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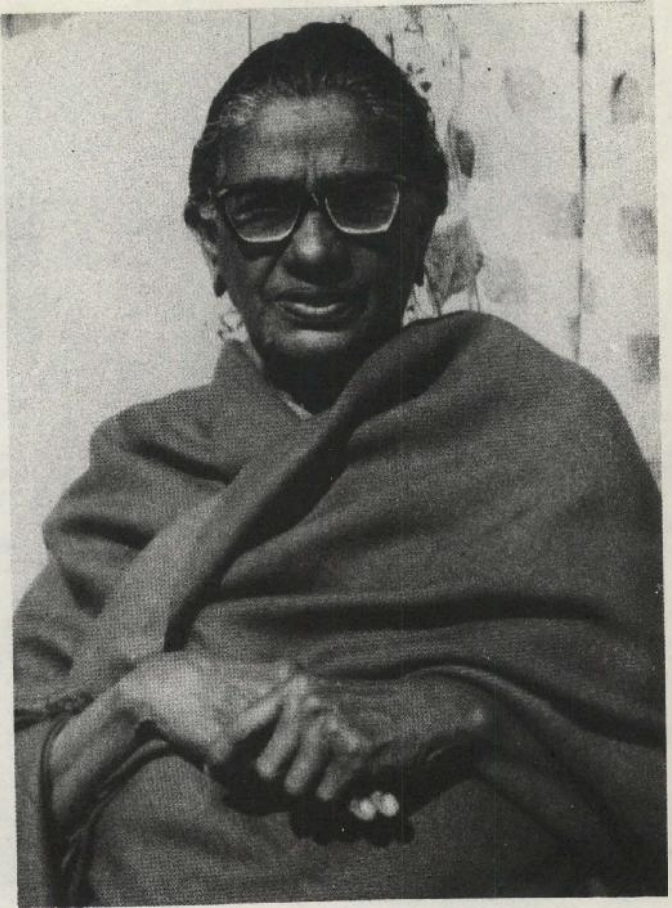
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**For the sake of the security of
believers and our workers in Gospel-
forbidden lands, the names of certain
persons and places are omitted.**



**This book is dedicated to
my beloved mother, who brought me
up in with strong faith to become a
warrior for Lord Jesus Christ. My
mother bade farewell to this world on
11th July 1982.**

About the Author

Dr. P.P. Job has a unique ministry. Where ordinary Christians won't go he goes; where a preacher can't preach he preaches. And where everyone can go he refrains. In the quarter of a century of his ministry, he has, with limited resources, engaged authorities and principalities in far-flung places. But he has unshakable faith in a God with limitless resources.

Born into a poor family in southern India, he studied theology in central India and is now stationed in New Delhi, northern India. A "businessman" at the age of five, he learned to count money not at school but at the gate of a school. Today he runs Sabina Press, the largest Christian printing establishment in India.

The three words that perpetually ring in Dr. Job's ears are those his mother taught

him: "*Don't give up!*" And against all odds he has never given up.

His biography *His Master's Job* has been published in 16 languages of Asia, Europe, and Africa. He himself has preached in 87 nations, embracing all continents.

Introduction

Elijah was one of the greatest biblical characters, but Elisha, his disciple, did even more miracles than his master. I think the reason is that the disciple chose to imitate the master, even requesting a double portion of the Spirit that guided him. Therefore the master was happy to leave him with his mantle.

Rev. Richard Wurmbrand is the St. Paul of our day, a man of God worthy of emulation. He spent 14 years in a Romanian prison for the "crime" of being a Christian pastor, and his wife Sabina was a slave laborer for three and a half years, working on a canal on the Danube.

In a conclave of four thousand pastors and Christian leaders summoned by the Romanian Communist government, Wurmbrand was the only one to stand up

for Christ and refuse to compromise his faith. He spoke against the well-orchestrated unholy alliance between church and state, calling it a betrayal of Jesus Christ. Thus he earned his martyrdom and prison sentence, for 14 years.

This courageous couple, Sabina and Richard Wurmbrand, now in their eighties, still stand firmly for Christ. The fruits of their martyrdom can be found in all parts of the globe. As a result of their dedicated ministry, the International Christian Association was organized to help the oppressed on all continents, where it maintains representative offices.

In 1964, Rev. Wurmbrand was released from prison for the second time. In 1965, in danger of re-arrest for his underground activities, he and his family were ransomed out of the country for \$10,000—a high price at that time. Anutza Moisev, a Romanian nurse who managed to escape to Norway during the Communist regime, worked there to raise money for their

release.

When Wurmbrand came to America, many doubted his testimony. It was at a protest rally in Washington against the government policies in Vietnam that he gained notoriety and the attention of the American press. We have Wurmbrand's account of the dramatic incident:

With sadness in my heart, I went to the open-air meeting. The speaker was a leftist pastor who ranted against the American army and praised Communism.

I jumped to the podium like a force to be reckoned with. The pastor was a little fellow, and I am six foot three and looked then like a wrestler. I'm sure he was intimidated by my appearance as I pushed him aside and grabbed the microphone. I then issued this challenge:

"You speak about Communism without knowing it. I am a doctor in Communism. I will tell you what it is like."

He replied, "Go away. Such a doctorate does not exist."

I said, "I'll show you my doctor's diploma in Communism!" At that I undressed to the waist and revealed front and back the scars of great wounds. "This is what the Communists did to me, along with thousands of other prisoners they tortured."

Now I had the attention and compassion of the watching public.

The pastor asked, "Why did they do this to you?"

I replied, "Let's suppose it was because I was accused of murder. Would the torture then be justified? Was President Kennedy's murderer tortured? But I have never been indicted for killing. I am a pastor like you. The Communists have tortured thousands of clergy and laymen like this simply because they are Christians. And you, a pastor, instead of praising Christ and

defending His innocent brethren, praise the Communists. You play the role of Judas."

Obviously, I reproduce only a small part of the scene. In the end, the leftist pastor was booed by his own audience. One listener even cut the wire to the microphone. I was against wars, but I stood up against this pastor who praised Communism.

The meeting was finished and I was picked up by the police for having disturbed a lawful assembly. They drove me around the corner, then congratulated me and let me go.

Newspapers and television stations played up the story. Soon Wurmbrand was summoned before a Senate subcommittee, where he testified about his tortures under the Communist regime. Meanwhile, he wrote his first book *Tortured for Christ*, which has now been translated into over 70 languages. I first had the privilege of reading it on New Year's day of 1969,

while travelling. Since then, I have had the pleasure of knowing this man of God very intimately. But that's another story.

This in brief is the story behind the mission he founded to help the oppressed. Today the mission has been extended to embrace those persecuted under militant Islam as well as godless Communism.

Now in his own lifetime Wurmbrand has been able to see the fall of the Berlin wall and the collapse of Communism in the Soviet Union, in his own Romania, and in other East European countries. Foreign tourists and journalists who were allowed inside his country found that he had told only half the story of the atrocities. Christians under Communism suffered enormous persecution. Countless numbers died, some became mad, and most of those who emerged from prison were silent during the Communist regime. Since very few had the courage to speak up about persecution, Wurmbrand became the golden tongue for the oppressed.

To imitate this great man of God is a privilege and a sure way to dedicated Christian living. True life stories do inspire people, especially when they point to the Source of power for making a difference in a sinsick world.

It is the author's wish that this book will enable you to be a powerful and victorious Christian witness to those floundering in the midst of crises, hopelessness, and despondency. To God be the glory!

Chapter 1

Dynamic Imitation

In his first letter to the Corinthians (11:1) St. Paul says, "Imitate me, as I have imitated Jesus Christ." In the fourteen letters of St. Paul and several by other apostles, we are urged to imitate them in following Jesus, in order that we may know His resurrected power.

Once on a long flight from New Delhi to Zurich, I was seated next to a fellow-countryman. When dinner was served around two o'clock in the morning, my friend refused. Thinking perhaps he was a vegetarian and did not want to touch the typical plane fare, I advised him to eat the vegetarian food and skip the rest. This too he refused. Later, while trying to sleep, I heard some noise near me and opened my eyes to see my friend taking out a food

packet he had brought from home.

The next morning when breakfast was served, he refused that too. On reaching the airport immigration office, he told me, "I have only a few dollars with me, which I will use in Switzerland." He cut a sorry figure when I told him that all the food served on a plane is free.

If you are a child of God, you are privileged to have many good things in life. But one of the most gratifying is to imitate men of God and their lives.

On November 24, 1977, I had the pleasure of organizing one of the largest public meetings on a church compound in Madras. Huge crowds gathered to see and hear Rev. Richard Wurmbrand. Wall posters and banners were put up days in advance. The meeting was scheduled for 6:30 in the evening, but crowds started gathering several hours early.

Just before the scheduled meeting, it

began to rain heavily. People stood up in order to unfold their umbrellas in the downpour. Bishop Sundar Clark, who was to preside, did not know what to do.

Then Rev. Wurmbrand stood up and took command. Impressive in stature at six feet three, he shouted, "Be seated! There will be no more rain."

Those of us seated behind him on the platform were startled. "How can Wurmbrand stop the rain?" we said to ourselves. I saw raised eyebrows around me.

Within seconds the rain stopped. Wurmbrand explained: "Jesus is a Jew, and I too am a Jew. Now, no Jew goes into business to lose money. Jesus trained me for fourteen years in prison, and I have come out of the Seminary of Sufferology to share the power of God. However, if the rain stopped the preaching, Wurmbrand would not be the lose, Dr. Job would not be the loser, Bishop Clark would not be

the loser, but Jesus the Jew, who will not do business to lose." Then he added, "I will preach for two hours and give my benediction in Hebrew. You can go home, and then it will rain, because you need the rain."

Alleppey, citadel of Marxism in Kerala, India—the first state in the world where Communism entered by way of the ballot—also witnessed a unique phenomenon. While Rev. Wurmbrand was preaching, it rained heavily all around the compound but not on the 30,000 people gathered in the open to hear him. This was God's striking testimony to the Marxists in town.

A year after the Madras evangelistic meeting, I was asked to preach in Jhansi in North India. Groups of believers were coming from Delhi and Kerala for the four-day series of meetings. On Sunday afternoon, rain squalls threatened to disturb the open-air session. The colorful canvas *shamiana* (tent) erected with bamboo

pillars began to billow and flutter.

At one point, when it looked as if the whole *shamiana* would be blown off, our brothers had to grab the poles to steady our tent. I thought, "I too am a child of God like Wurmbrand," and I decided to imitate that man of God. At first fear gripped me. I closed my eyes, as I always do when I am afraid. Then, taking a deep breath, I shouted, "All the people may be seated. There will be no rain!"

