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## Release Women Email - April 2021

Dear Friend in Christ,

### The Lord will prevail

Pastor Richard Wurmland and his wife Sabina were the inspiration for Release International's ministry to serve persecuted Christians around the world. Richard's story is well-known through his autobiography [Tortured for Christ](#). The story of his wife, Sabina, may be less well known, but she too suffered greatly for her faith and her story continues to be an inspiration to us in Release Women.

Sabina was a remarkable woman of faith and courage. She worked alongside her husband in communist Romania as they both faced the challenges of living under an oppressive regime. She and Richard knew that their faith would cost them and on one notable occasion in the mid-1940s Sabina urged Richard to speak out at a public gathering: 'Will you not wash this shame from the face of Christ?' she challenged. Richard knew it would cost him his freedom, if not his life, but Sabina insisted that she did not need a coward for

a husband and so he stood to speak.

Richard was eventually arrested again for his Christian activities, as he had been on numerous occasions previously, but this time it led to him being imprisoned for a total of 14 years, three of which he spent in solitary confinement. Sabina too was imprisoned for three years in Romanian slave labour camps and prisons.

Life in the prison camps was extremely hard and the women had to do physical labour to receive meagre rations of food. If they didn't cut down enough trees, for example, they were deprived of even just a small amount of soup and so the women were often very hungry.

Sabina (pictured) tells the story of one of her fellow prisoners, Lidia, who despite having cut down enough trees to earn her supper, had her wood stolen by fellow prisoners and so was not rewarded with any supper. She went into the prison yard, hungry and weeping, where she encountered a guard who was trying to shoot her as she should have been in her cell. Miraculously, he couldn't shoot her – his arm just would not work properly! The guard knew that it must be the prayers of the prisoner's mother which had saved her, and he ordered her to run back inside quickly before they were both shot – him for not doing his duty. Lidia ran back to her prison cell, this time weeping tears of thankfulness to God, and she slept as though she had been well-fed.



You can hear Sabina herself tell this remarkable story of God's faithfulness as part of our Lockdown Church 2021 resources on the [website](#). Or you can read Sabina's own story told in *The Pastor's Wife* – available to order from our [e-store](#).

But let's allow Sabina to conclude the story and we pray that it will be an encouragement to you too, whatever you are going through at this time, but also in your prayers for your persecuted sisters.

*'And early in the morning, when the thousands of prisoners are gathered to be brought to the field to work, among the many guards with their revolvers is also the guard whom she met last evening. He was not allowed to speak with her, but he showed her his arm. His arm was all right.*

*It is God himself who had fought for his child, showing to the Christians, and even to the communists – they who say they have prevailed – showing how God Himself will prevail for*

*eternity.*

*Let not men prevail against God. We have seen in communist prisons the love of our Saviour. We have seen in communist prisons signs, miracles, wonders. And we have learned to know that forever Jesus is Lord and He alone will prevail.'*

Keep praying – you may never know the difference your prayers make!

Blessings

Release Women Team

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Please CLICK on the red button if you prayed.

**I prayed!**

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