

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1956

Thursday January 5, 1956



Russia: Minlag labor camp, Komi ASSR

Fr Jozef Gajliewicz (aged 63, arrested on nationalist activities charges in [Daugavpils, Latvia](#) on [September 10, 1949](#); sentenced on [April 8, 1950](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dubravlag labor camp in the Mordovian ASSR, released soon thereafter, returned to Latvia and resumed his ministry)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0805>

Sunday January 8, 1956



Ecuador: 'Palm Beach', Curaray River

Five U.S. missionaries **killed by Huaorani tribesmen**

Nathanael 'Nate' Saint (aged 32, pilot, husband of Marjorie Farris Saint, father of Kathy, Steve, and Philip, brother of Rachel Saint, **killed**)

Peter 'Pete' Sillence Fleming (aged 27, husband of Olive Ainslie Fleming, **killed**)

Philip James 'Jim' Elliot (aged 28, husband of Elisabeth Howard Elliot, father of Valerie Elliot, **killed**)

Roger Youderian (aged 31, husband of Barbara Orton Youderian, father of Beth and Jerry Lee, **killed**)

Theophilus 'Ed' McCully (aged 28, husband of Marilou Hobolth McCully, father of Steve, Mike and Matt, **killed**)

Rachel Saint (aged 42, sister of Nate Saint, later became a missionary to the Huaorani tribe)

Elisabeth Howard Elliot (aged 29, widow of Jim Elliot, later became a missionary to the Huaorani tribe)

Kathy Saint (later lived with her aunt Rachel and was baptized in the Curaray River by two of her father's killers after their conversion)

Steve Saint (aged 4, later lived with his aunt Rachel and was baptized in the Curaray River by two of his father's killers after their conversion)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pete_Fleming

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Elliot

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Youderian

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_McCully

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Saint

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth_Elliot

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Saint

Wednesday January 18, 1956



China: Shanghai

Watchman Nee aka Ni Tuoseng (aged 52, husband of Charity Chang, arrested on [April 10, 1952](#) on charges of bribery, tax evasion, and theft of state property and government economic information but in reality for refusing to join the official Three Self Help church;

UPDATE: began 12 days of accusation meetings led by the government)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watchman_Nee

Sunday January 29, 1956



China: Shanghai

Christians working with Watchman Nee arrested, later sentenced to life imprisonment

Peace Wang

Ruth Lee

Yu Chenghua

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watchman_Nee

January 1956, date unknown