Christian leaders who sat on the dais and who were intellectuals probably smiled inwardly at the audacity of a man who believed in the power of prayer to work miracles. Suddenly the rain stopped, and there was calm. When I began preaching, I narrated the story of what happened to Wurmbrand's meeting in Madras. After that I began to muster courage.

Jesus, who controls the wind and the waves and the storm, manifested His power to the disbelieving people. But we have to

claim the power of God in our lives. Often the best way to obtain courage is to imitate other men of God. Then step by step we can increase our store. In the early days of my ministry for the Lord, I lacked this kind of courage. But seeing God work through others has increased my own faith.

Consider David and Goliath—David the fledgling and Goliath the giant. David's elder brothers educated in the military academy of that time were spiritually defeated. Even King Saul was spiritually defeated before he was actually defeated by the Philistines. David felt he could do something about the threat but lack the courage to tell his own brothers, knowing they would not believe him.

I think he must have told his story to one of those standing outside the tent: "While I was looking after my father's sheep, a bear came to eat one of them. At first I was frightened. But with my trusty sling I was able to kill it. Another day a ferocious lion came roaring in. Taking

courage, I said to myself, 'If I can kill a bear I can kill this lion.' And I did. Now, if through the power of God I can kill a bear and a lion, I can kill this Goliath."

When King Saul heard these words, he was impressed by the testimony. Doing something is better than doing nothing, he might have thought. So he gave David his sword, his shield, and his armor, all of which were too heavy for the boy. Laying it aside, David took his sling and gathered five stones to fight the giant. Seeing the unarmed stripling, Goliath was enraged and lifted his helmet in mockery. The flying stone from David's sling hit the one exposed target and sank deep into Goliath's forehead. The giant fell.

Some people think that in order to do great things for God you need money, a car, your own building, and an evangelistic team. If God is with you, however, you should not have to worry about such needs, God can bless what you have, just as He blessed the five loaves to feed the five

thousand. He is not looking at what you are but at what you can become. It is not your abilities but your availability for God that determines the success of the ministry. In the name of Jesus Christ you can be a victor.

Removing doubts and fears is the first step to victory. After the exodus from Egypt, the children of Israel found themselves caught between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's chariots. God's chosen people seemed helpless.

Then, after Moses stretched out his rod over the Red Sea, God sent a mighty wind to divide the waters, and His people went through to the other side on dry ground, in a miracle of deliverance.

We need to imitate the faith and courage of such men of God. Then we too will see miracles in our lives that proclaim the power of the living God.

Chapter 2

Dynamic Action

God is great, we say. Yet we tend to limit Him. We cannot make God either great or small, because His realm is far beyond the comprehension of the human mind and heart. But God loves to have fellowship with His children and extend His kingdom of righteousness on earth. In the words of the prophet, "Enlarge the place of your tent." (Isaiah 54:2)

King David desired to build a temple for God but was denied permission. His son, King Solomon, great in wisdom, power, and wealth, built his father's dream. On the day of dedication of the temple, Solomon confessed: "Will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built?" (I Kings 8:27)

Nevertheless, we can magnify His name before people who have never experienced the power of God by our serenity in the hour of crisis, by our courage in the face of danger, and by our rejoicing in times of persecution.

I have had the memorable experience of witnessing how a man of God faced an hour of crisis with superhuman calmness. In 1992, on the eve of a gospel meeting in Trivandrum in the southern tip of India, Rev. Wurmbrand collapsed after a heart attack, becoming unconscious. An ambulance transported him from our hotel to the nearby hospital, where he was given oxygen in the ICU. That same day he was scheduled to preach at Marthandam near Cape Comorin.

By midafternoon, his wife Sabina and I decided that we would preach in his place, and my father-and mother-in-law would attend to Wurmbrand in the hospital. By 5 o'clock as we were about to leave, Rev. Wurmbrand said he was feeling all right

and would accompany us. I was afraid he would die on the way, especially since it was nearly an hour's drive to Marthandum.

Once there, we lifted him onto the dais in a chair. He said he wanted to say two or three sentences of salutation. He began, "This may be my last message. I may die on this dais. But I want to tell you about people who suffer for Christ." Then he preached for two hours, and many people accepted Christ, seeing the faith of the man who was willing to die preaching Christ in a far-off land.

On another occasion, Rev. Wurmbrand addressed the largest gospel meeting the cosmopolitan city of Bombay had ever witnessed. During the three-day series the auditorium was packed to capacity, and the meetings were a grand success.

We had opened a bookstall with hundreds of copies of books by Wurmbrand. In the evening after the meetings ended, fire engulfed the

auditorium, reducing it to a skeleton. If the fire had broken out during the meetings, there would surely have been a stampede, and the ailing Rev. Wurmbrand would have been trapped. If the fire had broken out just three days before the meetings, all the money paid for booking the facility would have been forfeited, and there would have been no auditorium with that capacity to hold such a huge crowd. But what took the fire-brigade crew by surprise was that none of the books were touched by the fury of the flames. They told us, "Your God is indeed great!"

When we magnify our God before others, He in turn will magnify us, as He promised: "I will honor those who honor me." (I Samuel 2:30) This was the gist of what William Carey preached: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

Tom White, whom I first met in 1977, is now director of the Wurmbrand mission in America. After resigning his job as a

teacher in Costa Rica, he took up this new ministry, bringing his wife Ofelia and his two children Dorothy and Daniel, to California.

Tom is an adventurous man, and the whole family is on fire for Jesus Christ. For seven years he conducted a massive Gospel invasion of Cuba, taking the peace of God to this downtrodden Caribbean island. More than 400,000 pieces of Christian literature, missiles of love, were either dropped from the sky or carried ashore by sea currents.

On May 27, 1979, his plane crashed on a Cuban highway. Brutal treatment by the secret police, months of solitary confinement, and the 24-year sentence of a kangaroo court form the backdrop of his fascinating story. In this school of suffering, at Combinado del Este Prison, Tom met and worshiped with the suffering Cuban church. Meanwhile, an American millionaire offered to pay a ransom of \$300,000 for the release of Tom and his

pilot, but the Cuban authorities did not budge. Political pressure at different levels failed.

I said to myself, "We have a great God who freed the people of Israel from Egyptian bondage, and for Him nothing is impossible." It was then that I learned that Fidel Castro, chairman of the Nonaligned Movement, was visiting India. Getting an appointment with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and persuading her to use her good offices for Tom's release was a difficult job. But I had access to Mother Teresa because of the All-India Christian Protest Rally against an anti-Christian bill by a fanatical member of Parliament in India, for which I was one of the organizers.

Mother Teresa was not happy about Tom's daring adventure but agreed to plead his cause with Mrs. Gandhi. Eventually he was released because of her intervention, by which time seventeen months had passed. A grateful Tom White visited India, where the press nicknamed him "the adopted

son of India.”

When we met Mrs. Gandhi for the minority's rights in India, she said, “you are not a minority, you are a majority.” In this respect, Prime Minister Nehru's reply to Home Minister Sardar Patel, India's “iron man,” deserves our attention. Patel was apprehensive that Christians wanted to invade the whole of India. Nehru responded, “The Christians do not want to conquer India but the whole world!”

The militant Hindu leader Ashok Singhal is on record as saying recently that if we continue like this India will be under the control of Christians and Muslims. (*India Today*, July 31, 1995) In a country of some 900 million people, that is a remarkable statement!

Chapter 3

Dynamic Prayer

Prayer is fellowship with the living Christ. But it is the tragedy of our times that some Christian leaders do not believe in the fundamental truth of the resurrection of Jesus and His comforting presence with believers. They believe in the historical and theological Christ but not in the resurrected Christ.

As if to confound the skeptics, the birth of Christ was predicted 700 years before the event by the prophet Isaiah. His death and utterances on the cross were prophesied by King David a thousand years before in Psalm 22. The outline of His story could have been delineated from biblical prophecies some 400 years before His birth in Bethlehem.

Jesus is not just a historical and scriptural person but a contemporary reality who walks and talks and communes with believers. We can know Him with our intellect and our heart. He is both an objective and a subjective reality—objective biblically and subjective when the Holy Spirit enlightens our lives.

Dynamic prayer is the unity of prayers. United with the Holy Spirit our mind becomes His mind, our desires His desires, our will His will, our prayer His prayer. In Acts 19:21, St. Paul expresses a desire to go to Rome. In Acts 23:11, he is told to stand before Emperor Nero of the mighty Roman empire. Thus his desire has become the Holy Spirit's. Even so, Paul was led through many bitter experiences—two years of imprisonment in Jerusalem, two-and-a-half years in Caesarea, shipwreck off the Island of Malta. Later, writing to Timothy from Rome, Paul expressed his loneliness. Everyone had deserted him; Alexander the coppersmith had cheated him; no advocate stepped forward during

his trial. Jesus alone stood by him. (II Timothy 4:14-17)

If we pray in the Spirit we can experience the miracle of answered prayer. Rev. Wurmbrand would say, "We have to fight the evil of Communism and the might of the Soviet bloc."

I would reply, "They are too powerful for us. They are armed to the teeth, and we have no means. Moreover, you are a Romanian in America with a foreign accent, and your thinking is foreign."

He replied, "Notwithstanding our frailties, the fullness of the Holy Spirit will lead us to do great things. We have to correlate our plans with the Holy Spirit's to do great things for God. And that is the meaning of dynamic prayer."

While in Romanian prisons, he used to pray for India. He had heard about the Maramon convention, the largest conclave of its sort in the world. I tried to bring him

to Maramon, but many of our priests who had Communist leanings opposed it tooth and nail. One of them declared triumphantly that "Rev. Wurmbrand will not be able to see the sands of Maramon." In spite of their predictions, Wurmbrand did preach at the Maramon convention, because what is impossible for man is possible for the man of God.

Remember, the Spirit of God who broke down the Berlin wall and freed nations from the bondage of Communism is the same Spirit who dwells in your heart.

Prayer is a powerful weapon that enables us to experience the miracle of God. To the uninitiated, it may sound like a game for the gullible. But believers know better.

It was Rev. Wurmbrand's great desire to visit a certain country where priests, preachers and evangelists were forbidden. He had been praying for this country for

several years, and God worked a miracle.

In a neighboring country we learned that the Indian ambassador's wife was a Romanian. That opened the door for us to be invited for tea, where Wurmbrand, a Romanian himself, established instant rapport. I then spoke to her about his desire to visit the forbidden country. She discussed the matter with her husband, who contacted the ambassador of that country, who issued a visa within a couple of hours.

On landing in that non-Christian country, Wurmbrand so rejoiced that he walked to the sea, waded knee-deep into the water, and with hands outstretched gave thanks to Jesus Christ who made the impossible possible.

