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Dear sisters and brethren in Christ:

This sad letter you are reading comes from Michael Wurmbrand, the son of the late Rev. Richard Wurmbrand, who suffered fourteen years in the communist prisons of Romania, author of the book *Tortured For Christ*, a book of valiant Christian testimony under communist persecution, translated in over 85 languages. My mother suffered nearly three years for her faith in communist labor camps. My parents died in 2000-2001.

Against my express request NOT TO DO SO, the mission **Voice of the Martyrs** (VOM) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, USA and its international affiliates, continued to use Richard Wurmbrand, Sabina Wurmbrand, my parents' persona, pictures, writings and books, my persona also, to obtain your donations! VOM even advertised a motion picture in which I am portrayed. It was made without my prior knowledge and permission. A snow-job to cover up the terrible reputation of VOM. Judge for yourself.

**VOM Chairman commits suicide!**

**Tom White, the past Voice of the Martyrs Chairman for more than 20-years, committed suicide in April, 2012**, only two to three hours after an accusation of suspected child sexual molestation (pedophilia) of a 10-years old girl was formally filed by her parents with the local police, and while the Bartlesville, OK. police were searching to arrest him. This terrible event made world news. At the time of his committing suicide, Tom White had a \$140,000+ yearly salary, plus perks and very substantial travel and expense accounts used in his extensive and frequent international travel year after year. Since the suspected perpetrator was dead, the police closed any further investigation of the sexual molestation. The police chief and the former mayor of the town of Bartlesville, OK. were personally serving on the Board of Directors of Voice of the Martyrs.

I asked in writing of the Voice of the Martyrs Board of Directors for an independent investigation, to be undertaken from outside of VOM. The investigation in the famous legal action in England of Jimmy Saville, the BBC children program head while alive, started with only 2 cases BUT there were more than 600 pedophilia complaints after Saville died. From 2010 to 2013, the state of Arizona for instance, failed to investigate 6,000 cases of children molestation. Being the son of Richard Wurmbrand, a person of my background and position could have more inside information, than I can discuss publicly. I asked therefore for an independent investigation! ***The main question in the letter I wrote to the entire Voice of the Martyrs Board of Directors was worded as follows:*** “In a Christian spirit of love and faith, if you want to continue using the names, persona and copyrights of my parents, I ask first that you do not try to accomplish this in an adversarial way through lawyers, etc. but rather in an amiable way by fulfilling only one request for the board to decide and approve: **Please allow and pay for an independent “blue ribbon” commission ... to investigate within the next two months, back at least two years, all Tom White’s travel points, contacts and especially financial expenditures to establish and put to rest any suspicions re. child molestation. ....** Sorry, whether you like it or not, this unpleasant event that happened to VOM with its Chairman during twenty years cannot be dispensed with as just “a family affair” or an unfortunate sudden decision. **If you do not intend to accept the above request, the other decision I ask you to take is not to use the name Wurmbrand any more....”**

**Only 4 days after I addressed this letter to the board of directors I received a curt letter of termination of employment, containing only canned paragraphs. No “sorry” and no “thank you” for my founding the organization or the many years of service! My letter now for more than five years, has not been answered!** I should be entitled to make such a request since:

- Voice of the Martyrs **published for years a specially dedicated children’s magazine**. This was done by **sharing mailing lists with organizations focusing on families and children;**
- My person, my life, and our family Wurmbrand story was used in this magazine;

- Without my knowledge, without my permission, a very laudatory biography of mine (faked as an autobiography!) was written, printed and distributed to tens of thousands of American children;
- **In order to obtain donations from the parents, the organization tried to gain credibility and goodwill with tens of thousands of Christian children in home-schooling families.**

### **Donations to VOM Used to Build 28 Million Dollars US Headquarter!**

Donors should be aware that:

- Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) spent **\$28 million dollars** -- **not on the mission field** but to build its own headquarter thus in economic times difficult for us all, encouraging construction in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, USA, a town of only about 35,000. To my knowledge, the previous headquarters of VOM in the same town cost in the neighborhood of about \$90,000! To read more click: <http://michaelwurmbrand.com/vom-construction-costs.pdf> After Tom White's suicide, the chairman of VOM was a former mayor of Bartlesville, and was part of the city leadership. This was done in secret, until the buildings were erected. Neither I nor the donors were told of such grandiose projects. It is hard to believe this could be done but correspondence I display on the web see link below, should convince you. I worked with VOM from Los Angeles, California, USA and never was part of the VOM board of directors. The donors only saw money spent for projects and they trusted that the word "projects" referred to missionary work, like helping widows of Christians killed in Nigeria!

