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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!

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Late Reverend Richard Wurmland with wife, Sabina

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

Announcement:
A free copy of the paperback book, "**Reaching Towards the Heights,**" A Book of Daily Meditations on the Word of God by Richard Wurmland, may be requested using the order form on the internet, at the <https://helpforrefugees.com> site. (See third column!)

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:9)

From an unpublished Bible meditation by late Reverend Richard Wurmland

DO NOT BE DECEIVED!

Communism is determined to impose terror on the whole world. I myself suffered fourteen years of prison as its victim. Lenin, the chief henchman of Communism, said: "We must multiply our energy and mass-terror against counter-revolutionists. ("LENIN AND THE TCHEKA," Moscow 1975.) TCHEKA was the first name of the Communist Secret Police of RUSSIA, afterwards called the KGB") Now, whom did he consider counter-revolutionists? When his friend GORKII, a renowned writer, reminded him that among those arrested were LENIN'S friends, men who, risking much, had hidden him and his comrades under the Czarist regime, he answered: "Yes, splendid good men. For this very reason we must sometimes arrest them, even if our hearts ache. They are fine and good, their compassion is, always for the oppressed, they are always against persecution. What do they see now? The persecutor is the TCHEKA, the oppressed are members of the opposition parties. So, our task is clear. Having said this, Lenin began to laugh." (LUNATCHARSKII, a top Communist leader, Collected Works, volume 4, pp. 438-9) LUNATCHARSKII adds: "LENIN'S wrath was unusually graceful. Though tens of men could perish because of it, perhaps even hundreds, he masters his wrath. It is almost like a joke for him." (REVOLUTIONIST SILHOUETTES) LENIN said, "Terror and TCHEKA are absolutely necessary." He would have never come to power had he proclaimed terror and dictatorship as

his program. so, he disguised himself as a defender of utmost liberty. He assured the people that the day after the Proletarian revolution the state will begin to die.” (Lenin “State and Revolution”)

I have published a book "WAS KARL MARX A SATANIST?" in which I offer proof that Communism is connected with a sect of devil worshipers. It might seem un-believable, but the facts presented are unchallengeable. Marx's wife, in August 1844, praises his "pastoral letter" written as "high priest and bishop of souls." (MARX-ENGELS, Complete Works, Berlin-East 1967-74, supplementary volume I, p. 654) Marx and his followers always proclaimed themselves Atheists and adversaries of all religions. So, then, in what religion was MARX a "high priest" and "bishop"? The other documents in my book indicate that it could have been only the Satanist religion.

Hints of this mysterious influence are also found in the writings of LENIN! He wrote, "Our state does not function as we desired . . . A man is at the wheel and seems to lead it, but the car does not drive in the desired direction. It advances as another force wishes." (LENIN, Works, vol. XXXIII, p. 284) What is "the other force" behind Communism that Lenin acknowledges? You will find in the book "WAS KARL MARX A SATANIST?" a series of arguments which lead to the conclusion that Communism, though it uses many front organizations, is itself a front for the Satanist church. We are engaged in a struggle with massive destructive forces, invisible as well as visible.

Because communism is insidiously promoted by devilish spiritual forces, even many Christians end up being deceived by it. Catholic and Protestant magazines have praised the achievements of MAO-TSE-TUNG claiming: "He had created the new man." He allegedly had performed this "miracle" for 800 million people but strangely could not do it for those nearest to him. We read in "CHINA POST" of January 10/1977 that CHIAN-CHING, MAO'S wife who eventually ended up herself being imprisoned, spent the equivalent of \$200-\$300 on a single meal. "She had three white horses flown to her when she felt like riding one. Wang-Hung-Meng, Mao's son in law, spent in a three-months period the salary an ordinary farmer should have to toil for during 200 years."

Religious writers who praised Mao, many who praised so called "freedoms in the communist camp," prove now to have made fools of themselves. Only God can make new men out of sinners, when they repent and believe in Christ.



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!)