In the underground church to which we were led there were five meetings a day, with none of the believers permitted to attend two sessions because of the crowd. The church had a seating capacity of 600, and the walls of the rooms were broken

down to make it a sound-proof hall. Cars were parked at a distance in car parks to avoid suspicion of an underground meeting. Believers were then picked up in a car by twos and threes and brought to the church. I don't know who was more thrilled that day—the preacher or his hearers.

Stories from one of the Islamic countries of Africa indicated that Christians were being crucified. Wanting to know the truth, I contacted a UN official, who made it possible for me to penetrate its borders and witness with my own eyes the gruesome sight. I managed to take some photographs but was promptly arrested. After a few moments I lost all hope and almost thought I too would be crucified when I discovered that the UN official who escorted me had disappeared.

This was an occasion for earnest prayer on my part. Suddenly I heard a blast, and all the police officials rushed to the spot. Seeing an opportunity, the UN official

emerged, seized me by the collar, and threw me into his jeep. In minutes we crossed the border into Uganda and safety. God had worked another miracle.

In a desert nation closed to the gospel, a Sri Lankan expatriate was seriously ill of diabetes. Some Indian Christians who were also expatriates prayed for him, and he was miraculously healed. Then he began praying for others who were sick, and they too were healed. The irate local leaders seized him and took him to the magistrates. A date was set for his trial. Then the magistrates informed him that he had to heal three others by prayer, or he would be executed.

The poor Sri Lankan was in agony. On the day of the trial three judges, lawyers, and the local people gathered to witness the execution. The judges asked our brother to come forward and heal one blind man, one deaf man, and one lame man. The Sri Lankan prayed as he never had before: "Lord Jesus, this may be my last moment

on earth. But I have one earnest desire. Whether I am killed or not, Your name should be glorified in this nation.”

Then he called upon the name of Jesus, urging Him to heal the three men immediately. That very moment all were healed, to the astonishment of the judges, lawyers, and local people. The result was that the three judges and the three who were healed accepted Christ and became living witnesses for him.

Rev. Wurmbrand and I had the privilege of visiting this country and meeting these dear people.

For decades many people thought Marxism was the hope of the world. But it has only served to impoverish whole nations, many of which have seen Communism collapse. Others put their trust in capitalism and believe it is the hope of the world. But in spite of the opulence it produces, many homes in America and Europe are experiencing abject misery.

Families are breaking up; marriages all too often end in divorce; children are not wanted or are mistreated. Alcohol and drugs—legal or illegal—are a way of life to ease the pain. But materialism is not the hope of the world, nor is the “peace” provided by mind-altering chemicals.

The only hope for mankind is the living Jesus, who speaks to us, listens to us, and guides us. By staying connected to Him through prayer, we can achieve great things for God. He in turn gives us the “peace that passes understanding.”

Chapter 4

Dynamic Witnessing

St. Paul admonishes Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you." (II Timothy 1:6) We each have gifts and talents hidden within us of which we may be unaware. But God intends to use them if we are willing.

Tesfaye Mesfin of Ethiopia is one such gifted person. His witness during the 14-year Communist rule of Ethiopia is an inspiration. It was a time when many Christian leaders were kidnapped or killed, or else they vanished without a trace. The general secretary of the Makana Esu Lutheran Church disappeared, never to be seen again. People were afraid even to speak to each other. Fear reigned. The youth were conscripted into the army. On Sundays the Communists would hold

meetings to ensure that no one could attend the church service.

During this hour of crisis, God enabled me to witness to the suffering people clandestinely and to help them financially. For his work of translating Wurmbrand's *Tortured for Christ* into the Amharic language of Ethiopia, Mesfin was arrested. During his imprisonment the Communist Government found out that he was a good translator and promised him freedom if he would translate Communist books into Amharic. Through the power of God, he was able to resist, declaring, "I will not translate any book that proclaims atheism."

When Ethiopia became free, we opened a Christian bookshop called the Grace Book Center. One day someone drove a station wagon into the shop, and we had to find another place to locate it. On another occasion a youth went in and challenged Mesfin, who is in charge, to sell the Koran.

"We will sell the Koran in the Christian

book center," Mesfin responded, "if the Muslims will sell the Bible in the Mosque."

Powerful witnessing is the direct result of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. When the indwelling Spirit of God acts upon a person, he becomes an effective witness.

I was once invited to visit the underground church of an anti-Christian country. At the airport I was picked up by strangers in a luxury car, who blindfolded me.

"If you don't trust me, why did you invite me?" I asked. They said they couldn't take any chances. The police can interrogate a visitor and by using a sophisticated brainwashing machine get him to tell secrets of the underground church. The believers will then be tracked down and eliminated.

They took me to a palatial house, where 120 people were packed into a large dining room. I was immediately ushered into a

closet, where I was instructed to stand for ten minutes to see if I could breathe. If the police raided the place, I was to hide quickly and stay put till they left.

On the table was a large birthday cake. I was told that if the police came unexpectedly everyone would sing "Happy Birthday" to me so that the police would think they were celebrating the Indian guest's birthday and would leave us in peace.

What amazed me most was that some people were clapping with their arms instead of their hands. When they accepted Jesus Christ, their hands were chopped off as punishment. Yet they clapped their arms thanking and rejoicing in their Lord. The sight brought tears to my eyes. I can never forget their devotion and love for Jesus. By way of contrast, I have seen people with two hands who are reluctant to clap them for Christ.

I come from a land that has seen many

martyrs. The first Christian martyr in India was St. Thomas, one of Jesus' twelve apostles. India was home to many Jewish trading communities, to whom St. Thomas first preached after landing in South India in 52 A.D. He was speared to death near Madras and was the first of many Christian martyrs.

About 150 years ago missionaries from England and Germany came to Northeast India to preach the gospel. One Welsh missionary converted a man, his wife, and two children, whose spontaneous faith proved contagious. Angry, the village chief summoned all the villagers, then asked the head of the family to renounce his faith in public or face execution. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the man instantly composed and sang these celebrated lines:

*I have decided to follow Jesus. (3 times)
No turning back, no turning back.*

Now enraged, the chief ordered his archers to shoot the two children. As both

boys lay twitching on the floor, the chief asked, "Will you deny your faith? You have lost both your children. You will lose your wife too."

Then the man sang these words:

*Though no one joins me, still I will
follow. (3 times)*

No turning back, no turning back.

The chief was beside himself with fury and ordered his wife to be shot. In a moment she joined her two children in death. Now he asked for the last time, "I will give you one more opportunity to deny your faith and live. There is no one for you in the world."

The man then sang the final memorable lines:

*The cross before me, the world behind
me. (3 times)*

No turning back, no turning back.

Everyone thought that with his death Christianity would be ended in that tribe, but it was just the beginning. The Spirit was working. "Why should this man, his wife and two children die for a Man who lived in a far-away land on another continent some 2,000 years ago?" the chief asked himself. "There must be some supernatural power behind the family, and I too want that supernatural power."

In a spontaneous confession of faith, he declared, "I too belong to Jesus Christ!" When the crowd heard this from the mouth of the chief, the whole village accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

I used to narrate this story wherever I preached. In Ethiopia under Communism I preached this message and taught the chorus, which is a classic, though many might not know its history.

When I entered the air terminal prior to leaving, I saw a huge crowd. Usually no one comes to see me off except an Indian

from my home state. Someone shouted, "Brother Job, there is no turning back, no turning back!" I was startled. Soon the whole crowd repeated, "There is no turning back, no turning back." Under the circumstances, these were brave words.

Boldness for Jesus Christ is the spontaneous fruit of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the outgrowth of all the nine gifts.

Once when Rev. Wurmbrand was speaking to one of his prison guards about the love of Jesus Christ, the guard retorted, "Your face is so dirty with the dust and filth of many months, how can you say you are created in the image of God? Show me your Christ, if He is living today."

For a moment Wurmbrand was perplexed. Then came the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

"See, here is Christ," he said. Stretching forth his hands as if crucified, he stood still in prayer.

Moved by this striking gesture, the guard did indeed see the face of Christ in the visage of the filthy prisoner. Dropping to his knees, he accepted the living Christ into his own hungry heart.

Another miracle of grace has just been recorded in the books of heaven.

The author has travelled extensively over various continents to help, save, comfort and protest for the rights of believers suffering for the cause of Christ. He has seen victory at some places and is still fighting at others. The photographs in the following pages are an evidence of this fact.

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Sabina and Richard Wurmbrand.



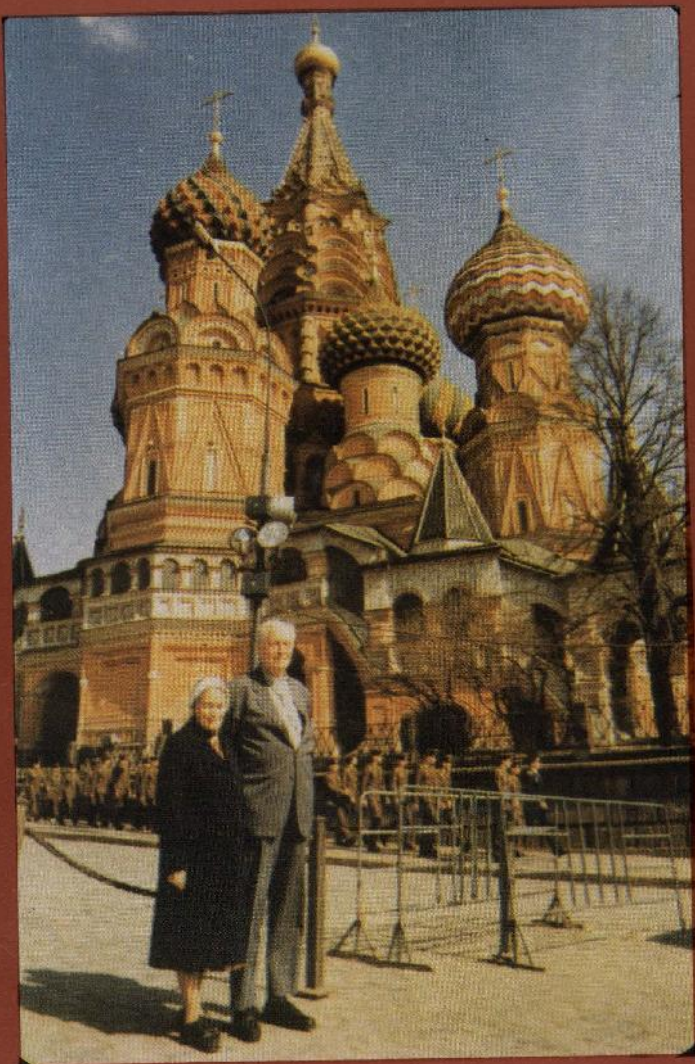
Directors of the Wurmbrand Mission, The Voice of the Martyrs.



