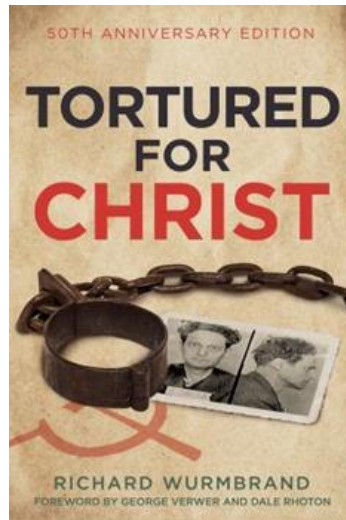


# What was it like for faithful Christians in Communist countries during the *Cold War*?

- Daniel Boldea- LCBC deacon and missionary to Romania/Ukraine.
- Testimonies of Faithfulness and Endurance in the midst of severe persecution.



**LOVE IS AMAZING, SO  
DIVINE, DEMANDS MY  
SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL**

ISAAC WATTS

Am I a soldier of the Cross—  
A follower of the Lamb?  
And shall I fear to own His cause,  
Or blush to speak His name?

In the Name, the precious Name,  
Of Him who died for me,  
Through grace I'll win the promised  
crown,  
Whate'er my cross may be.

Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize  
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?  
Must I not stem the flood?  
Is this vile world a friend to grace,  
To help me on to God?

Since I must fight if I would reign,  
Increase my courage, Lord!  
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,  
Supported by Thy Word.

“The destruction of active churches in Romania varied from one case to the next. The purpose, however, was the same: uprooting faith and forcing atheism.”

“The result was the exact opposite: instead of diminishing it, the terror strengthened the peoples’ faith, and atheism was left as a baseless notion, a characteristic of everything within the Communist Party.”

Many endured years in prison before they had even been tried or sentenced.





Over 800,000 people died incarcerated in communist prisons in Romania.





*Those who died were often counted as the fortunate ones no longer having to endure the cruel torture.*



“Crowbar and chain beatings were frequent occurrences and led to the death of many of the inmates.”

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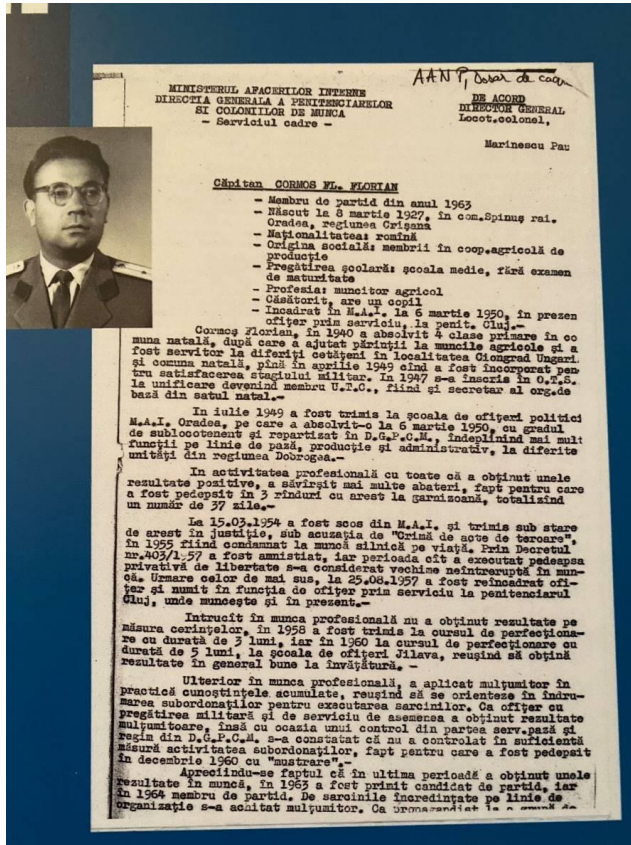
As the torturers struck, they would mock the prisoners, calling them “enemies of the State” and asking them if they are “still waiting for the Americans to save them.”



“During their depersonalization attempts, through unimaginable torture, students were forced to deny those they loved most: God, their parents, brothers, sisters and friends.”

“They had informants in every cell...the new arrivals were provoked to share their deepest secrets that would then be used against them during their court trial.”

Sabina Wurmbrand



There was an anti-intellectual phase; a purging of all intellectuals that could challenge the narrative.

Pictured, the man in charge of the torture at the Sighetu Marmatiei Prison. He only had a 4th grade education.

„CREDINȚA NOASTRĂ ESTE VIAȚA NOASTRĂ, ATUNCI CÂND NI SE VA LUA VIAȚA, NI SE VA LUA ȘI CREDINȚA”  
Sofia Hristea





**In 1959 there were 540 Baptist pastors  
recognized by the State.**

**In 1964 only 140 remained.**

**Perhaps the 400 could not be bought or broken.**

During these times, the Communists had infiltrated the churches, and even some of the pastors were undercover agents/spies receiving “remuneration” for information.



In compromised churches, theology was replaced with Communist propaganda.

