

A MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

--Irma B. Williams

Victor Popan, Sr. sat at our dining room table in Statesville, NC in 2007 sharing dinner with his story of how the Lord opened the way for him and one of his nephews to escape from Romania under the cruel dictator who ruled at that time. Many who had tried to escape had been caught, imprisoned, beaten, and some killed.

Nevertheless, living in Romania seemed unbearable for Victor, and he felt something compelling him to try to escape to freedom. Victor shared his burden with his wife, daughter, and three sons. They decided to choose a day to fast and pray, and that same evening he went with Christian brothers to the house of a devoted man of God.

When everyone knelt to pray. God's Presence was felt in a powerful way, and a prophecy was given, inspired by the Holy Spirit, "I have seen your heart and found that you want to leave the country, but not without asking Me. I will be with you and protect you and cross you over the border just as I crossed My people through the Red Sea, so that you may know I am the only One who can help you."

With his heart full of assurance, Brother Victor Popan, and two of his nephews made plans to leave on Easter night. The night was dark as they departed and neared the border about 3:00 a.m. The moment they found the wire fence, a guard's dog began to bark. "Stop! Who's there?" the guard shouted!

Victor and his nephews froze with fear; then strength flowed into them, and they ran parallel to the wire. A guard was running in their direction along the wire fence. Then suddenly all fell silent. One nephew whispered, "I'm going back." He turned and left them.

A few moments later they heard a guard shout, "Stop!" A chilling shot was fired into the night. Immediately, every soldier turned on his flashlight. Victor could see where each guard stood, but he and his nephew remained hidden outside the circle of their light.

Miraculously, as soon as the border closest to them passed by, Victor and his nephew crossed the border before the next one approached. They ran further and further from the border, finally realizing they were free! Victor said, "My nephew and I knelt, wept, and thanked God for their miraculous deliverance. The Lord had kept His promise given by the Holy Spirit.

As Brother Victor was telling us his story, we felt the same Holy Spirit's power, and likewise worshiped the Lord together for sending His wonderful Holy Spirit who protects and sustains and delivers and keep us all in His care.