

Source Note for *Brüder in Not! Lasst Sie nicht verhungern! Bilder aus dem Leben der russlanddeutschen Kolonisten in Vergangenheit und Gegenwart*

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The title of this pamphlet in English is: "Brethren in need! Don't let them starve! Images from the life of the Russian-German colonists in the past and present." This is one of several "Brethren in Need" booklets produced in the early 1930's by various primarily religious organizations in Germany and Austria. Their intent was to raise awareness and support for the many German colonies across Russia and Ukraine that were suffering from devastating famine conditions during the Holodomor years.

The first half of the pamphlet describes earlier conditions of prosperity among the German colonies. The second half opens with images of decline and deportation, then death and starvation specifically in 1933 Ukraine. Although the text focuses on the fate of the ethnic German population, the captions to the Ukraine photos simply provide the date and a location or the subject of the photo. All 7 of the 1933 photographs were taken in and around Kharkiv by Alexander Wienerberger, although unattributed to him.