# Statues were removed or destroyed in an attempt to erase history. Sounds familiar?



## Maryland removes the state's last courthouse Confederate statue

By Theresa Waldrop, [Amanda Watts](#) and Amanda Musa, CNN

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Workers removing the base of the Confederate statue on Monday.

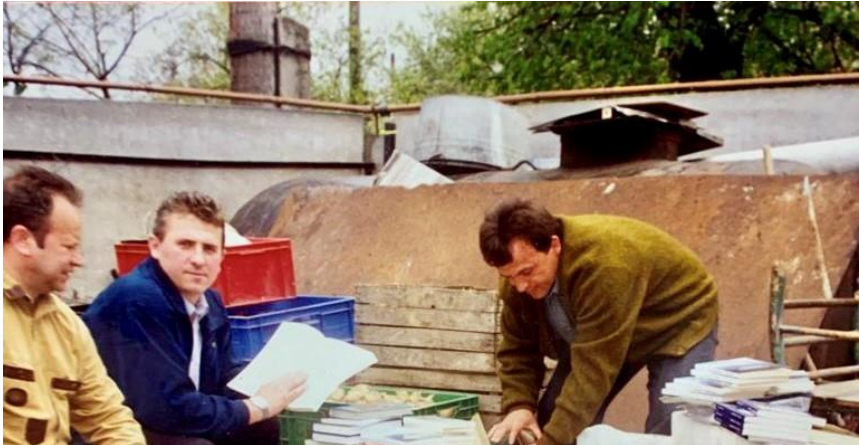
# Faithfulness in the midst of Severe Persecution Testimonies from Behind the “Iron Curtain.”

Acts 17:11 Now these people were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.



# The Clandestine Bible-Printing Press and the Nailless Believers





“We knew we had to get as many Bibles as possible into the hands of the people and we were ready to risk everything doing so.”

“I would much rather return to that time and do it all over again than witness how the Bible is neglected in this generation.”









“I was considered a dangerous felon because the songs I wrote proclaimed the Gospel and that was clearly against their communist ideologies.”

N. Moldoveanu

“Never miss an opportunity to be in  
fellowship with other believers!”

Nuti  
Gavrilescu,  
(Hebrews  
10:24f)

“When I finish my work here, nothing of me will remain.  
What will remain, however, are the testimonies of faith arising  
from the struggles and of perseverance by His grace. These will  
define the Church.”



*Pastor Florin*



**“If it is for our Lord,  
let them take everything!”**

**“The communists fear  
the Word of God. They  
fear it more than  
anything else.”**



“I was one of the privileged ones who placed the priceless Word of God into their outstretched hands!”



**“Despite the obstacles, the persecution, the tortures, as we continued our efforts, Bibles were transported in greater and greater quantities.”**

“Regardless of how difficult life became, we reminded ourselves that Jesus had suffered much more than we could ever suffer. This thought gave us strength.”

**“No matter the price paid in human suffering, the Word of God was able to reach a growing number of people. That was all that mattered.”**

**“Oh, how I prayed that He would sustain me, as I longed to hear Him say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’”**

**“I knew that there would be everlasting joy soon and that our problems, struggles, tears, and pain would be no more.”**



“Bibles, Bibles, Bibles. The matter of their delivery continued to be the focus of my thoughts. Nothing could be more dangerous...it was an immense risk every time we took part in a smuggling mission, but God protected us.”

“We were stopped many times. The police would check our cars and find nothing, even though they were filled with Bibles.”

“Our hearts would pound with fear, but our joy was equally immense as we watched God faithfully protect us time and time again.”

*“Grandpa, where are we going?”*

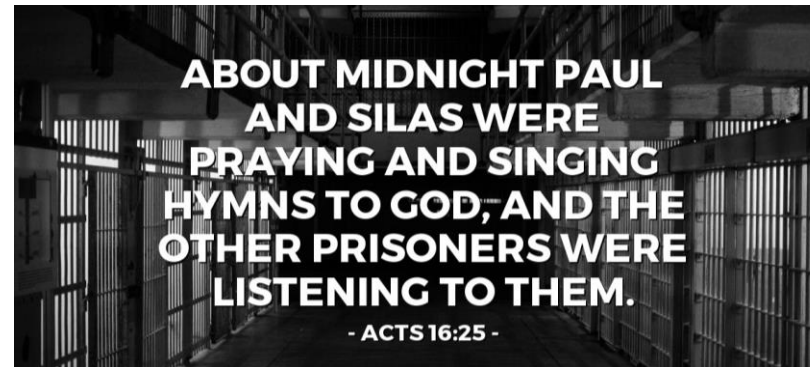
*“I don’t know. I wish I did. But I can  
promise you that God will take care of us.”*

*“If you were arrested for  
being a Christian, would  
there be enough evidence to  
convict you?”*

Billy Graham



When persecution and suffering are great,  
**HIS GRACE** is **GREATER** still!



***Let's sing together-*** *From Everlasting- Psalm 90.*