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Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand with wife, Sabina

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**From an unpublished book of Late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand who spent 14 years in communist prisons for his faith:**

**OUR GOD**

**Meditations on the Gospels**

*”<sup>12</sup> Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made*

*thee.*

<sup>13</sup> *But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:*

<sup>14</sup> *And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” .....*

<sup>16</sup> *..... A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:*

<sup>17</sup> *And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.*

<sup>18</sup> *And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.*

<sup>19</sup> *And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.*

<sup>20</sup> *And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.*

<sup>21</sup> *So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and **bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.***

<sup>22</sup> *And the servant said, Lord, **it is done** as thou hast commanded, **and yet there is room.** (St. Luke 14:12-22)*

<sup>7</sup> *.....Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (1st Epistle of St. John 4:7)*

“Everybody wondered, many were scandalized that king Edward of England and King Charles 2nd of Romania left their thrones for women who not only were commoners; they were divorcees. The woman for which king Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> of Romania lost everything was Jewish. By uniting with her in a country with strong anti-Jewish feelings, he needed to abdicate, renounce his throne and that finished him as the king of Romania. At the time such acts were considered outright foolish on their part.

“The love between God and the sinful man is even more beyond any logic. The Son of God, purity itself, suffered death on a cross for men full through and through with what Christ hated most: sin.

“We must abandon any attempt to comprehend it. Maybe it is difficult even for God to justify it. When asked, He does what we do in cases where we cannot justify ourselves. He shrugs His shoulders and says, “I am what I am” i. e. not what you and perhaps even I would like Him to be.”

With every breath we take in, God invites us to His great feast of Christian fellowship and love. The Good News: there is place for us! We are told: “come right in!” God tells us also whom we should expect to rub shoulders with: the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. Lord Jesus’ brother, St. James in his epistle writes: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.....” (James 1:28)

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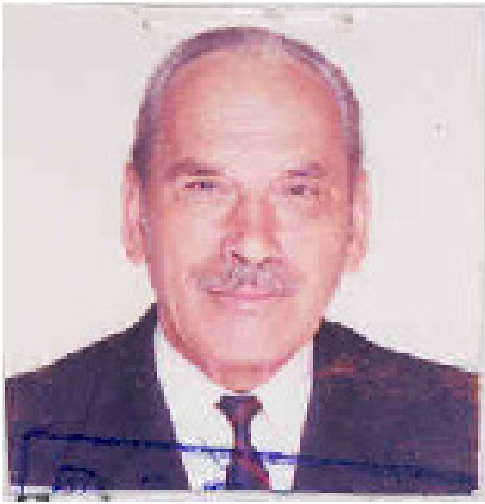
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*The Christian fondation for children Agape from Pascani, Dragos-Voda street, number 23, Iasi, Romanian is confirming trough this document, that it received the sum of 5000\$ in 24.10.2014. That sum is representing a donation for the endowed establishment’s needs, from Organization “ Help For Refugees” – PO BOX 5161 TORRANCE ,USA.*

*The money will be used in the aim of supporting the orphan chlidren protected in Agape orphanage. We thank you!*

Director,  
Dorin Gavril





Testimonies of Christians you helped!  
Biographical Note on Andrei Gheorghe,  
(he adds) “in bad health.”

I am one of the victims of communism having suffered like so many others for the holy Christian faith since I was aware from my youth that true Christianity requires faithfulness and obedience (towards God.)

In 1952, in the most ferocious period of Communism in Romania, I was sentenced by the Military Court of Bacau to 8 years of imprisonment. I was tortured and transported through different prisons and ended up even at the famous Danube Canal forced labor camp, called “Five Peaks” with many Christians of different denominations, right in the “mouth of the beast.” At the same time, on the outside many Christians compromised as slaves of the atheist regime. We are happy we remained faithful under the “Flag of Emanuel” to be a witness to our holy calling.

I have a copy of my prison sentence, No. 17 of 1952 from Folder 94/1952. My indictment? “I was spreading religious mysticism!” Moreover the sentencing also mentions in writing that I do not deserve “mitigating circumstances!” I thank God for allowing me to remain steadfast in the holy duty in this ferocious fight, in the hope we will be liberated from this world destined to destruction and we will be transported in God’s Kingdom as we daily pray, “Let Thy Kingdom come.”

## How Christian brethren suffered and suffer for the Faith



Entrance into the underground cells of the Jilava prison, during communism in Romania.



Underground cell Jilava communist prison, Romania. Prisoners had to sit on the wet, even at certain times, flooded floor.

Reverend Richard Wurmbrand and many thousands of other Christians spent many years of prison for their faith in communist prisons as shown above.

Today Christian brethren in Vietnam, Red China, North Korea, Cuba undergo tortures. Pray for them! One day similar frightening pictures from those countries will be available.

Testimonies of Christians you helped!

### SILAGHI CORNEL

Through God's grace I bring you my thanks and profound gratitude in the name of our Lord and Savior... who passed us through the fire of so many sufferings.

I was 16 when becoming a Christian. I was arrested in 1959 even though before that the Secret Police fined us, seized our Bibles, poems and songs. Since they could not prevent our meetings they proceeded to arrest us. In the basement of the Secret Police they interrogated and tortured us.

I was sentenced by a military tribunal in Timisoara on 5/7/59, my appeal was rejected and sentencing became final. I was sentenced to 9 years of prison for not following the law, plot against social order according to article 209 (of the Communist Penal Code.) Then half of my



family home was seized.

I was placed with several brethren from the entire country in the prisons in Timisoara, Arad, Gherla, Periprava, Grind in the Danube Delta. In our cells in the summer it was exceedingly hot (with closed windows) so we should not have air and extremely cold in winter when windows were on purpose left open or broken. Our food was brought piping hot so we could not touch it to our lips. They gave us 5 minutes to finish it and then they would take it away when not even started. Due to the quality of food which would not have been touched even by pigs many were sick and died because of that.

In the Danube Delta we were so hungry that many ate green (uncooked) corn, their abdomen swell and they died. Some people (due to hunger) cut and ate also uncooked weeds. Many left there their bones not to ever return to their families. Those who returned were again arrested like brother Traian Dorz (made 16 years of communist prisons. His main crime: he versified the Psalms of David, NT.) He composed there many poems.

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