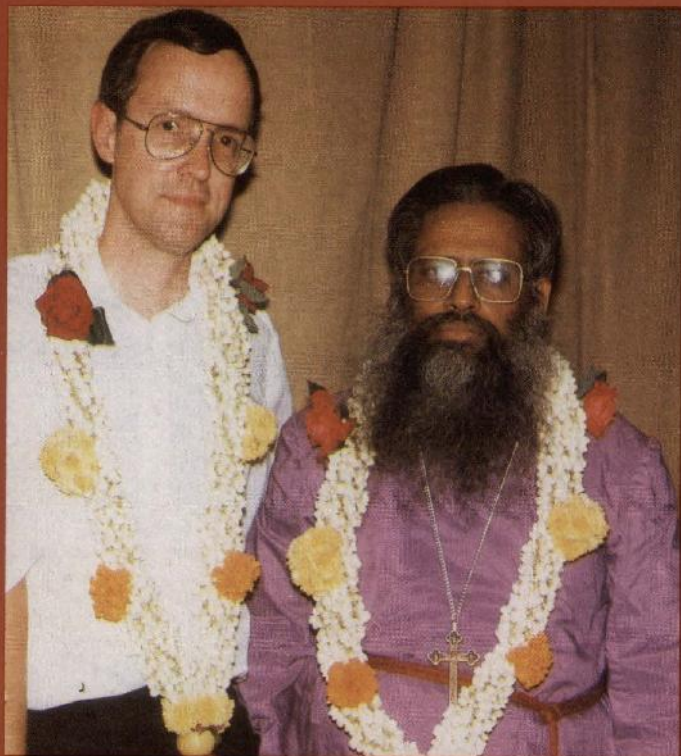
American Senator Dodd, head of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, invited Rev. Wurmbrand to appear before a public hearing. Pastor Wurmbrand demonstrates another part of the body of Christ—the part bearing the scars of persecution.



Felix Chmelkowski, our co-worker and newsletter publisher in Ukraine, helps unload tons of Christian books and clothes for the needy.



Nothing is impossible for God. Today Russia is open to the gospel. The first visit of Rev. & Mrs. Wurmbrand to Moscow.



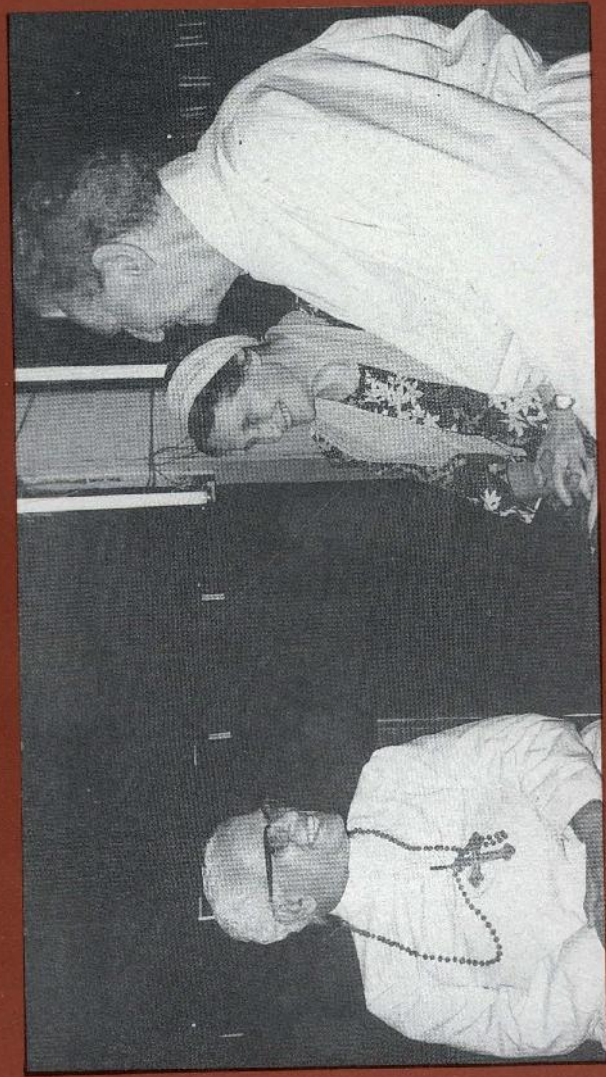
Tom White with the Most Rev. Dr. Mar Aprem, the Metropolitan of the Church of the East in India. Tom was given a warm reception all over the country. Newspapers called him the Adopted Son of India. In 1979 Tom was sentenced to 24 years of imprisonment by the Cuban government for smuggling Christian literature. After an appeal by Mother Teresa to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to secure his freedom, he was released after serving only 17 months. Today he is the director of the American branch of the Wurmbrand Mission, called The Voice of the Martyrs.



With Mother Teresa for the release of Tom White. The late Mr. G.S. Reddy, Member of Parliament and Mr. Frankline, General Secretary of the All India Christian Forum, with Dr. Job.



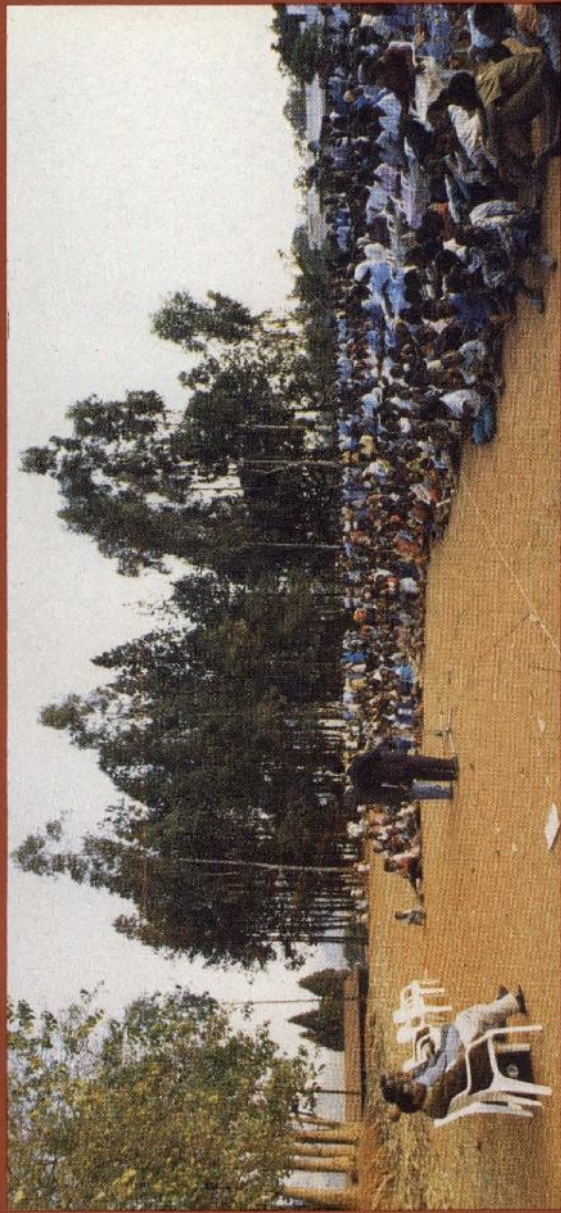
Pastor Wurmb speaks to the local visitors and international delegates at the opening of our Agape Orphanage in Pascani in the north of Romania. Our mission supplies food, clothing, bedding, toys, books, and staff support for this children's home. (see inset) Dr. Job with orphans in Rumania.



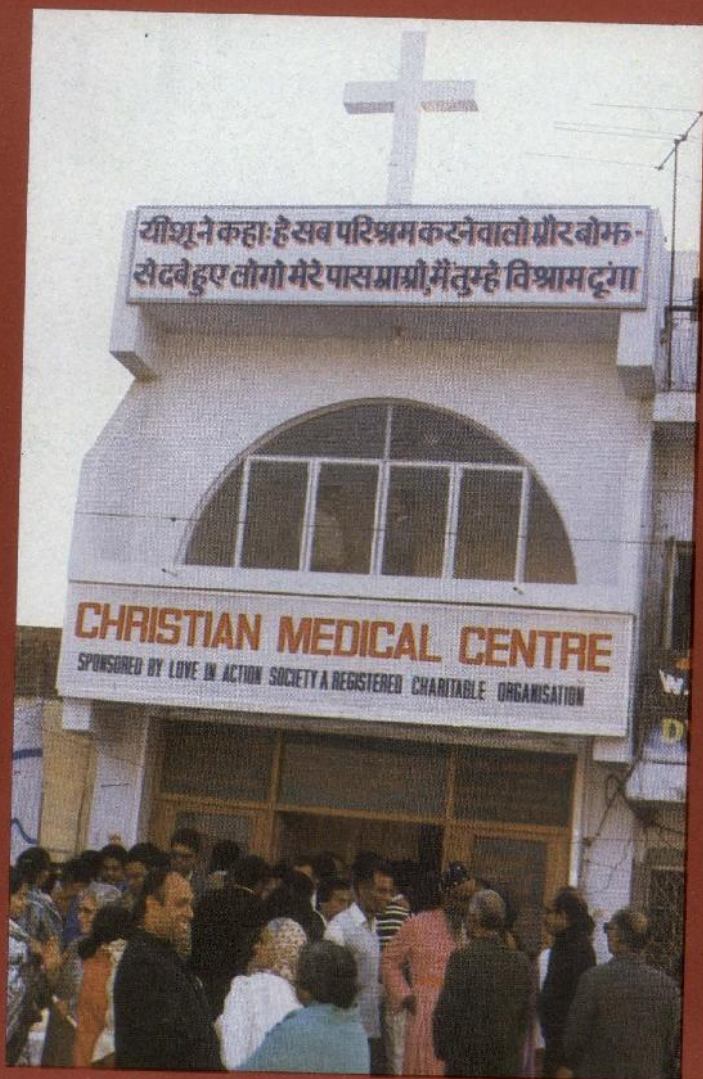
Rev. & Mrs. Wurmbrand with the late Cardinal Joseph Parekattil of the Roman Catholic Church in India. The Wurmbrands were invited by all Christian leaders, rising above denominationalism.



