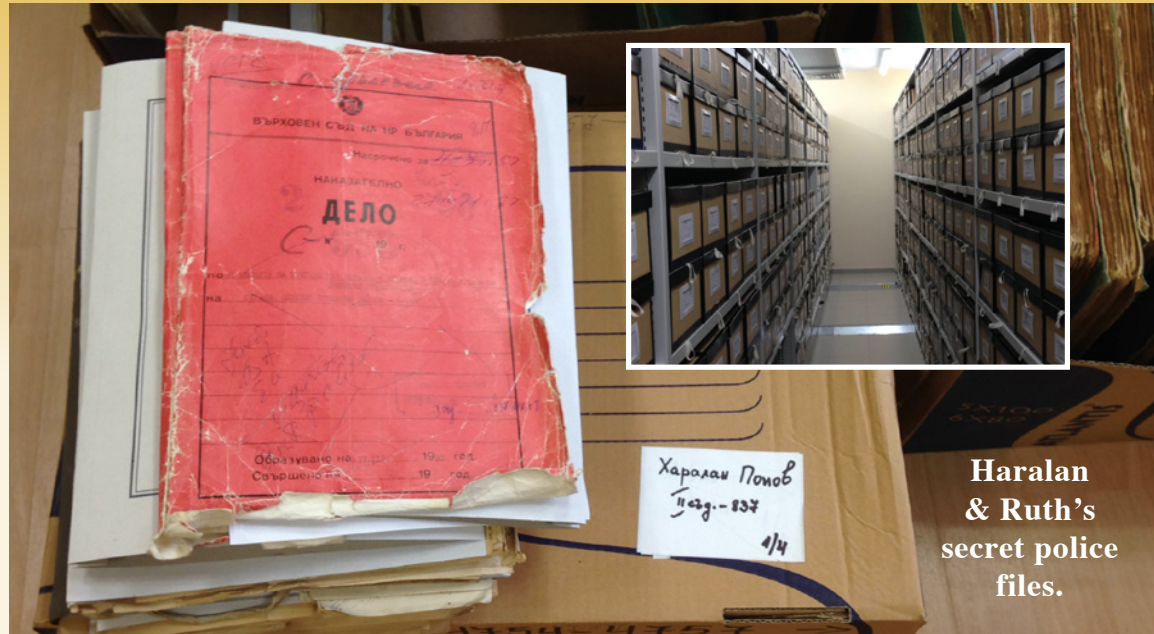




Testifying at his trial in 1949.



Haralan & Ruth's secret police files.

## Haralan Popov Honored in the New Bulgaria

Dear friends, I have such exciting news to share!

Recently I returned from my native Bulgaria, a country that once labeled my father a "traitor," an enemy of the state. In an unprecedented turn of Bulgarian history, an event I never dreamed to one-day witness, a day I wish my father was here to see...

In the capital city of Sofia, the City Council passed with a unanimous vote, to name a street in honor of my father!

DR. HARALAN POPOV STREET will sit in one of the best regions in Sofia in South Park, located between the very city and Vitosha Mountain.

**My father, once a man discarded, disgraced and destined to die in the infamous Belene slave-labor camp, now to be remembered as a courageous hero having suffered communist atrocities - the Red Holocaust!**

I am humbled to see how many people in Bulgaria pushed to make this happen. It is a first in Bulgaria that an Evangelical Christian will receive such a historical honor.



I can picture dad, had he been alive today, standing at the corner under the street post bearing his name, looking up, with tears streaming down his face. Tears of joy that history has come full circle and evil has not claimed victory. Tears of thankfulness that God's truth will shine forth for generations in his beloved Bulgaria, that his suffering was not in vain, but through his faithfulness many more may find Jesus Christ.

On my father's birthday, March 7, 2019, we are endeavoring to publish a very special book and on March 8 2019 commemorating the 70th year anniversary of the famous 10-day long trial of the 15-protestant pastors, including my father, who were sentenced to 15 years for treason.

This book, written by Dr. Benjamin Peev, is a culmination of four years research of the secret police DS files that my sister Rhoda and I, by God's grace, received permission to access.

I can vividly remember the moment I was handed the permission papers from the clerk to access secret police files on my dad and my mom Ruth. My greatest fear was that there would be no files...that the communists had burned or destroyed them.

On my way out, I pushed back emotions that swelled within me. But they gushed out as I stepped inside the privacy of

# My joy and relief was that I could finally discover who did what, when and why the communists were so eager to torture my dad.

the elevator. My body shook and tears freely flowed. So many emotions gripped me...anger, sadness, distress, relief and yes, oddly, a sense of elation. I was deeply moved to be a living witness for my father of the atrocities committed on our family.

