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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.**

**At this critical moment, we help also Christian refugees from Ukraine!**

**May 2022**



Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand with wife, Sabina

**Announcement:**  
Free copies of the paperback books written by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand: "Reaching Towards the Heights," "Tortured For Christ" and "Was Karl Marx a Satanist?" may be requested using the order form at the <https://helpforrefugees.com> internet site.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)

Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand spent 14 years in Romanian communist prisons. Mrs. Wurmbrand 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From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand  
**RUN AWAY FROM THE DARKNESS OF COMMUNISM!**

Jesus, who died on Friday, arose on Sunday morning. And while it was dark around Him, in the grave, He knew that in God there is no darkness. Those who love God must not stay in dark places; therefore, He walked out of the grave.

Those who believe in Christ and follow Him unto death will be with Him in the resurrection. Atheism is darkness. It is the absence of God's light in man's mind, whether it be doctrinal atheism or "a form of godliness" without the power thereof from God. Let us walk out of the grave of a godless life, as the Lord walked out of darkness.

In Communist countries atheism is forced upon the populace. Now, even in countries of the free world, the Communists spread their godless religion in a more organized manner. FRANCE has a very active "UNION OF THE ATHEISTS." In their bulletin of July 1976, they wrote: "Though our fight has a general character, we fight foremost against the Christian religions. Religious people are victims of psychic trouble, nourished and propagated by those who have it in a higher measure."

Thus, according to them, practicing the Christian religion is a "psychic trouble." Lenin had previously written: "The non-spatial and non-temporal beings which were invented by the clergy are the products of a diseased mind." ("Materialism and Empirocriticism.")

No wonder, then, that Communist governments put Christians in psychiatric asylums. and gags. Well, if the Communists consider Christians madmen, so be it, as long as they have many such madmen in their countries. In the former Soviet Union city of Leningrad itself, 41% of the people questioned admitted to practicing religious ceremonies in their homes. These poor souls were naive. The wiser individuals do not answer Soviet polls. IN SOVIET ARMENIA, 70% of the children are baptized. Infant baptism has another value there than in the free world. It must be remembered that in communist countries parents risk much by baptizing a child.

Whether one embraces a militant type of atheism or professes a religion that ignores God, a sort of practical atheism, the result is darkness. Let us walk out of this realm, as Jesus walked out of the grave. In God there is no darkness at all. You too can choose the way of the Cross, shunning compromise.

In my book, "WAS KARL MARX A SATANIST?" I adduce proof that LENIN'S tomb in MOSCOW was built after the pattern of Satan's altar which existed in the church of devil worshipers in PERGAMON (today's TURKEY). This altar played no important role in antiquity. Discovered in archaeological diggings, it was exhibited first in Nazi GERMANY and is now in MOSCOW. Its pattern serves as the holiest shrine of Communism, where daily thousands of tourists, as well as all foreign chiefs of states and church leaders, come to pay homage to LENIN. We understand now the words of our Lord, spoken prophetically regarding the underground church in the Soviets: "I know thy work and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is, and you hold fast my name and have not denied my faith . . ." (Revelation 2:13)

It is wrong to be weak toward devilish Communism. SERGHEI URALOV was one of the Communist team which shot the Russian Emperor and his family. He relates how NICHOLAS on his last day said: "I wrote a letter to LENIN reminding him that in 1912 his mother asked me to ease the fate of LENIN'S SISTER, WHO WAS DEPORTED TO SIBERIA for having spread secret Communist literature. I ordered her freedom and gave her the possibility of leaving the country. Now, in turn, I ask LENIN a favor, not for myself, but for my sick son, that he might be allowed to be with some relatives in the South." URALOV promised the emperor that he would forward the petition, but instead shot the whole family that same night. The empress held the crown prince in her arms and, even after being wounded, prayed to God. She fell dead covering her son with her body. The princesses tried to defend themselves with pillows. The Czar received death quietly, in silence. ("NOVOIE RUSSKOIE SLOVO," January 30, 1977.)  
Be nice to Communists and they will reward you with bullets.