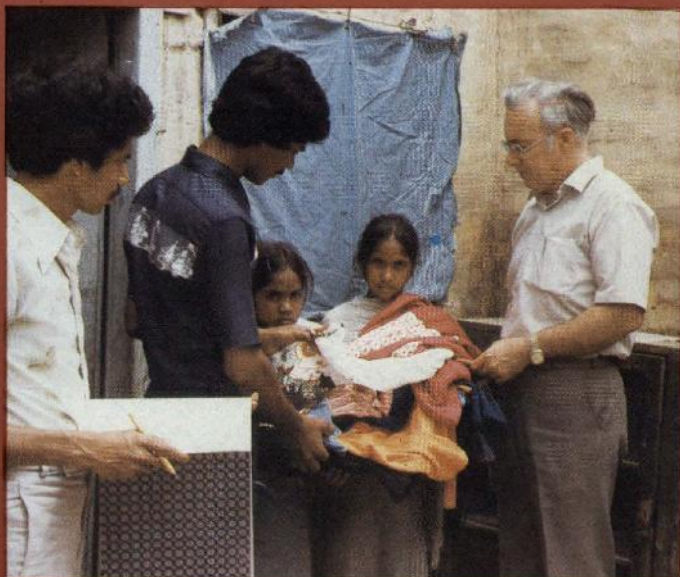
Dr. Job (center) leads a group of Christian organizations in front of the Pakistani Embassy to protest against the death sentences given to Pakistani Christians Rehmat Masih, 40, and Salmat Masih, 14 (see inset). The protest rally was telecast the world over, and on 23 February 1995 both were released. Once again, after his release, Rehmat was shot in the stomach three times and Salmat was shot in the hand several times by their accuser. Another Christian, Bro. Manzoor, was killed. Pray for the Christians in Pakistan.



Under Communism, Christian believers in Mozambique faced fierce persecution. Many died like flies. Dr. Job visited camp after camp and encourages believers in the jungles and valleys with the powerful Word of God.



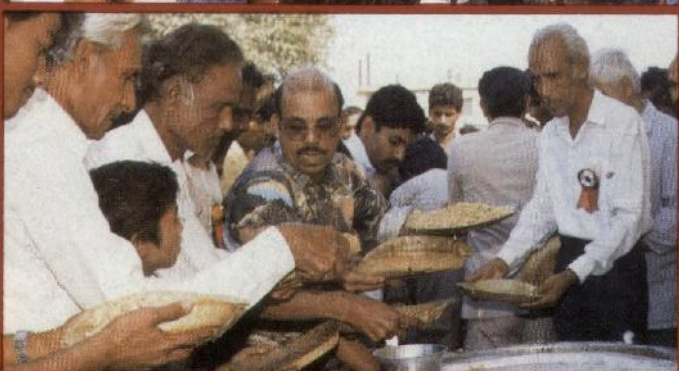
The Christian Medical Center, run by Dr. Mary Job, provides free medical aid to slum-dwellers in Delhi. Four million out of the nine million people of Delhi live without proper medical care.



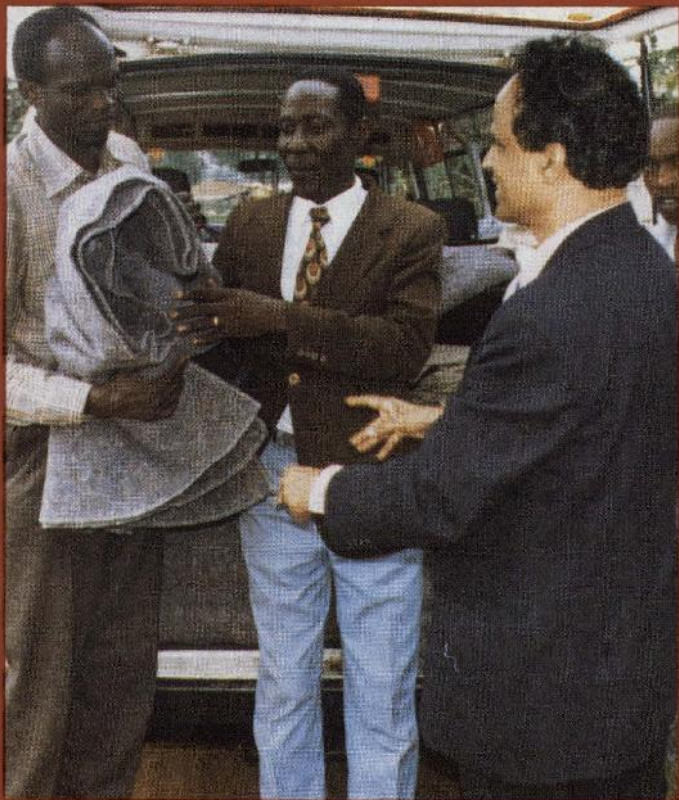
Our mission supplies truckloads of clothes to slum-dwellers of Delhi. Rev. Merv Knight, director of the Australian Mission, leads one of the distribution programs.



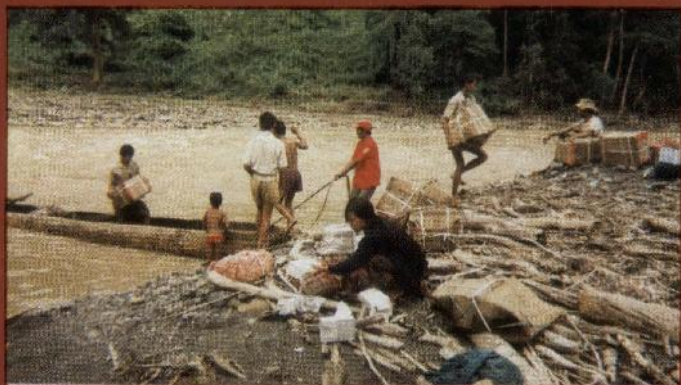
Dr. Mary Job with her medical work in a Slum in Delhi.



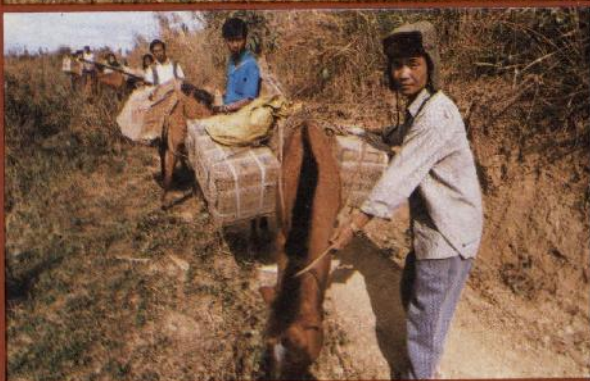
Our mission is involved in feeding 5,000 at a time in a Delhi slum. Three Cabinet ministers (central government of India) inaugurate the distribution of food to these poor people.



Five hundred thousand Sudanese Christians are among the refugees who have settled in Uganda. The UN provides them with food but nothing more. Our mission took care of the one thousand families by providing them with blankets, utensils, and essential goods. Truckloads of blankets and Bibles have been distributed in 1995.



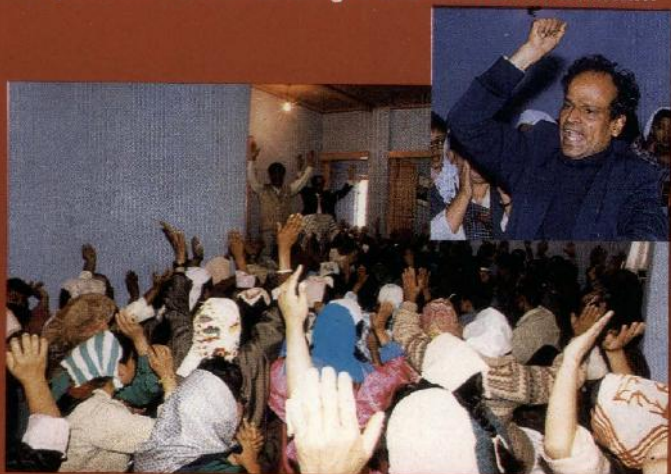
Pastor Wy-Foo, our mission worker, was hanged at Pangasi in China for distributing Christian literature. His wife Martha (left), who now leads our work, is seen with our full-time workers. Below, Christian books are smuggled by river to a forbidden nation.

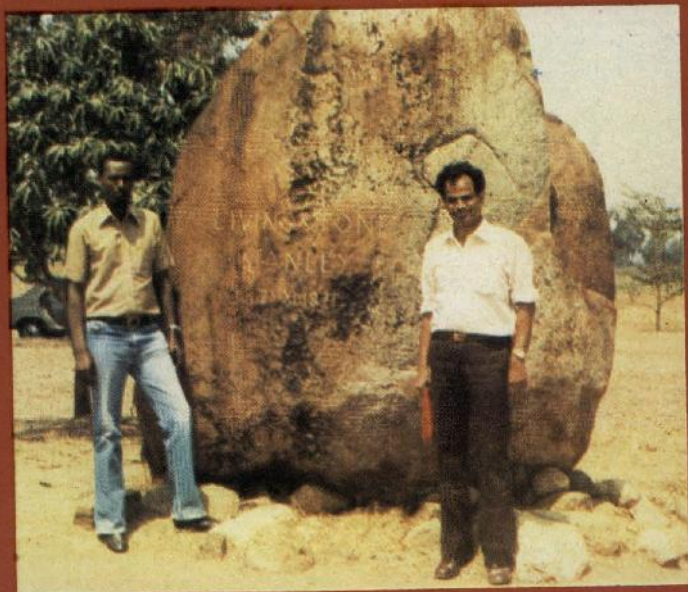


Our convoy of Bibles and Christian literature enters an Asian nation where they are forbidden. As the group of believers stops to pray, Dr. Job dedicates each one of them to our Master's hand.



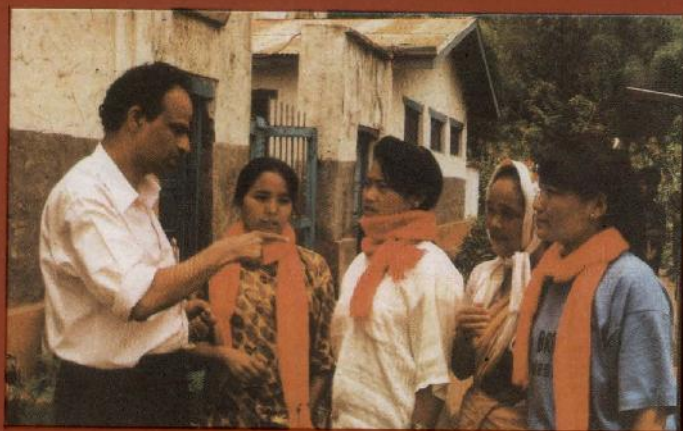
Dr. Job with Evangelist Philip Sharma (above). Christian revival is gathering momentum in Bhutan. The Buddhist kingdom is fiercely opposed to Christianity. All American professionals who were known Christians were expelled and Christian converts deported. But the Holy Spirit is moving among the Bhutanese. Our representative Philip Sharma was arrested and imprisoned for one year. We purchased him by paying a huge ransom. Below, Dr. Job preaches in an underground church in Bhutan.