My sister Rhoda still can't come to grips with her pain, nor can she to this day read about dad's trial and suffering.

What I learned is that those who called themselves communists, unknowingly, were serving Satan. The documents show that Christianity was considered a major obstacle in their efforts to build a "paradise on earth." It had to be destroyed. Unlike politicians and others, Christians were not to be shot, lest they become martyrs. Instead, they were to be presented as criminals and spies needing to be imprisoned and removed from society, bringing shame on the Church.

So skillfully was this propaganda executed, and even distributed by Western media, that many are still duped today. Communist Bulgarian diplomats were not military people but writers, journalists and people who expertly used this propaganda technique in an effort to win the cold war.

This important book, to be published in the Bulgarian language, is not only about recent Bulgarian history but is documented evidence about how the communists tried to silence Ruth and Haralan Popov's missionary work. The book is also an educational tool and a reminder for the youth in Eastern Europe and Putin's Russia showing how evil, so cleverly disguised in propaganda, leads to mass-hysteria that can lead to horrible acts of violence.

## The light of truth must expose darkness. Lies cannot remain the forefront of Bulgarian history.

Thousands of books have been written about the Nazi Holocaust, yet so few about the much larger Red Holocaust committed by communists.

We have an obligation to our young people to warn them, lest history repeats itself.

I am asking you to join me in this historic moment. Not to lift my father up; he would not like that. But to lift up the name of Jesus Christ, to point the way of victory through truth, perseverance and trust in God.

## Truth will always have victory.

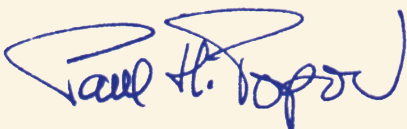
Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

We plan and need your help to do four things:

- Publish Dr. Benjamin Peev's book based on the Communist Secret Police files on Haralan & Ruth Popov
- Dedicate a plaque to be placed at the street named in honor of my father Dr. Haralan Popov
- Organize a special event in Sofia, Bulgaria, commemorating 70 years since the trial of my dad
- To print TFHF in Bulgarian and English to distributed among the media, press and the public attending this commemoration

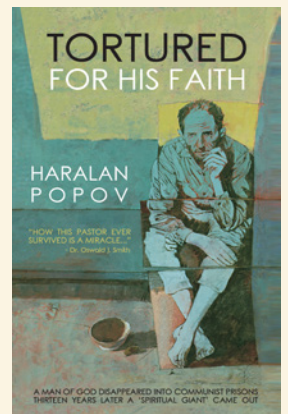
Your financial contribution will help us mark a spot in history on the very corner of Dr. Haralan Popov St. that all Bulgarians can read of the lies and atrocities of communism.

Together in His Ministry,



"I don't label myself a hero or martyr, but as I neared my release and looked back I could honestly and truthfully say that it was worth those thirteen years of torture, beatings, starvation, suffering and separation from loved ones to be a pastor to the thousands of Communist prisoners my path had crossed."

~ Haralan Popov from Tortured For His Faith

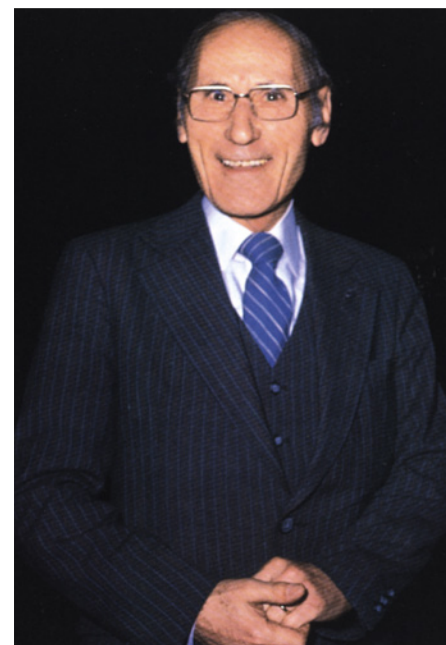


New English edition of TFHF to be printed in Bulgaria.

**Yes Paul,** I am excited about the amazing event honoring your father! Praise God, that truth has had victory!!

- Please use my gift where most needed
- Please use my gift for the special event commemorating the 70th anniversary of Father's trial: commemorative plaque, printing of TFHF in Bulgarian and English, press releases, etc.

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