

WHEN FAITH IS FORBIDDEN

From My Journal

I had conversations before Petr's release about what he'd be like after fourteen months in prison. How would it have affected him? What damage to his body and mind would be evident after harsh prison conditions? I'm happy to report that there is no "damage" to Petr. He is the same Petr . . . he just loves God MORE than ever before! It was really remarkable to be with him.

Listen

You can hear my conversations with Petr, recorded in Prague, at www.VOMRadio.net/Petr.

"He Just Loves God More Now"

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One thing I like to pray for our persecuted family members is that God will let them know, through His Spirit, that they are being prayed for.

Petr found out after he got home from Sudan that people were praying every night at the time he was going to bed.

But I've also heard how God answers that prayer more immediately. I asked Gracia Burnham, a missionary and former hostage in the Philippines, about the people who prayed for her and her husband, Martin, when they were held hostage by a radical Muslim group.

She said that, at different points during their long months in captivity, Martin would look at her and say, "Someone is praying for us right now." At other times, she would tell him the same. Somehow, they knew!

PRAY TODAY that Christians enduring persecution will know—even in the moments you are praying!—that they are not forgotten and are being prayed for right at this very moment.