Georgy Jeltonozhko and wife Vera

Georgy suffered 6 years imprisonment in the former Soviet Union for publicly reciting Christian poems. He was often sent to a punishing severe-regime solitary cell for witnessing unafraid and openly his faith to many of his fellow detainees. His wife Vera described how before being arrested, he went to KGB interrogations courageously as if “celebrating some holiday.” **Read her full testimony in our 7/2019 Newsletter.**

Krugovih Alexandru Vasilevici

was arrested on January 25, 1984, after repeated warnings to stop the illegal religious activity and ended up sentenced to four years of prison in the city of Lugansk, Soviet Union, now in Ukraine. His 12 years old daughter told him with tears in her eyes, “daddy, be faithful until death, do not give up on Jesus.” **Read his full testimony in our 7/2019 Newsletter.**

Ukrainian Baptist Omilianchiuk Nikolai Ivanovich

was sentenced for his Christian underground activities in the former Soviet Union to three years of prison. For a year he was placed in a stone mine, where he had to break and transport granite. One year later he was transferred to a prison in northern Russia, the city of Perm. He worked at felling trees in the woods. **Read his testimony in our 7/2019 Newsletter.**

Christian minister Gheorghe Marian and wife Elena

Gheorghe Marian was arrested by the Romanian communist secret police in 1948. At one o'clock at night, among hundreds of arrested believers, his hands were tied behind his back with some old wire (the local secret police ran out of manacles.) He was sentenced for his sermons to 12 years of prison and two years banishment to dwell in a strawhut on the no-man's land in the Romanian Baragan wasteland. **Read his full testimony in our 8/2019 Newsletter.**

Heroes of the Faith!

Persecuted Christians Helped with your Gifts

5½ Years Imprisonment. The Christian Path under Communism of a 92 Years Old.



Vinogradskiy Daniil Mikhailovich was born in 1930 in Zhitomir, in the family of a craftsman. The large Vinogradskiy family belonged to the church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. When Daniil Mikhailovich graduated from the Zhitomir technical school of mechanical woodworking in 1950, he was faced with a choice: faith in God, or a diploma with honors and continuing his studies at the Forestry Academy. He chose faith. In the same 1950, on July 11, on a night with moonlight, outside the city, in the Kamenka River, he received holy water baptism, making a promise to God to serve Him all his life in a good conscience. He had to do it at night because the communist authorities would not have allowed to do it during the day. At various times he worked in the Zhytomyr furniture plant as a foreman and a shop manager. In 1961, he again had to face a choice: work as a shop manager, or faith in God, meaning being active in the church. He, of course, chose faith, for which he was dismissed from the position of the head of the shop and transferred to menial work. In this difficult time of trials and cruel persecution of believers, Daniil Mikhailovich did not act only as a preacher, but also as a choir director. When the authorities persecuted church

meetings with particular cruelty starting at year-end in 1961, then, despite these prohibitions, Daniil Mikhailovich became the first organizer and leader of the services in private homes. So, on the initiative of D. M. Vinogradskiy, the Church of the Nativity was formed.

In 1964, the question of the ordination of the church-presbyter was raised. At a membership meeting with the participation of a member of the Initiative Group of (the known underground) Pastor M.I.Khorev, the church unanimously elected D.M. Vinogradskiy. The service at which the dedication was to be performed was scheduled secretly for a late evening time. Pastor S. G. Dubovoy, a member of the Initiative Group of Ministers, a pastor from the village of Kolodyazhnoe (Zhytomyr region) and many guests arrived for the ordination. Immediately after the dedication prayer, a police squad made of KGB officers burst into the service. Interrogations, fines, and the dispersal of this worship followed. This was the first test of our pastor's faithfulness to the Lord in the ministry. During the month of May 1966, the persecuted churches continued to pray and try to defend their rights. At this time, it was decided to form a representative delegation (of more than 450 persons) to petition the government in Moscow for the release of prisoners of conscience, for the provision of freedom to preach the Gospel. Pastor Vinogradskiy was among the organizers and leaders of the delegation from his church. For two days, day and night, the delegation waited to receive its representatives at the building of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The secretary of the Central Committee, Leonid Brezhnev, never came out to them, and on the third day the envoys were severely beaten and dispersed. The leaders of the delegation, including pastor D. Vinogradskiy, were sentenced by the Moscow court to two and a half years in prison in general regime prison camps. He was sent by stage through a transit prison in the city of Kazan and then in the city of Yoshkar-Ola of the Mari Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic. The church, left without a pastor, did not stop holding services. Letters from Daniel Mikhailovich and his sermons were a great consolation and encouragement for all members of the church in this difficult time.

