- We already told you not to bring more Bibles. Now we have to kill you.

The man whose life was at risk is Pavel Goia, father of the Ministry Magazine editor. At the time, he was a construction contractor working in the private sector in communist-era Romania. As a very active Seventh-day Adventist lay evangelist, he was preaching, building churches, and distributing Bibles he would bring, hidden in his car, from the former Yugoslavia.

- Hold on a second!
- Stop begging. I’m not going to let you live.
- No, no! I’m not begging for my life. Just hold on a second.
- Why? Do you want to say your last prayer?
- No, no, I don’t say my prayers in crisis. I say my prayers all the time.
- Why do I need to wait, then?
- Ok, now you can shoot me,
He said, taking off his shirt. The officer said,
- Well, the bullet has no problem penetrating the shirt.
- I know that the problem is that there are people who don’t have a shirt. So, don’t stain it. Give it to somebody else.
- You are crazy!
said the officer.

When the gospel is vibrant in the mind of a Christian, the act of putting others’ needs first will happen naturally. It’s what Jesus did and it’s what He does through you. But unlike this dramatic story you just watched, there’s no need to wait for a crisis to help those in need.
When you worship God with your tithe and your offerings, people in need receive not only relief but also a chance to see the light of salvation.

May we put our desires last and God first.