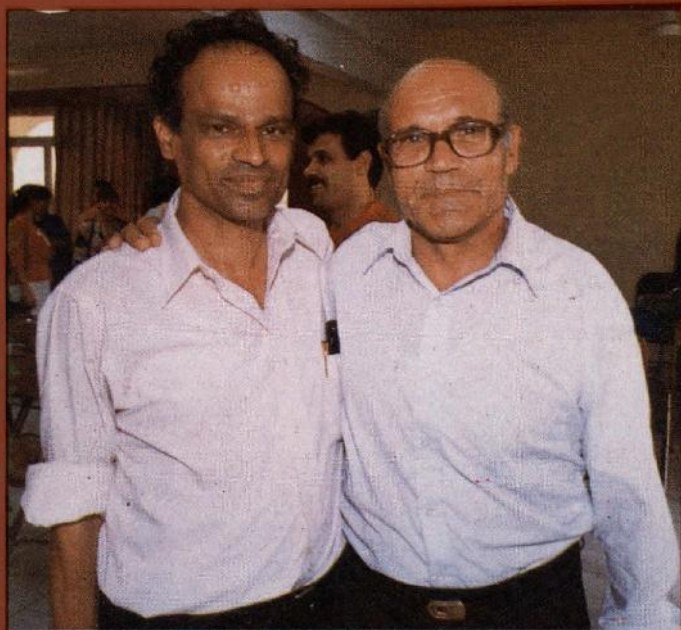


Where David Livingstone met Stanley at Bujumbura, capital of Burundi in Africa, on 25 November 1871. Hundreds of thousands of Christians were killed in this country in 1994. Our mission brought help for the suffering. Below, a living skeleton in Burundi.





Persecution in Nepal. Eleven innocent believers (seven brothers and four sisters) have been in the ILAM district prison of Nepal for one year without trial. They and their families are being helped by our mission. Nepal is a strong Hindu kingdom. The punishment for preaching the gospel is six years' imprisonment, according to the Nepali Constitution (Chapter 19 Part I).



In Iran, Bishop Haik Rubik Howse Poian was martyred on 19 January 1994. His father Mr. Abkar Bagheri with Dr. Job.



Mehdi Dibaj (1934-1994), a symbol of faith under fire. Assemblies of God minister Dibaj was last seen alive leaving the Karaj suburb of Tehran on June 24, 1994. His oldest son was summoned 11 days later to identify his body, said to have

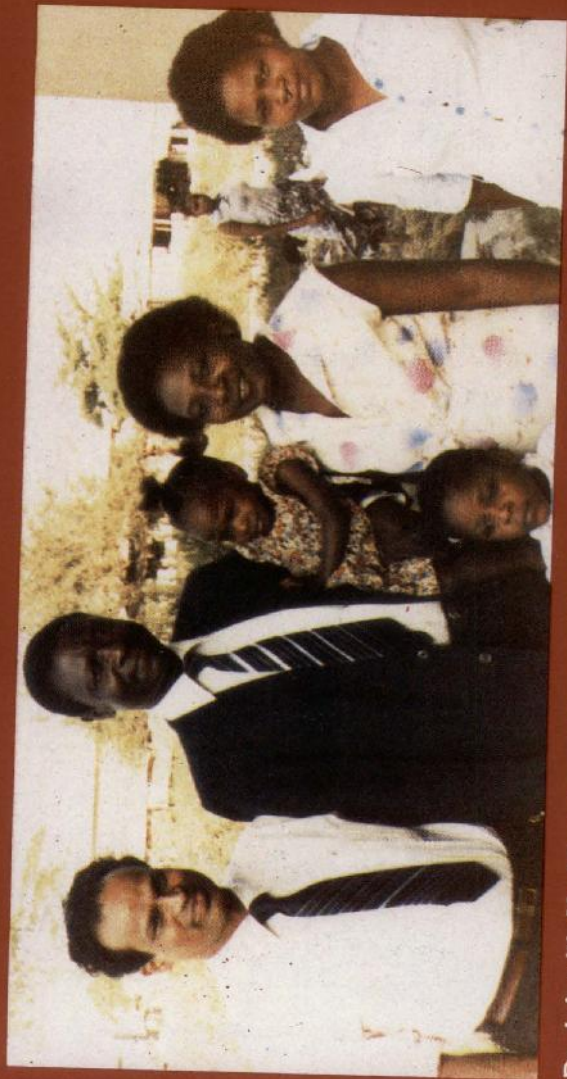
been found by Iranian police in a park in western Tehran. A Christian convert from Islam, Dibaj had become a symbol of triumphant Christianity under persecution during nearly a decade of imprisonment and torture by the Islamic Republic of Iran.



One of the cabinet ministers in Zimbabwe (right) with Dr. Job. Rev. Joseph Kuchatah (left) is our director. The mission runs an orphanage. Several believers faced martyrdom in the national ordeal.



Sister Anutza Moise flanked by Dr. Job, Dr. Mary Job, and Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand. Anutza, called the "mother of the Wurmbrand Mission," paid a ransom of \$10,000 for the release of the Wurmbrand family. Seated is Michael Job, son of the author.



Dr. Job with Mr. Nkanda and family. Mr. Nkanda is our Mission director in Tanzania, the country where the most number of Christians have converted to Islam. Our director with his young team is waging a battle to spread the gospel.



Sisters of our Lord Jesus lead our mission work in Bangladesh, especially among ladies. Dr. Job among our sisters. Our literature in the Bengali language is widely distributed.



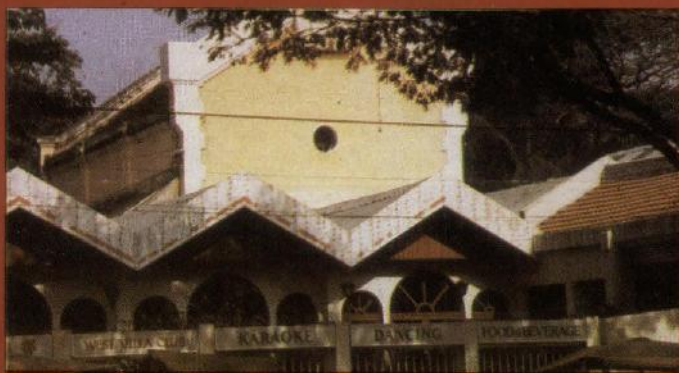
Idish Miah, exchanging hatred for happiness, with his wife, Rahana, and four daughters, Fatima, 7, Rohima, 5, Jorina, 3, and little Sohara, 1 year old.



We continue to finance wells for Bangladeshi Christians.



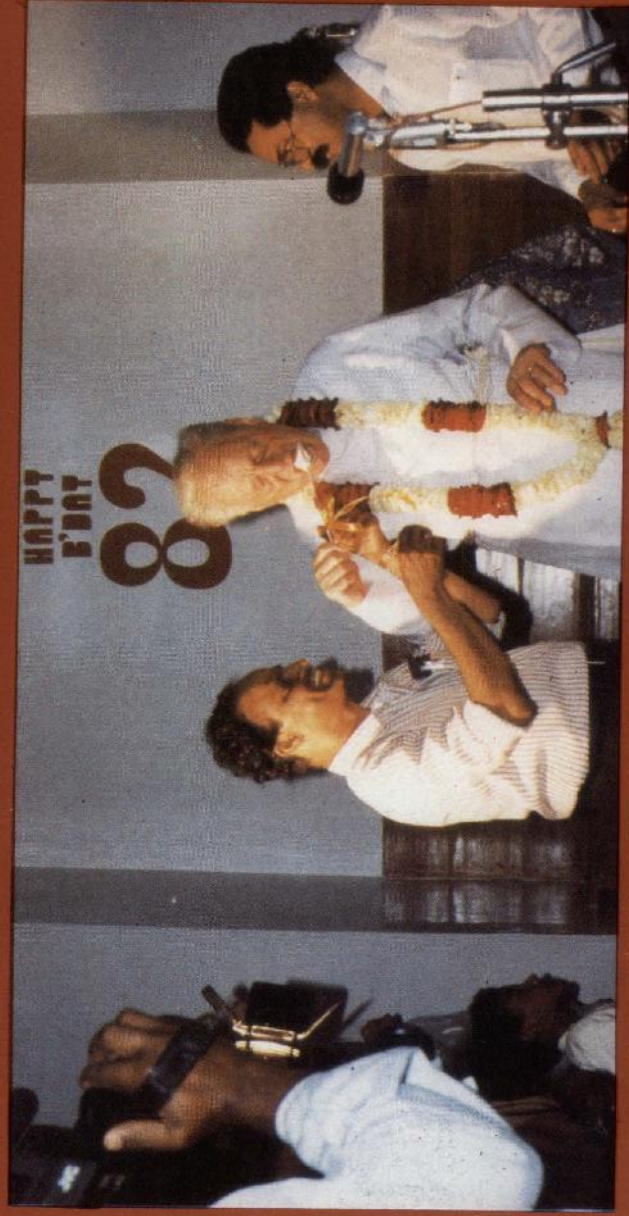
Prayer and Bible study in a Vietnamese house church. Fewer than ten "official" churches are allowed in North Vietnam. We continue to supply help for Vietnamese Christians.



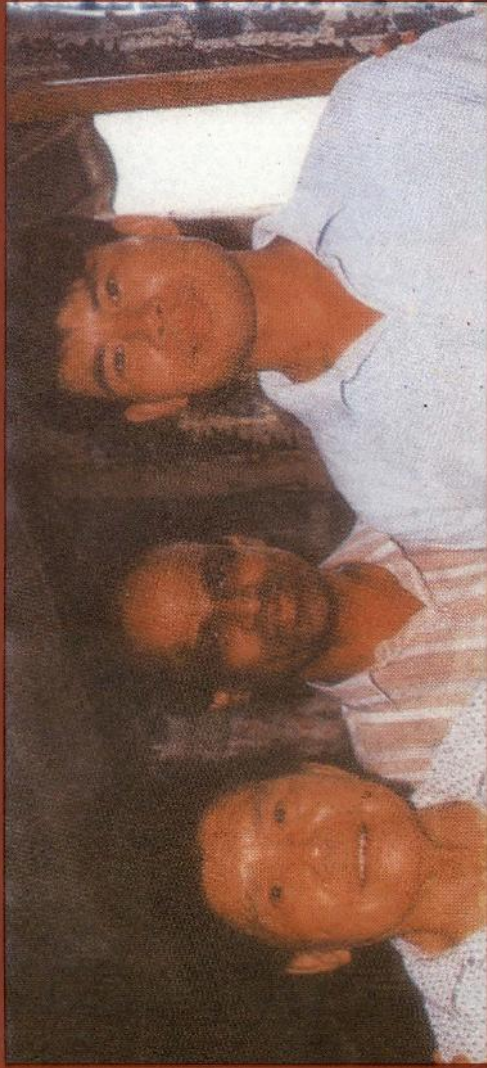
This church on Le Duan Street in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, was seized by the Communist government and converted into a dance hall.



