

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – August 1986

**Wednesday August 6, 1986**



### **Russia: Khabarovsk**

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 36, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#); trial in [Konakovo](#) ended on [January 11, 1979](#), sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment; released from prison in [Leningrad](#) on [November 20, 1979](#), re-arrested as he left the prison gate on anti-Soviet agitation charges; found guilty of anti-Soviet agitation in [Tver](#) on [September 8, 1980](#), sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment followed by 3 years' internal exile; charged on [November 15, 1985](#) in [Perm-36 labor camp](#) with 'violating camp rules'; found guilty of violating camp rules on [April 3, 1986](#) in [Chusovoy](#), sentenced extended by 3 years, began to lose his remaining teeth and to suffer from hallucinations; **UPDATE**: refused an order to remove the cross from around his neck, told the guard that God would punish him for the order, taken to an interrogation room, beaten [permanently lost partial feeling in his left hand], gassed, cross taken after he passed out, other prisoners made a cross from a sock for him, days later the guard was arrested and placed in a hold cell where he was stabbed to death)

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**Tuesday August 26, 1986**



### **Tanzania: Ichwandimi, Bukoba**

Fr Longinus Rujwahura (aged 56, **killed**)

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