

Willy Brandit

A German named Herbert Karl Frahm, better known as Willy Brandit, fled Germany in 1933. He went to Norway to avoid arrest by the Nazi regime. The Gestapo wanted him for being a political opponent. He was running for his life.

When he arrived, Willy needed help to get established. Among some of the people he met and made friends with was a man called Martin Weber. The two men were good friends so in 1936 Martin revealed being Stavrosian. Willy laughed at first until Martin introduced Willy to his family. Soon, Willy met several other Stavrosians and this then convinced him that Weber had indeed trusted him with the secret. Martin Weber needed help to move his family and others out of Norway. The fear of being taken by the Gestapo drove the Stavrosian people to try leaving before the Nazi army might take Norway under provisional rule. Martin was able to move six families out of harm's way.

The two men stayed in touch after the War. Willy became mayor of West Berlin in 1957. He continued to help Martin by making secret arrangements to get several Stavrosian men out of East Germany.

During his time as mayor in 1958, Willy traveled around post-war Europe helping other Stavrosians with his friend Martin. Martin died June 1984 in West Berlin with his oldest children by his side. Willy Brandit only spoke of his friend and the Stavrosians once. He was on his death bed as he told his son of his amazing friendship with Martin Weber as well the people of Stavros.

Their work has stopped, yet other men called Researchers are on the job today. Let them know who you are, how to find you.

With God's help we will all see each other someday.