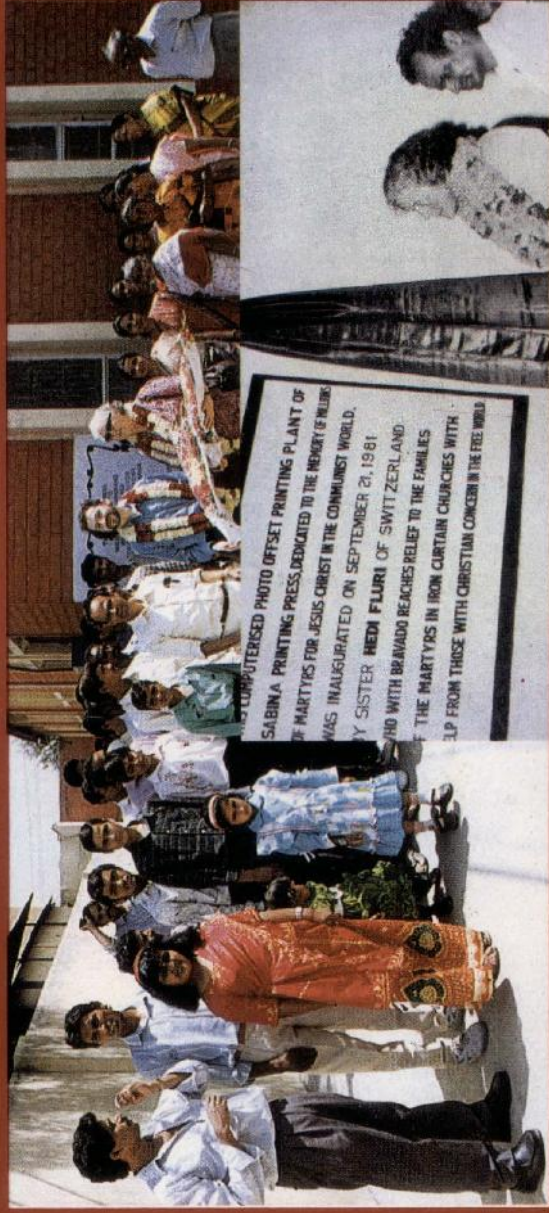
Dr. Job inaugurates the Grace Christian Book Center in Addis Ababa soon after the Communist government was overthrown. This regime killed or persecuted thousands of Christians. Dr. Job preaches to the crowd gathered in front of the book center.



Happy Birthday to You! Indian believers celebrate the 82nd birthday of
Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand.



China, the largest prison in the world for Christians. Dr. Job is seen with a mother who spent 26 years in prison. At the time of her arrest, she was pregnant, and her son (right) was born and brought up in the jail with her. Dr. Job was invited to speak in Shanghai University on printing technology. During the question-and-answer session, he presented the life of Christ through his testimony.



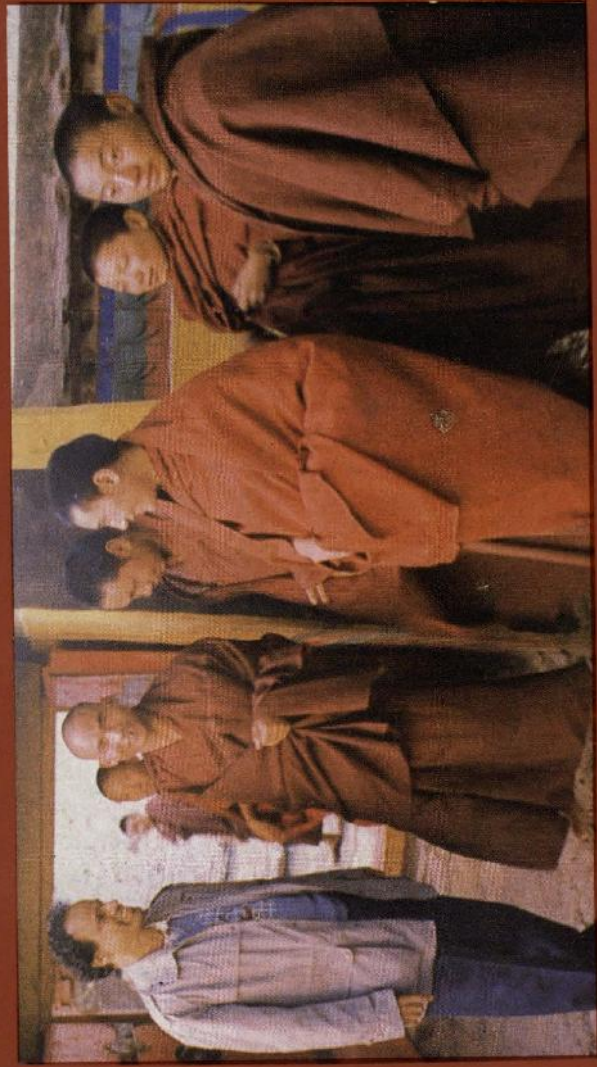
Our Swiss directors, Sister Hedi Fluri and Brother Pfister, visited Sabina Printing Press, named after Sabina Wurmbrand. Every year approximately three million pieces of literature are produced and distributed in 41 nations of the Third World.



Dr. Job (center) wearing the national dress in the Nigerian capital of Lagos, with local mission workers. This Christian church in Nigeria is one of the dozens burned by Muslims. Our mission sent a container of Christian books and Bibles to help replace the thousands burned by the fanatics.



Mizoram is the only Christian state in India. The Mizo Chief Minister welcomes the Wurmbrands to the government headquarters. A good number of Jews have found a safe haven here. Some of them have now migrated to Israel.



Tibet, center of Buddhism and Lamas, is being evangelized by our mission. One of the secret printing presses of our mission produces literature in the Tibetan language.



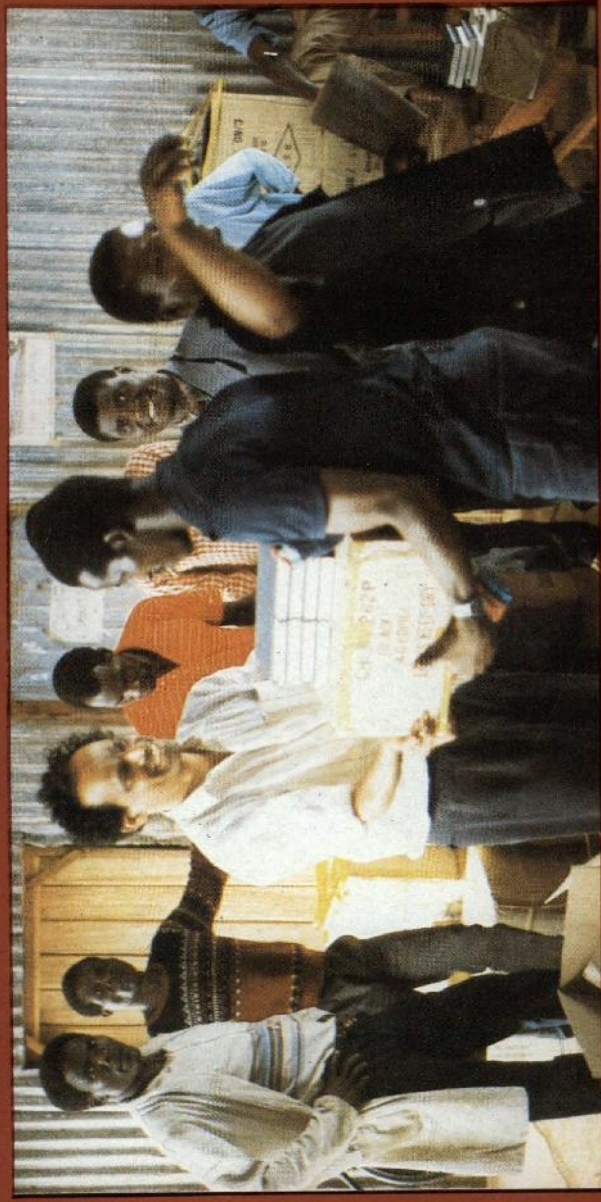
Bibles for Africa. Several African nations received Bibles and other Christian literature from The Voice of the Martyrs.



Dr. Job organizes evangelistic crusades in Asia and Africa. He distributes Bibles and Christian literature to the masses attending the meetings.



Mission to Islam. Our Indian brothers and sisters imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates for distributing Bibles and Christian literature.



Seven thousand families from Mozambique were helped in the refugee camps of Malawi. They received food, clothes, Christian literature, Bibles, and cash.



The first visit of Rev. Wurmbrand to India on 4 October 1972. He spoke to the largest Christian gathering in New Delhi, capital of India. Here Dr. Job introduces him to the public as an apostle to the Iron Curtain churches.

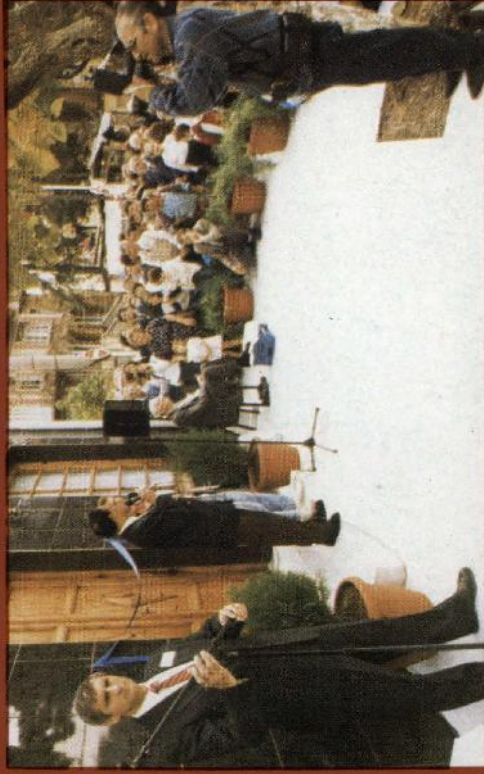
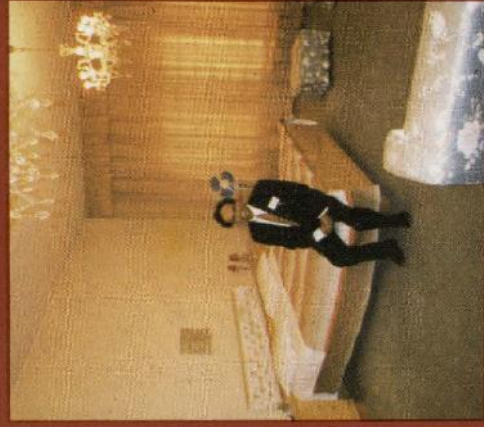


The price this man paid for becoming a Christian: his right hand was chopped off. Waving his left hand, this Somali Christian describes how Muslims cut off his right hand and blinded him. Dr. Job moved him to a hospital in Kenya.

