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Dear friends:

You responded to my last urgent plea of help.

If you want to help projects started by my father late Reverend Richard Wurmbrand and my mother Sabina, in Romania like the orphanage in Pascani, the Richard Wurmbrand highschool in Iasi or some of these old Christians, now in their 80s and 90s, described in Rev. Richard Wurmbrand's books "In God's Underground" or "Tortured For Christ", formerly imprisoned under communism for their faith, some for 5-10 years (see testimony below) you may send a tax deductible donation to:

Help for Refugees, PO Box 5161, Torrance, Ca. 90510, USA.

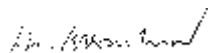
More information is found at the internet site: <http://helpforrefugees.com>

You could be of further help, if you were to ask friends in your church or on your Christmas mailing list for instance if they want to get involved with this missionary work and send us their mailing address . Please do not refer us just to Facebook or more email addresses since though convenient, such is of little effect. You may of course reproduce this letter and send it to your email list as well.

I founded the organization in the late 70s, and there is no slick, expensive newsletter other than maybe several times during the year I report simply to my friends-donors what has been accomplished. My father repeatedly used to say that today's poorest Christian should be grateful to God for being financially better off than any of the first Apostles.

Apostle James wrote: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble..." Thanks again for being willing to help.

God Bless,



Michael Wurmbrand

## **A Testimony from the (Romanian communist) Jilava Prison**

**By Rev. Matei Boila**

I passed in the year 1957 through the Jilava transit prison, being inside the underground cells numbers 9-12, cells that communicated from one to the other. In these cells were crammed 240 prisoners all hungry, cold, beaten and sometimes deprived even of air (the guards for long periods were not opening any windows or doors.) Among us was mixed a group of prisoners called the Salcia group (in Romanian Salcia means willow-tree) as they were coming from a prison camp of same name. These prisoners were not religious or political prisoners but common-law criminals, thieves, murderers. In that forced labor camp Salcia, these criminals, prisoners themselves, were given the possibility to “redeem” themselves in the eye of the communists by torturing in their turn special religious and political prisoners who were placed on purpose in that forced labor camp (to really be killed in this fashion.) Eventually after the communists used them they denounced such abuses and pretended they had not taken place on their order. Now this criminal group were those who made our life even more miserable by informing on us religious prisoners about our common prayers, meditations or short sermons and even when we tried to fill our time with innocuous stories, lessons, etc. They used a brutal, swearing, threatening language so strange to us.

Among them was a tall, massive man, named Geo Ilescu, well capable of terrorizing anyone around him. Being so big he himself being hungry in this prison was nervously chewing even during his sleep. One day he came to me saying, “Mr. Boila, please listen to me for a few minutes.” I could hardly believe my ears, hearing him talk in this way instead of his usual language full of swearing and obscenities. I was of course afraid that this was his sarcastic way to approach me but I answered, “I will listen to you Geo with greatest love.”

- “To start with,” he continued, “I need to tell you my background.”

- “I know it well, don’t bother.”

- “Allow me please,” he insisted, “as it is necessary for you to know it exactly in order to answer me correctly. I am a thief, a burglar, a murderer even. I stole, I raped, I killed. I never did anything well intentioned in my whole life. May I ask – am I allowed to pray to God like I see all of you (the religious prisoners) regularly doing it?”

- I was deeply shaken and with tears in my eyes I answered him, “Geo, if we would not be sinners just like you, sinners who kneeled in repentance before God, acknowledging our sins, how could we have the right to pray?”

I never saw a happier man than Geo at that moment.

- “Please teach me to pray.”

I taught him Our Father and amazingly he regularly after saying his prayer was supporting better the hunger. He was no more chewing during his sleep. Two years later, his sincerity (in this conversation) was proven. I was sick of pleurisy, close to death due to the intense hunger we were subjected to. Geo, meantime was part of the kitchen staff. He risked this “privileged” position to provide me secretly with extra food, the only thing that kept me alive. May God reward him.

Rev. Matei Boila

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An orphan at the Agape Orphanage,  
Bogdan helps in the recent roof-repair work.



Sample Images of Romania's "street children" and orphans of recent past!

Help For Refugees, Inc., PO Box 5161, Torrance, Ca. 90510, USA, is a tax-exempt, 501(c)\* non-profit corporation, trying to be of help to refugees from present and former communist countries. It also helps in dire situations left, as a sequel of communism, for instance formerly persecuted Christians in Eastern Europe, Christians who passed through 6-10 years of communist prison because of their Christian witness or orphanages in Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America.

\* Help For Refugees is listed in the Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, which is a list of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. May be checked online at: <http://www.irs.gov/app/pub-78/>

Your tax-deductible donations, if interested in participating in this help-work, may be mailed to:

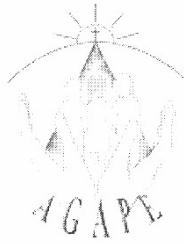
Michael Wurmbrand, Director, Make your donations to:

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**Email: [helpforrefugees@verizon.net](mailto:helpforrefugees@verizon.net) On the Internet: [Helpforrefugees.com](http://Helpforrefugees.com)**

Sample of Help Confirmation

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### CONFIRMARE

**Fundația Creștină pentru Copii “AGAPE”** din Pașcani str. Dragoș-Vodă nr. 23, jud. Iași, ROMANIA confirmă prin prezenta că a primit din partea Organizației **Help For Refugees – PO BOX 5161, TORRANCE USA**, în date de 31.12.2013 în contul bancar suma de 7000 \$ (șapte mii de dolari)

Banii se vor folosi în scopul susținerii copiilor orfani ocrotiți în Căminul AGAPE. Vă mulțumim.

*The Christian fondation for children Agape from Pascani, Dragoș-Voda street, number 23, Iasi, Romanian is confirming trough this document, that it reaceded the sum of 7000\$ in 31.12.2013. 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



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Pictures received from the Agape Orphanage, Pascani Romania



Late Rev. Richard Wurmbrand and wife Sabina at the 1993 opening  
Of the Agape Orphanage, in Pascani, Romania



New Children: Diana & Elena

Maria Georgiana, was taken away from their alcoholic parents by the local social services when only 3.  
Pictures show her before in her poor home and after being received into the orphanage kindergarten.



Due to lack of proper, regular support, Agape kids have to help also in the field (here harvesting potatoes.)



**Petrica Lupu**

Father serving a murder sentence, while mother left children behind to go work in Italy.



Agape Orphanage, Eating Hall



**Mihaela Muresan**

Mother committed suicide after husband abandoned her. Mihaela is now a Psychology major.



Newly received orphans & Eli below studying the Bible



**Madalina Boldas**

Mother died of cancer, alcoholic father abandoned family.

