many years of being slaves in Babylon, around year 440 BC, some Jewish people returned to their fatherland, Israel. They tried to rebuild the city of Jerusalem while interrupted again and again through many inimical conspiracies. They profited however of every moment of respite, to restart their reconstruction work.

This attitude should be today the right mindset of every Christian. The Lord calls on us to work so long there is light. While witnessing, our enemies try to discourage us. Many a personality uses the media to show disdain for the Christian faith. This has happened throughout the history of Christianity. The first Apostles were beaten up by the authorities of the time and asked to keep silent. Closer to our times, the communist leader Lenin declared, "religion is opium for the people." The Nazi propagandist Goebbels stated, "National Socialism will be the religion of all Germans." Scientists declared, "we do not need God." The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche (who became mentally insane at age 44) wrote: "Faith means not wanting to know what is true." Yet, all of the enemies of Christianity, the most hardened atheists, forget their denial of God when confronted with real life threats. In their moments of facing death, all of a sudden God-deniers start praying exclaiming "Oh God!"

I spoke to a missionary who had gone to take contact with a never-visited-before tribe. Besides distributing food, the missionary thought to endear himself to these savages by taking their picture with a modern camera. When he showed the photo to one of the four persons he photographed, the man exclaimed he could recognize only three in a group of four. He asked who is this fourth? It was him but since this savage never before had a mirror in front of him, he had no idea what he looked like! So are the enemies of Christianity. They find faults, mock Christians but they lack the mirror to see their own sinful nature. The mirror is the Bible. The Bible teaches us we are created in the likeness of God. The enemies of Christianity not having the mirror of the Bible, try to compare themselves with whatever they happen to see around them, so they think they look like evolutionary worms or at best like monkeys!

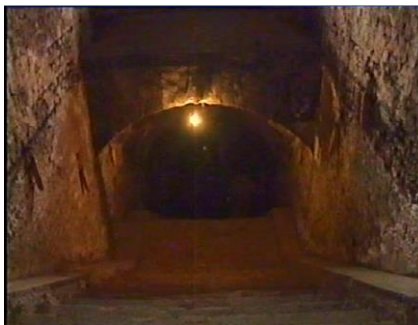
Once on board of a ship, a man poked fun telling anti religious jokes. One of the passengers asked him: "Do you believe in God?" "No," answered the man. "In that case you are the person I have just read about." "How come? How have you read about me? Where?" "In the Psalms. It is written there that "the fool says in his heart there is no God." "Thus, you must be the fool I read about!" The cruelty of atheism is unimaginable. When someone does not believe in God there are no borders in the empire of evil. We heard many times these henchmen of communism exclaiming, "no one can punish us for our evil deeds." Or "we are God!" Even worse, "we are Satan!" How these atheists tortured Christians is hard to describe. When I recounted some of these tortures in my public meetings, mothers fainted or ran out of church.

Christians take daily their cross while working out of love in the vineyard of the Lord. In the time of Nehemiah the building work was connected to a specific place: rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. We Christians have a lot more opportunity to build for the glory of the Kingdom of Heavens. During the Second World War an American captain issued the following proclamation to all soldiers under his command: "The enemy is attacking us from the front and from the back. It attacks us from the right and from the left. We are completely surrounded. Therefore, this time the enemy cannot escape us!" In the same way the more evil forces surround Christians, the more opportunities to witness and enlighten the world.

The enemies of Nehemiah were organized like today's communist regimes. The Book of Nehemiah describes how this courageous leader dealt with inimical "secret informers." When the enemies of Nehemiah tried to distract him and lure him into a trap to kill him, undisturbed, Nehemiah answered: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?" The hard working Israelites were working and at the same time by night holding watch to defend their work. Why were they so intent to build? It was because of their love for their land given to them, as the Bible describes, by God.

In the Gospel of John 14:6 we read that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Like the Jews of old were given The Promised Land of Israel, we Christians were entrusted through faith the spiritual truth, the way to the Heavenly Jerusalem, the knowledge of eternal life. The enemies of Nehemiah were mentioned by him in his book in passing. Their mischievous plans amounted to naught. Like Nehemiah we need answer to all enemies of Christianity, "our spiritual work cannot cease!" Once on a TV show, I had the opportunity to ask Mrs. Madelyn Murray O'Hair, founder of the worldwide known organization "American Atheist" one question. I asked, "I traveled all over the world and saw many Christian hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages. Would you be able to name anywhere in the world one Atheistic charity work?" Though always loud and outspoken, Mrs. O'Hair remained silent, lost for words for many minutes to the point that the moderator, Alan Burke asked me to take over the show. In the end Mrs. O'Hair fell victim to her own hateful teachings being murdered by a fellow atheist.