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MRS. SABINA WURMBRAND
WHO WAS TORTURED
FOR OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST FOR THREE YEARS
AS A SLAVE LABOURER IN RUMANIA
FROM 1948 TO 1951.
SHE AND HER HUSBAND
REV. RICHARD WURMBRAND
VISITED THIS PRESS
ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 1978.



A welcome to Mr. Hans Braun, General Secretary of The Voice of the Martyrs, at Sabina Printing Press, which runs around the clock.



The bedroom of Mr. Hoxha, dictator of Albania, the first self-professed atheistic nation of the world. He persecuted Christians and imprisoned Bishop Mishkalla for 43 years. Finally he was overthrown. Dr. Job sits on his bed at his palace in Tirana. After working underground for 25 years, our mission was able to inaugurate a mission center in October 1994. Dr. Job, flanked by Bro. Cris Dukas, Albanian director, and Rev. Wurmbrand, preaches to Albanians before the ribbon is cut.



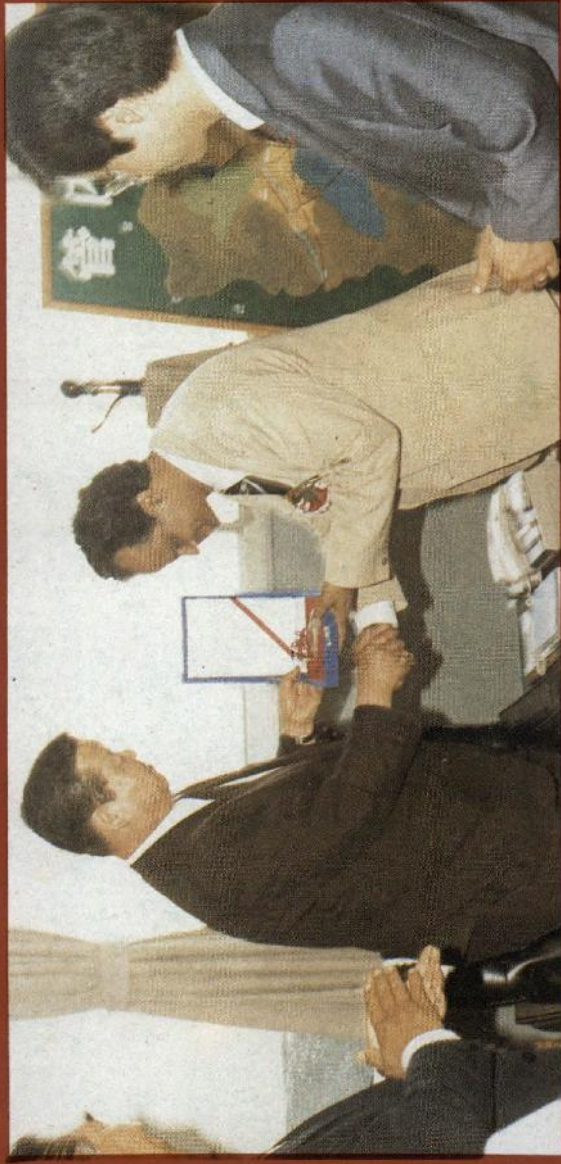
This relief transport crosses continually into Russia, Moldavia, Ukraine, and other former Soviet regions carrying Christian literature, food, and clothing. Directors of our mission standing near the vehicle give thanks to God.



Severe prosecution in Sudan, where Christians are killed and their bodies thrown into the Nile. Rev. Aron, a priest of the Anglican Church, was crucified recently, along with two other believers. An Anglican bishop, Daniel Zindo (left), witnessed the crucifixion and managed to escape.



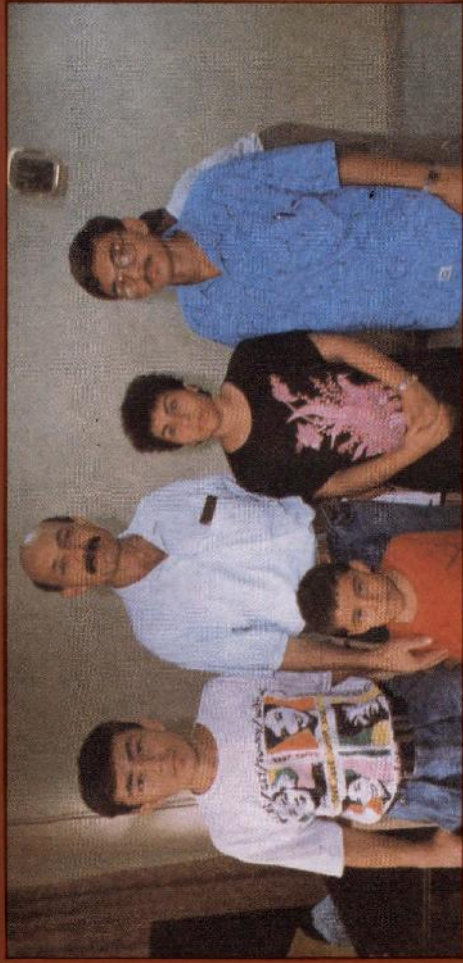
Nairobi is the African center of refugees from neighboring countries, especially Somalia. Dr. Job is seen with several young Somalian Christians, who are sent to schools or Bible colleges by our mission.



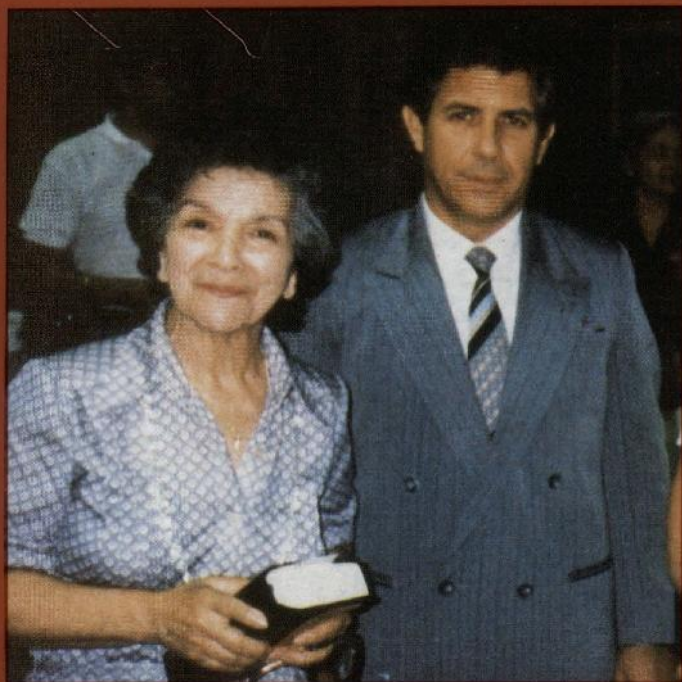
Dr. Job was awarded the South Korean Mappe Medal. He was the first Indian to smuggle the Bible into North Korea in 1981. Millions of helium balloons are being floated into North Korea with the Word of God printed on them.



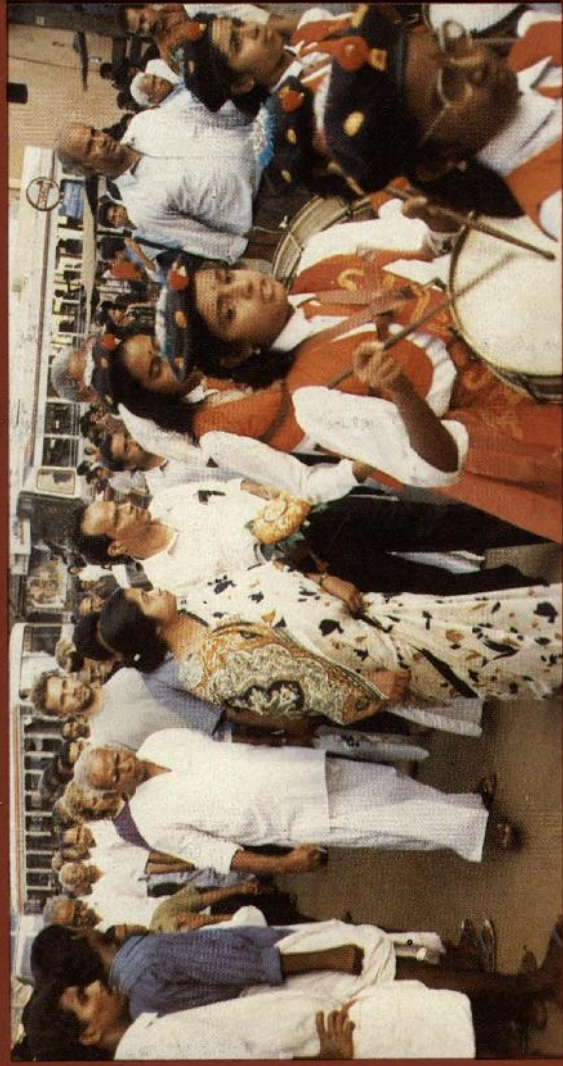
Pictured with Rev. and Mrs. Wurmbrand are Indian workers, largest number of any of the branches of our worldwide Mission.



In Afghanistan our mission has been working for the past 20 years. Literature is published in the Dhari language. Now there are several converted Christians. The only church building in Kabul was demolished. Today most of the Christians are leaving the nation because of the persecution. Islamic law imposes death sentences on converts from their religion to another religion. Mr. and Mrs. Habib with their children Hameed, Ateeq and Najeeb escaped to India via Pakistan. Our monthly newsletter is published in the Parsi language for Iran.



Cuban pastor Orson Vila (shown here with his wife), superintendent of the Central District of the Assemblies of God Church in Cuba, was sentenced on May 25, 1995 to one year and nine months' imprisonment. In the past few years, hundreds of homes have been converted to churches to accommodate the rapid growth of Christians in Castro's Cuba. Trucks loaded with Bibles rolled into the yard of the sugar mill. A half-million Gospel booklets and leaflets in plastic have been floated ashore or dropped on cities from airplanes during the past 23 years by our mission, The Voice of the Martyrs.



After working for 25 years with Rev. and Mrs. Richard Wurmbrand in Communist and Islamic countries, Dr. Job returns to his home town of Kunnamkulam in Kerala for an evangelistic crusade on 2 December 1994. He and his wife were given a hero's welcome in the heart of the city.



Dr. P.P. Job's Meetings at Tuticorin, India.