

## HELP FOR REFUGEES, INC.

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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 Wurmbbrand with wife, Sabina

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### Announcement:

Free copies of the paperback books written by Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand:

**“Reaching Towards the Heights”;**

**“Tortured For Christ”;**

**“Was Karl Marx a Satanist?”;**

and **“The Pastor’s Wife”** by Sabina

Wurmbbrand, may be requested using the order form at the

<https://helpforrefugees.com> internet site.

(See third column!)

“And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Revelation 12:17).

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand suffered. 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand

### **CHRISTIANS NEED FIGHT THE RED DRAGON**

The Bible book of Revelation calls this furious beast “THE RED DRAGON.” This dangerous beast clearly declared its deadly intentions. Marx wrote in “The Communist Manifesto” that the aim of socialism is “the abolition of religion.” Lenin wrote: “The philosophic basis of Marxism is... an unconditionally atheist materialism, decidedly inimical toward any religion... Marxism considers all contemporary religions and churches as organs of the bourgeois reaction, serving in the defense of exploitation and the idiotizing of the working class.” Lenin considered all churches his enemies, even those which compromised, admired or cooperated with a communist regime.

Inspired by the invisible red dragon, also called the Devil and Satan (Revelation 12:19) Vladimir Lenin nurtured a pathological hatred for religion. He wrote: “millions of sins, disasters, oppressions and physical epidemics...are less dangerous than the most delicate, spiritual...idea of some little god.” (Letter to the writer Maxim Gorki) One cannot discuss such a statement. Its author should have been put in a psychiatric asylum or exorcised. A dictator over the minds of many nations prefers millions of murders, floods, famines, cancer and cholera to the most elementary spiritual faith in God which hurts nobody. Leninism cannot and should not be argued against, With the red dragon, no dialogue is possible. The Christian has one duty: to oppose it in all things.

We would not have minded if Lenin had confined himself to writing. Who cares about what madmen say in their delirium? But one by one, countries are being swallowed up by the

communists. All the countries of the Free World are subverted from within, while one nation after another is devoured by the red dragon.

Profiting from the apathy of most politicians in the Free World Christians ended up fiercely persecuted in all countries which fell under communist regimes. Marx's favorite saying was, "There is nothing more beautiful in the world than to bite your enemies." (F. Ratzlaff, Karl Marx) His friend K Heinzen wrote in his book "Things Seen in Life" that at drinking parties MARX had the habit pointing to someone with whom he disagreed and telling him, "You, I will destroy!" Those with whom MARX disagreed most are naturally Christians. So, Marxists want to destroy them. The red dragon infiltrates the political arena by lulling the Free World to sleep. The newspaper The Guardian (April 26, 1975) wrote, "In common with communist parties throughout Western Europe, the British communist party has effectively abandoned the idea of revolution."

This perfidious red dragon tries to destroy the church not only from outside but cunningly from inside. The red dragon has infiltrated many churches and works untiringly for their destruction. A Catholic monk F Adelman wrote, "the previous pope John XXIII extended a warm hand to many Marxist representatives and is still a favorite among them." Another Catholic named G. Wetter observed that "Catholicism exhibits the largest number of formal similarities with Bolshevism" (Vladimir Lenin's party.) A much in vogue Catholic theologian, Teilhard de Chardin believed that Christian and Marxist ways must eventually come together "because each spring from an impulse of faith." ("Freethinker" April 1975) Among the Protestants an Anglican minister holding an important international position as director of "Amnesty International - AI" wrote that "Karl Marx was ... a very good man." And compared him with one of the Old Testament prophets. He wrote, "Marx's dream was in many ways a secularized version of the Bible... For millions of hopeless Chinese peasants, the communist revolution meant dignity and a decent life...communists and Christians see each other as friends. Communists and Christians are on the same side." He equates the mass murderers of Christians like Mao Tse Tung who killed over thirty million in communist China with the saints of God. Marx was a devil worshiper, as I documented in my book "Was Karl Marx a Satanist?" (Readers of this newsletter can obtain this book for free, see first page at top. N. Ed.) How can the red dragon be done away with for good? The Roman emperors martyred the first Christians, but in the end Roman emperors were converted. Cross near cross and grave near grave-thus the first Christians conquered. The heroic example of the martyrs caused unbelievers to become believers. Not every Christian is called to become a martyr. But every child of God is a co-martyr believing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection. A Christian feels of those in bonds as bound with them, weeps with those who weep, helps to bear the burden of the persecuted Christians.



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 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)

## 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!)



**TAMASILA Trandafir**

His father, Tamasila Damian, a witnessing member of the Army of the Lord church movement was imprisoned for his Christian faith for 6 years. Whatever the family possessed including their home was confiscated by the communist regime. **Read his testimony in our online 10/2015 Newsletter.**



**PREDA Ioan**

was sentenced because of his fearless Christian activity, to 7 years of prison in former communist Romania. He suffered in the prisons of Aiud, Gherla, (where Reverend Richard Wurmbrand was also imprisoned at the same time, NT) and Jilava. **Read his testimony in our online 10/2015 Newsletter.**



**IFTIMOAIIE Anica**

Oldest daughter of the 8 children of Mihai Neculai, imprisoned in former communist Romania for being a Christian member of the Army of the Lord church movement. The communists took away the home and the family underwent incredible hunger, but they did not renounce the faith. **Read her testimony in our online 10/2015 Newsletter.**