### **Donations to VOM used to make Loans to a Convicted Embezzler!**

- A repeated offender 3rd degree felon, who as of 2013 was who was sentenced to 10-YEARS AS AN EMBEZZLER was named the Voice of the Martyrs Vice President. Tens of thousands of dollars out of your contributions for supposed missionary work were extended as a loan to him to pay back some of what he stole and escape eventually parole supervision. To read more on this convicted felon, click: <http://wurmbrandmichael.com/Lindquist-file.pdf> and [http://wurmbrandmichael.com/amarillo\\_lindquist.pdf](http://wurmbrandmichael.com/amarillo_lindquist.pdf) All of the above occurred while, at the same time... Without any reasons proffered, they sent a termination of employment letter to me, Richard Wurmbrand's son, who founded the mission, **four days only after I asked for an independent investigation** of the expenses and travels of the suicidal and suspected pedophile past chairman of VOM, USA.
- Voice of the Martyrs had agreed reluctantly in 2001 to help about 100 believers who were imprisoned 5-10 years for their faith in communist prisons in Romania, currently destitute in their 80s and 90s, with **less than \$1 (yes, one dollar)** a month. As outrageous as it sounds, considering tens of millions of dollars solicited from you, it is documented. It was raised in the following year to the value of about 2 tanks of gas/month worth of help only because I wrote feet of email messages and renounced a total of over \$100,000 of my salary over four years (For years I accepted being paid only \$500/month!) just so these Christian martyrs would be helped. To read more on the "VOM claims of pretended lack of money" type in your internet browser: <http://michaelwurmbrand.com/VOM-claims-lack-of-money.pdf>
- A fundraiser for VOM was promised to be paid a percentage or cut of the funds he raised! We are far indeed from charitable actions through which one sacrifices for the interests of others.

After I brought all of these facts to light, I was asked also to keep quiet, not to rock the boat. Before being laid off I was offered substantial contractual financial incentives not to "badmouth" VOM. **Some of the organizations endorsing Voice of the Martyrs had interrelated employees and interests. When I approached them, they were shy and sore afraid for their own interests to insist my letter be answered.** Some pathetic answers like: "Do not cast the first stone," "king Solomon made mistakes," "we might also sin" or "promise to keep correspondence private only" **displayed the hypocrisy to protect the flow of donations rather than any interest in protecting possible children victims! What about some involved Christians trying to place a really strange "positive" spin on Tom's suicide, like explaining "he sacrificed himself for the good name of the organization!" As if a human life is worth less than the prestige of some corporation or church.** Some answers were outright sarcastic, as if my requesting a proper investigation regarding suspected pedophilia among "Christian missionaries" would be a joke.

In the past Voice of the Martyrs had written a dedication about myself sent to tens of thousands stating: "To the Rev. Michael Wurmbrand, who has lived his life in a fishbowl among both friends and enemies, and has done so with dignity to the glory of God. We are grateful for the numerous personal interviews in which he shared his memories with patience and enthusiasm." As soon as I asked for this independent investigation, the VOM attitude of respect towards myself I enjoyed for years turned into one of incredible vindictiveness. Christians who were in the know could not believe how it was possible. The false answers given to those who inquired were that this is a personal (?!?) conflict with Michael Wurmbrand we try to solve with prayer and mediation! VOM tried to make light of my raising these issues, claiming all being some personal grudge. Moreover in reply to this letter, VOM sent a deceptive reply, not answering any of the issues, misleading donors to believe I complain of former VOM persons who are no more connected to the organization, when in fact they still are in different indirect ways. In reality, **VOM employees were expressly forbidden to have contact with me**, so as not to lose some income and employment positions from this possibly second largest employer in Bartlesville, OK. Same employees had before vied to be photographed with me and get my autograph.