The Second Unfair Sentence

November 20, 1968 became an unforgettable and joyful day for the family and community in Zhitomir. Vinogradskiy Daniil Mikhailovich returns to his home after imprisonment.

Again, active work in the church, preaching, analyzing the Holy Scriptures, working with young people, children ... But less than two years after the release, the Lord again allowed a test for the pastor, his family and church.

On February 11, 1971, early in the morning, the prosecutor's office of the city of Zhytomyr searched many of the apartments of believers: they seized a lot of Christian literature and the owners of the apartments, where services were always held, were arrested. Among them was again D. M. Vinogradskiy. After three days of difficult interrogation, he was released with a recognizance not to leave and a new investigation was started. The investigation in the case of D.M. Vinogradskiy lasted for six months. And again, an unjust verdict was passed. Here, the text:

"IN THE NAME OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

On September 6, 1971, the People's Court of the city of Zhitomir, having considered in an open court hearing in the city of Zhitomir (Malevansky House of Culture), the case on the charge:

Vinogradskiy Daniil Mikhailovich

Linnik Daniil Ivanovich.

Having examined the evidence collected in the case at the hearing, the People's Court established:

Defendants Vinogradskiy D.M. and Linnik D.I., after being released from places of deprivation where they served their sentences for violating the legislation on the separation of church from state and school from church, again began to continue their criminal activities. From the second half of 1969 until the day of their arrest - August 3, 1971 - children were systematically taught religion. For this purpose, they used the presence of children at prayer meetings of an illegal, unregistered in the executive committee of the local council of workers' deputies of the religious Evangelical Christian Baptists, of which they themselves are members. Being not only members of the community, but also spiritual mentors, the defendants D.M. Vinogradskiy and D.I. Linnik in the process of preaching with appeals to behave in a manner pleasing to religion, taught children to sing psalms, and introduced them to prayer. When choosing the measure of punishment for the defendants, the people's court took into account the severity of the offense and the personality of the defendants - both defendants were prosecuted in the past. For similar criminal activity. Taking into account all the circumstances, the court comes to the conclusion that a punishment in the form of imprisonment in a strict regime ITK has been imposed. Guided by Art. 321-324 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. The court sentence: Find guilty and convict: VINOGRADSKIY Daniil Mikhailovich and LINNIK Daniil Ivanovich under Art. 138 h. 2 of the Criminal Code of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to imprisonment in a penal colony for three years each."

Persecuted Christians Helped with your Gifts

Grandfather Killed, Father Imprisoned and Tortured for Underground Church Work A Testimony by Vatulko Olga, the daughter of Vatulko Anatoli Mikhailovich



“Dad was born in China, the city of Gulja in 1933, the first child in a family of believers. Dad's father (my grandfather) worked with an English missionary, preaching the gospel of Christ and distributing Christian literature to people. For this he was arrested. After suffering torture, he was killed and thrown into an abandoned mine. My dad lived in China until 1953, when he made a covenant with the Lord at the age of 20, after which the family moved to the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.