**Moga Maria**

wrote: "My father was sentenced to 15 years of prison for his Christian faith, being a member of the Army of the Lord church movement in former communist Romania." **Read her testimony in our online 11/2015 Newsletter.**

### Testimonies of Christian Refugee Families



**Brother Ihor Servatsynskyi wrote:** “On Sunday, February 28, 2022, our family was returning by car from the divine service and got in the epicenter of hostilities. At that moment, I did not know that the events that will take place with us will be only a small part of the war started by Russia. The military detained a sabotage group. There was a shooting. We were very scared, especially the children. The wife was very frightened, which became the basis for leaving the country. God's peace reigned in my heart. It was as if I knew that God was protecting us. A few days later, I took my family to Chisinau (capital of the Republic of Moldova, N. Ed.) I could cross the border because I had official documents showing I had a disability and was unfit for military service being allowed to withdraw from military registration. From Chisinau we were flown to Spain. After some time, my parents could join us. My father died here in Spain from a serious illness. The war took the life of our nephew. A rocket hit a residential building. Our village, where we lived, was shelled with rockets. We are not returning because the war continues. We do not have any more our home and the jobs where we worked.”

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

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



### **Testimonies of Ukrainian Christian Families, Helped with your Gifts!**



**Brother KERADI Valera wrote:**” I greet you with the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Peace be with you! Sergey told me about your ministry and about helping many refugees. We are a family of Ukrainians, Evangelical Christian Baptists. My wife Olena is Ukrainian, I am from Moldova. We met in Zaporozhe, Ukraine, when we studied together at the Bible College. I do not speak Romanian, I am Gagauz and lived in the south of Moldova, the Gagauzian region. “

(Gagauzians, a population of over 130,000, speak a separate language and are of Turkish origin. After the 1917 Soviet Revolution parts of southern Ukraine, the Romanian-speaking Moldovan region of Bessarabia including Transnistria became first part of Romania and after 1940 were incorporated

into the Soviet Union. After 1990, Russian-speaking Transnistria became part of the Republic of Moldova. It is feared that like right now Ukraine, Transnistria would be the next region to be claimed to be annexed by Russia. N. Ed.) “Our five children are: daughters, Valeria, Victoria, Cristina, Darina and son Ilia. From 2008 to 2015 we lived in Ukraine, in the city of Bolhrad at the border with the Republic of Moldova. In 2015, we left Ukraine for Moldova to my parents due to the military conflict with Russia. We were expecting a fourth child and realized that we needed to leave so that the children were in a safer place. Though living in the capital city of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau, due to my Gagauzian status we did not feel safe. We arrived in Canada in September 2022, having received a visa under the simplified entry status for Ukrainians. I got a job in Calgary as an apprentice electrician, my wife studies English and other classes to be able work in a kindergarten. Four children go to school, but we have to pay for my smallest daughter kindergarten. There are many needs, like a car and so on.”



**Sister Olena KONSTANTINOVA wrote:** “Our family comes from the village of Perekorivka in the Sumy, region of Ukraine. My husband led as a minister the local Ark of Salvation church. I worked as a psychologist in a school for disabled children. On February 24th, 2022, we received a phone call at 6AM from the school director announcing us that the war had started and we need show up urgently at work. My husband and the director gathered the children from different homes. By the second day Russian troops had occupied the town already. Over eighty military vehicles passed through the school. By God's grace no one was harmed. At least 25 rockets and

airplanes flew over our heads.



Thirty orphans lived in the school, having no families to return to. The children hid in the basement. My older son ran to our home and brought hot tea for these children and some elderly people who stayed with them. Five days later, the store-shelves were empty. (See attached picture. N. Ed) In order to buy some bread we had to cross seven Russian troops stations. My husband risked his life every time he had to obtain some bread for the children. We parted each time not knowing we would meet again. At one time the car in front of him was gunned down. The children were terrified. They had no medicines and stayed hidden in the basement. By God's grace, a road opened that could be used and we could evacuate some of the children. For two months we were able to cross to the Poltava region (by Kiev, N. Ed.) For two months we travelled carrying supplies to our town which had been occupied by the Russians. We distributed food and led everyone in prayers and psychological assistance. I was happy

my own children were safe in Romania and we were able to join them in the month of May. My husband went back into Ukraine and was able to bring out (to Romania) 12 more families. We organized church meetings for the children under the name "The Ray of Hope." I thank God our lives were spared and we are now safe. We pray God bless Romania. I feel though living in great fear, a fear far from being over.”

**Sister Vita MYRONOVA wrote:** “I am a single mother raising three children. Daughter Diana 16 years old, is suffering of autism. Son Nikita is 12 years old and Philip 10. In March 2022, the pastor of my church took my family from the city of Druzhkovka to the city of Chernivtsi, Ukraine. We did not see a further way out other than going on an evacuation bus. We were taken to the village of Subpiatra, Romania, where we lived for 7 months with pastor Ovidiu Drimbea. In October 2022, we moved to Oradea and rented a house there under the 50/20 program. (The Romanian government program to help Ukrainian refugees with housing and food. N. Ed.) Not knowing the language and having a herniated disc of the spine it is hard to find a job. My profession was being a news reporter.



## 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	ДРИСВЯНИКОВ	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 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 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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