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)

**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!)



**Baptist elder Berezovskii Vasile Tarasovici**

**Baptist presbyter Kapetii Vasile (88)**

**Romanian minister Victor Fanea**

**Christian minister Martian Tiberiu-Lazar**

suffered 3 years of communist imprisonment in the former Soviet Union for spreading Christian literature. He was again arrested by the KGB but was able to evade and hide securely remaining active in the underground church until the introduction by Gorbachev of the Perestroika short lived freedom period.

Read his full testimony in our 8/2019 Newsletter.

Ukraine, was arrested and imprisoned under the (former) Soviet Union Civic Code Article 138 for holding church meetings in his home. His daughter wrote for him: "The Lord Jesus has not promised us that we will have no difficulties, but He will always be with us!"

Read his full testimony in our 8/2019 Newsletter.

was convicted for his Christian activities in former communist Romania to 12 years imprisonment. He died in the Periprava prison camp at 40, leaving a wife and 5 children. He was buried in an unmarked grave. We continue where possible, helping a surviving spouse or a child. Read the full testimony in our 8/2019 Newsletter.

was arrested by the Romanian communist secret police and imprisoned for 10 years. He was held in an additional two years, in banishment to dwell in a strawhut on the no-man's land in the Romanian Baragan wasteland. He left behind a wife and 3 children. We continue where possible, helping a surviving spouse or a child. Read the full testimony in our 9/2019 Newsletter.

**Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with your Gifts**

**CONFIRMARE/ Підтвердження**

Nume si prenume/ ім'я та прізвище Yuliia Sidak

Localitate/ Місто Melitopol

Biserica/ Церква MOLEFXB

Membrii familiei/ Члени сім'ї wife - Yuliia, husband - Vadim  
children: Rianata, Dominik, David, Rimma

Describe situatia/ Опишіть ситуацію (Напишіть, будь ласка, великими літерами, що зазнала ваша сім'я, будучи біженцями):  
My town - Melitopol, was occupied by  
russian soldiers so we have no possibility to  
live there, because of bombing and fear of  
our lives. We decided to run out from town to  
save our children and family. We decide to move  
to Canada, because it far away from russia.

Am primit suma de 1000 ron din partea Misiunii Crestine Richard Wurmbrand/ Я отримав суму 1000 RON від Християнської місії Річарда Вурмбранда

**Legend of receipt shown on left:** Yuliia Sidak with husband - Vadim from a Baptist church wrote: "My town Melitopol was occupied by Russian soldiers, so we have no possibility to live there because of bombing and fear of our lives. We decided to run out from there to save our children and family. We decided to move to Canada because it is far away from Russia. I received 1,000 Ron (about US \$230) from the Richard Wurmbrand Christian Mission."





## Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with your Gifts

A few samples of receipts below:

Bombed apartment building in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine.



Pavel Tkach, wife Zhawna and their five children (see receipt on right.)

↓ Received 800 lei (US \$185)

Localitate/ Micro vil.Vita-Poghtova

Biserica/ Церква baptist

Membrii familiei/ Члени сім'ї Pavel, Zhawna, David (10y), Marharyta (15H) Raisha (11A) (24) MARA (6F).

Describe situația/ Опишіть ситуацію (Напишіть, будь ласка, великими літерами, що зазнала ваша сім'я, будучи біженцями); due to the war in Ukraine and the BZBIZK approaching hostilities we were forced to leave our house and draw up documents to travel to Canada. Explosions of bombs and shells near our house forced us to take such decisive steps in order to save the lives of our children. I thank God and you for your help.

Am primit suma de 1500 ron din partea Misiunii Crestine Richard Wurmbrand/ Я отримав суму 1500 RON від Християнської місії Річарда Вурмбранда

Data/ дата 21.04.2022. Semnatura/ Підпис

Nume și prenume/ Ім'я та прізвище: Ivan Palatov

Localitatea/Місто: Kyiv, Ukraine

Biserica/ Церква Kyiv Bible Church

Membrii familiei/ Chleny sim'yi: husband, wife and 6 children

Describe situația/ Опишіть, будь ласка, ситуацію: We woke up to loud explosions at 5:00 and understood that war started. Our kids got very scary. We had to jump to car and leave our home to save our lives and lives of our kids. Thank God we are safe now! But we don't know what will be tomorrow. We continue to trust God! Thank you very much.