The Gospel states that if Jesus disciples were silent, God would make marvels, so even stones would speak. The atheistic, communist government in the former Soviet Union tried to make a movie mocking Christianity. The film shows some communist propagandist giving a Bible to a drunkard to read it out loud to a gathered crowd on a Moscow street. The drunkard being pushed to read, started reading and the more he read his voice became stronger and assured. He was more and more sober. To the wonder of the gathered crowd and of the movie making crew, he kneeled at once and shouted, "Oh God, forgive this poor sinner!" Many in the crowd imitated him and fell as well on their knees. The movie ended up being such a strong witness for the power of faith, that the communists scrapped it, rather than showing it to the public. Behold the power of faith! Let us all again and again return to the building of God's Kingdom.



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 Wurmbbrand 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)

Helped with Your Gifts!



The Mikhail Deshko Family with their faithful 14 children

Brother Deshko writes; "I was born in 1956 to Baptist parents. When 20 I repented, was baptized and started helping out the underground church. The unregistered, underground churches inside the Soviet Union had a very active, surreptitious printing operation. They were able to print the entire New Testament, children and youth literature. Also every three months we printed a report on the persecutions of the communist authorities against the church. This printing operation was of most grave concern to the KGB since in spite of all communist attempts it continued to function uninterrupted until the fall of the Soviet Union. In December 1980 the police undertook a very thorough inspection of our home and confiscated any literature of religious nature. I was arrested a few days later and was charged under the Article 187 of the Soviet Penal Code (spreading rumors against the Soviet State - since that's what our Christian worship was considered.) I was sentenced to three years of imprisonment as a common criminal. I was promised freedom in exchange of collaborating with the KGB. I did not accept and served a full term being freed in 1983. We live in the Western Ukraine and God blessed us with 14 children.

With greatest respect and love for you from the Deshko Family!"



COLEGIUL RICHARD WURMBRAND | IAȘI

Letter of Confirmation

03.07.2017

Colegiul „Richard Wurmbrand”, sediul în str. Smârdan nr. 13, Iași, 700399, fiind înregistrată ca școală non-profit, având codul fiscal 26050452, reprezentată prin domnul Cristian Lucaci, confirm prin prezentul document că am primit 5.000 de dolari de la **organizația Help for Refugees** la data de 3 iulie 2017, reprezentată de domnul Mihai Wurmbrand. Această donație a fost făcută pentru a sprijini educația copiilor din familii dezavantajate.

“Richard Wurmbrand” Christian School, str. Smârdan nr. 13, Iași, 700399, registered as a non-profit school, having the fiscal code 26050452, represented by Mr. Cristian Lucaci, confirms by this document that we received \$5,000 on July 3rd 2017, **Help for Refugees**, represented by Michael Wurmbrand. This donation was made to support the education of children from disadvantaged families.

Colegiul „Richard Wurmbrand” Iași

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

This high school has had for years, 100% passing-rate results for all its students on the 12th Grade, end-of-year Baccalaureate State-Exam.

The Richard Wurmbrand Christian high 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.

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 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.

Christians Helped with your Gifts Imprisoned for Printing Thousands of Bibles!



God's Peace to you! My name is Pidchenco Vera and am the widow of Pidchenco Vitalie Ivanovici. From a young age my late husband was well acquainted with the technology necessary to issue inside the former Soviet Union the underground, forbidden Christian publication named "Kristianin (The Christian.)" From 1969 till the moment he was arrested by the KGB in 1974 he worked intensely to spread the Gospel. When arrested, the KGB found and confiscated as many as 15,000 copies of the surreptitiously printed entire New Testament. Together with him were also arrested four other Christian ladies and all of them were eventually sentenced to three to four years imprisonment in Siberia. Vitalie was sentenced to four years imprisonment, years he spent in a camp in the city of Kemerovo, close to the border with Mongolia, inside the former Soviet Union. The KGB was intensely interested in this underground publication named The Christian and therefore he was asked again and again to collaborate with the communist Soviet authorities. He flatly refused.