### **Movie Actress Calling for Public Sex and Same-Sex Marriages, Was Hired to Portray My Mother!**

Voice of the Martyrs showed lack of Christian ethics by using at least \$28 millions of donor money taken from the mouths of persecuted widows and children into financing tens of millions of dollars building in Bartlesville. Now Voice of the Martyrs shows the same lack of Christian ethics by the unapproved use of my persona and of the persona of my father and that of my mother to which I have moral and registered legal rights. **To portray my mother Sabina, admired worldwide for her Christian sacrifice, Voice of the Martyrs WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE, used in this movie AN ACTRESS KNOWN IN ROMANIA AS A PUBLIC ADVOCATE OF HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES, ADVERTISING PUBLIC SEX** (click: <http://wurmbbrandmichael.com/RB-Blog.pdf>) How would you or your family like your own Christian mother be portrayed by such a person? Imagine how would you feel if your family name, your children and your life-story were used like that by others to make profits that go to generous salaries and a \$28 million-dollar building, rather than reaching the actual hands of the persecuted and suffering? **How could I have foreseen that in a case of blatant suspected sexual-child-molestation some Christian VOM leaders I approached, imitated the priest and Levite in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, trying their best re. suspected pedophilia, to "pass by on the other side," so as to maintain their perks! John the Baptist was not beheaded because he sermonized in general asking people to repent. Against his own personal interest, he put his life at risk to denounce the sin of Herod, the ruler of the day.** What about "missionary outreach" to poor "persecuted Christians?" Voice of the Martyrs, with its opulent (\$28 million) headquarter built out of your sacrificial contributions, makes a mockery of the sacrifice of persecuted Christians like my parents. Imagine a surgeon insisting to operate, having no time to clean his hands after searching in garbage. What patient has any use for such a surgeon? The betrayer of Lord Jesus, Judas, in his apparently most "unselfish" enunciation of a project to help the poor, was but a thief. (Indeed, the Gospel of John 12:6 writes: "This he said, not that he cared for the poor, BUT BECAUSE HE WAS A THIEF!") VOM published even how within months of our arrival in the United States, from 1967 on, I worked together with my parents Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, to start what is now Voice of the Martyrs. Recently released documents from the archives of the Romanian secret police prove the communists had issued an order to kill our entire family. Click: <http://michaelwurmbbrand.com/killing-wurmbbrands.htm>. Our family started what is now Voice of the Martyrs under a communist sentence of death. When I was only a child, the communists forcefully took away my parents to communist prisons. I suffered plenty. My parents died with a good name. I do not want allow VOM take away my parents' good name, to raise money under false pretenses. I wrote the VOM directors: "If you enjoy, for motivations of your own, to wallow in the mire of suspected pedophilia go ahead .... If you do not want to accept an independent investigation and complete transparency of your dealings, I begged you do not use my father' long years of suffering in communist prisons and the intense suffering of his whole family to raise money from naive donors ...." I was written by VOM, when asking help for formerly persecuted Christians under communism, now in their 90s, "we are technically out of money!...there will be NO check requests approved for anything other than absolutely essential..." only to find out later that \$9.5 million were available not for mission work, but for construction work in Oklahoma (see above link.) Christian parents please protect your children! Consider how grave it is to allow your children to trust and be reached by a missionary organization having had a case of suspected pedophilia and a suicide because of it in its midst, and

then terminating me, its founder so as not to have to respond to a request for an independent investigation of possible sexual child molestation. After all the laudatory words published of me, they also tried to badmouth me. If you are a minister, I can only beg you to share this letter with your congregation. If you had respect for Richard Wurmbrand, my father, please send this letter to all your email and affiliate lists, Christmas lists, spread it among your friends. I tried to document the facts recited above but **think on your own: How can “Christian missionaries” in a good Christian conscience even indulge to build themselves an opulent \$28,000,000 headquarter from your donations, while withholding help to persecuted Christians in far away lands badly in need of your donations?**

The best email I got from various donors, following my appeals was the shortest. Here I quote it: "That 28-million-dollar building is the deal-breaker. VOM is dead to me."

Love of money is the root of all evil. A way to stop evil, is to stop financing it. If you were inspired by the Wurmbrand family story of suffering to donate to Voice of the Martyrs or its international affiliates in the ICA, as the only son of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, I humbly ask you not to. My parents' Christian life-vision has been misused by Voice of the Martyrs. Against my express request, since it brings in a lot of donations they still use, my parent's name, publications even my persona just to spite me. Just take a moment and look up on the internet at this miserable refugee camp in the Philippines picture published by VOM ( <http://michaelwurmbrand.com/philippinescamp.pdf> ) and compare it with the \$28,000,000+ opulent headquarters built by VOM in Bartlesville, OK out of your sincere donations ( <http://mcanawconstruction.com/gallery?id=24> ) AND ASK YOURSELF, "Where did my donations really go?" The answer should be obvious to you. How can I allow the hoax of making donors think their undesignated donations raised by using the name of the Wurmbrand family are destined to persecuted widows and orphans while going to support opulent constructions in the United States? *Tortured for Christ* circulated throughout the world with more than 10,000,000 copies. Inside the \$28 million Voice of the Martyrs headquarter prominently named as the Richard Wurmbrand Center, there is a Wurmbrand museum. **My mother's Bible to be displayed there was obtained from me under false pretenses.** I have both moral and legal rights to the persona of my parents, even regarding the unauthorized use of my own name, pictures, etc. It would take a very long time and a lot of money to try to stop such use through courts. VOM would employ the millions of dollars of donations to fight me in court while my income is very limited. VOM is adding insult to injury by paper-covering over above described egregious, unethical diversion of money with a fake movie of our family trials, which will only add to their annual income? **I am at my wit's end how to stop this brazen insolence:** the use by Voice of the Martyrs for its money raising schemes, the Wurmbrand family sad history of suffering. Please help me reclaim my parents and my family name. Like the first Christians please ask: "*Brethren, what shall we do?*" (Book of Acts 2:37) You may write me to address above. If you want to help projects started by my parents like an orphanage in Romania and hundreds of these formerly persecuted Christians, now in their 80s and 90s (some live on \$50/month) you may send a tax-deductible donation to Help for Refugees, PO Box 5161, Torrance, Ca. 90510 (**Click on this internet address:** <http://helpforrefugees.com>). I founded the organization in the late 70s, and there is no slick, expensive newsletter other than maybe several times a 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 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