Am primit suma de 800 lei din partea Colegiului "Richard Wurmbrand"/ Я отримав 800 лейв від

Describe situația/ Опишіть ситуацію (Напишіть, будь ласка, великими літерами, що зазнала ваша сім'я, будучи біженцями); me and my wo decided to leave Ukraine, because russian troops started bombing our town near our home. We planned to go to Canada, because it's far away from russia explosion and it's safety and peaceful place. Now we stayed in Bucharest to make all documents for migration. Thanks God, that we find His good and kind people for helping.


Am primit suma de 1000 ron din partea Misiunii Crestine Richard Wurmbrand/ Я отримав суму 1000 RON від Християнської місії Річарда Вурмбранда

Receipt from Bohdnova Iryna (son name: Bohdan) "I received one thousand ron (about US \$230)".

Received 1,500 Ron (about US \$345)



**COLEGIUL RICHARD WURMBRAND | IAȘI**



**Confirmare**

Nume și prenume/ Ім'я та прізвище: Iulia Kitrych

Seria și numărul de pe pașaport/ Серійний номер і номер паспорту:  
EO 923887

Localitatea/Micro: Soyuzivka, Ukraine

Biserica: Церква Great Commission Church

Membrii familiei/ Chleny sim'yi: 2

Describe situația/ Опишіть, будь ласка, ситуацію:  
When our city was occupied, we were without electricity, water, and communications for almost two weeks. Slept in basements due to constant shelling. My house was damaged by a wave from the explosion.

Am primit suma de 800 lei din partea Colegiului "Richard Wurmbrand" / Я отримав \_\_\_\_\_ леїв від Коледж Річарда Вурмбранда.

Semnătura/ Підпис  
[Signature]

**Legend of above receipt:** Kitrych Iulia from Soyuzivka, Ukraine, member of the Great Commission Church wrote: "When our city was occupied, we were without electricity, water, communications for almost two weeks. Slept in basements due to constant shelling. My house was damaged by a wave from the explosion. Received 800 lei (about US \$185) from the Richard Wurmbrand College." On the left, picture of Iulia and daughter.



Natalia with her children

**Confirmation**

**Name and surname:** ABRAMOVA NATALIA – 40  
**Series and no. from the passport:** FY 413648  
**Place of origin:** Chernovtsy, Ukraine  
**Church:** Chernovtsy Baptist Church  
**Family members:** Oleksandr – son, 7 years old, 1<sup>st</sup> grade;  
Natalia – daughter, 15 years old, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**Describes the situation:** Before leaving Ukraine, Natalia did not have a job, she was a housewife, and her husband was the sole breadwinner of the family. Natalia's husband couldn't leave Ukraine, he was stopped at the border to fight in the war. Natalia now has to manage the situation and find a place to work and to live with her children until the war ends. They left to Cluj Napoca and from there they want to go to Germany, to wait for the end of the war and the reconstruction of the city in which they lived, Chernovtsy.  
I received the amount of **800 lei** (about US \$185) from the "Richard Wurmbrand College."

[Signature]

## Ukrainian Christian Refugees Helped with your Gifts

Dear contributors:

My gratitude to all who donated generously toward helping so many refugees from Ukraine, a true flood of displaced individuals. More than 4 million have escaped the current war and another 3 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 country in the European Union and Moldova is economically worse. Between Romania and Moldova so far, nearly 1 million Ukrainians have sought refuge already. 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 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 reliable 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 only 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 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 3 adults and 12 children. Most of these refugees entertain the illusion of taking refuge out of their native country and their lodging and work for a short 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 this newsletter a few receipts of scores more, documenting what I wrote above. Again thanks and God Bless, **Michael Wurmbrand**

409	Власенко	Валентин	Мефодьевич	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
430	Миняков	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: website: <https://helpforrefugees.com>**

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