We got married in 1979 a year after my husband's release from prison. He died in 1990 being somehow hit on his way home, an accident unexplained by the authorities. He was only 49 years old. I remained a widow with four children. We thank God for He never abandoned us. My children are grown up and are members together with myself of the local church. May God bless you abundantly for the care you have shown us!

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Subsemnatul (a) Андрей Петрович Иванюк

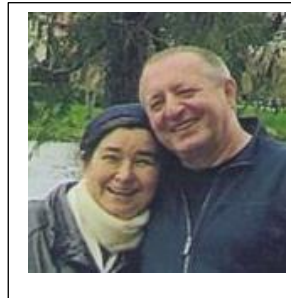
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din partea Asociației Creștine Sabina Wurmbrand, pentru care vă
mulțumesc.

Дата 2.08.17 Подпись АИ

Receipt for \$250 from brother Peter Andrietz.

Christians Helped with your Gifts Imprisoned for Binding the Bible



Peace to you! My name is Andrietz Petru (Peter) and was arrested together with my brother Alexander, by the Soviet KGB on same trumped-up "criminal" charges, on the first of June 1985. We hid in our home an illegal bindery for the underground publication "Krestianin (The Christian.)" Based on the Soviet Penal Code 187, I was sentenced to two and a half years of jail. My brother Alexander to 3 years imprisonment. I spent this time in a prison camp in the town formerly known as Voroshilovgrad, now Lugansk, Ukraine. The communist authorities tried hard to compromise us both in making out of us collaborators of the communist police. We both were just inexperienced youngsters. Thanks be to God, we were protected from such temptations. I live presently in the city of Merefa, Ukraine and am a preacher in the local Baptist church. I am also in charge of the children Sunday School. God bless you in your efforts. My brother is also very active in the same church.

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Receipt for \$250 from brother Alexander Andrietz

Christians helped with your gifts
10 Years imprisonment for his faith!



Brother Dubovic Vladimir Mihail

He writes: "I am born in 1959. At twenty I was recruited into the Soviet army and therefore I had to take an oath of allegiance to the communist Soviet state.

Since the communist state was atheistic, I could not pledge myself to it. The military prosecutor asked and obtained a terrible prison sentence: Five years immediate imprisonment and five years of banishment to the outermost fringes of Siberia.

While imprisoned I met many believers suffering harsh sentences for their faith as well. I came out of prison in 1964 and was baptized same year. The Soviets changed the laws and somehow I could spend the five years banishment in the Ukraine instead of being sent to Siberia.

I got married and could still be involved in the underground activity of the church. I was able to acquire paper and other materials necessary for surreptitiously producing Christian literature, as well as distributing it, something strictly forbidden at the time. I also functioned as a minister in many underground church meetings.

May God richly bless you. We are thankful to you for showing so much care towards us!

Christians helped with your gifts
KGB Officer is Impressed with the Gospel



I greet you, praying that the peace of the Lord be upon you. My name is Iachimiuc Ivan Grigore. I was born in 1948 in Chernivtsi Gorod, Ukraine. The Soviet authorities allowed an official Baptist church with ministers subservient to the communist

authorities.

In one prayer meeting a member of the church had the courage to make a loud prayer for Christians imprisoned for their Christian faith inside the Soviet Union. The minister interrupted the prayer and publicly threw out of church this person. Others stood up trying to start same kind of prayers and those were thrown out of this official church as well. We who were thrown out, all formed an underground church that met in secret meetings. Because I participated in such church meetings I was arrested in 1984 and charged with having violated Articles 138 and 187 of the Soviet Penal Code (defaming the Soviet social order.)

I spent the prison time in the Lviv region. Surprisingly while in prison, I got hold of a printed Gospel and could read it every day. This was of course strictly forbidden. While we prisoners were at work, the prison authorities undertook a thorough search of our cells and thus my Gospel was discovered. When returning to our cells, the KGB officer asked who was the owner of the Gospel. Unafraid, I admitted it being mine. The officer was impressed by my openness. I ended up incredibly surprised myself when he gave it back saying, "make sure next time you hide it better."

During these two years imprisonment, a fellow-prisoner read with me the Word of God and he became a witnessing Christian. Then I saw the power of God's Word to change people's lives.

Nowadays I am serving the Lord in our local church enjoying the redemption we have through our Lord Jesus Christ!