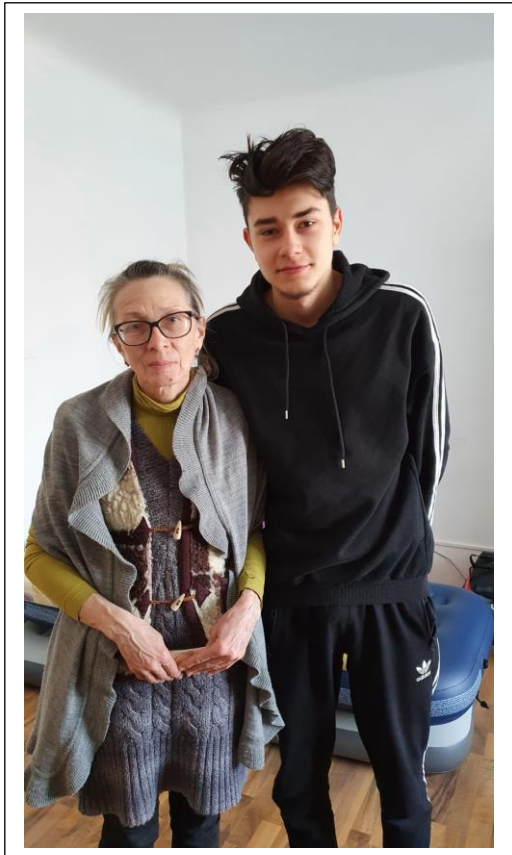
In 1973, he was arrested, sentenced for his faithfulness to the Lord, to five years imprisonment and deprivation of parental rights. Our mother hid us, four children, we lived illegally in different cities with believers.

After serving a five-year term, dad returned home. In the camp he endured suffering because he fearlessly preached about Christ. They put him in a punishment cell, deprived of visits from his wife and children. The sufferings of my grandfather, that is, my dad's father, are terrible. He suffered for Christ to death. He was subjected to various tortures. They hammered the needles under the nails, broke the fingers, pinching the doors, squeezed the head with pincers. They tried to get him to sign that he would not preach about Christ. He remained faithful.

My Dad had a good example of his father and remained faithful to the Lord to the end.

Even as a child, when I was eight years old, the first thing I saw was a crying mother. She left the house to meet us and told us that people from the KGB and the police came and made a search. They confiscated all spiritual literature, even everything that reminded of God and was associated with serving Him. Seeing that everything was scattered in the house. I could not understand what these people need, why they took good books. At school, they said that we (believers) are enemies of the people. Now, looking back into childhood, remembering those experiences the path traveled with parents in earnest for Christ, I want to say: it was not in vain that I walked this path. If we suffer with Him, we will be glorified. God's blessings to you.”

An Example of Ukrainian Christian Refugees to be Helped (close to 200) by the the Mission.



Name and surname: TIUPOVA RYMMA – 52 years old

Series and no. from the passport: FZ 552151

Place of origin: Swan, Zhuravka, Lebedin, Ukraine

Church: Christ Church, Swan village from Zhuravka.

Family members: Hlib – her son, 17 years old.

Describes the situation: The pastor of the church recommended them to go to Romania. He brought them to the Siret border. Rymma worked as a kindergarten teacher and Hlib, her son, was in the 10th grade at the pedagogical high school. He is dreaming to be an English teacher. Until 2015, they lived in Donetsk, then, due to hostilities, they moved to Swan. Again, the war started and Rymma was afraid for her son’s life, so they decided to listen to her pastor and to leave Ukraine. On the 24th of March, they left Iasi, to Sighetul Marmatiei and after that they will travel to Poland to Rymma’s oldest son, Dimitri who is living there.

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	Бьчков	Степан	Павлович	1959	Украина
417	ДРИСВЯННИКОВ	АЛЕКСАНДР	АЛЕКСАНДРОВИЧ	1959	Россия
418	СКВОРЦОВА	ЛЮБОВЬ	НИКОЛАЕВНА	1959	Россия
419	Варавин	Виталий	Федотович	1959	Россия
420	Дубицкий	СЕРГЕЙ	АДАМОВИЧ	1959	Россия
421	Лященко	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 4th and 5th 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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