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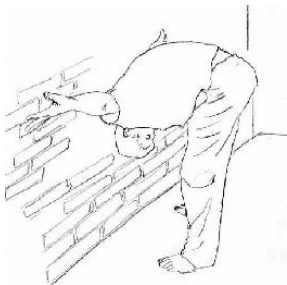
Barbaric Methods Used to Force Practitioners to Renounce Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) More than forty Falun Dafa practitioners are currently detained in the Third Section of the Beijing City Women's Prison. The head of the section has received numerous awards for his efforts in persecuting Falun Gong. He is directly responsible for the death of practitioner Dong Cui.

At this prison, practitioners are not permitted to sleep unless they renounce Falun Gong. Several practitioners were forbidden to sleep for as long as one to two months.

The Third Section of the Beijing Women's Prison is for the detention of criminals who are serving long prison sentences. However, if the prisoners can make a practitioner renounce Falun Gong, she can earn four points each day (usually, they can only earn two points after doing one day of hard labor). The prisoners try to make practitioners renounce their belief by verbally and physically abusing them.

The following are examples of some of the brutal methods employed to force practitioners to renounce their belief:



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(a) The practitioner is forced to bend down with the head touching the floor and back touching the wall. The practitioner is then pushed towards the wall.



(b)

(b) Forcing a practitioner to bend over. Often, two people will sit on the practitioner to force him to stay in this extremely painful position.



(c)

(c) Stretching torture. Four people pull the practitioners' legs and arms in opposite directions. The practitioner cannot walk properly for several months after suffering this torture.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

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(Clearwisdom.net) Cat Rooney sees her spiritual practice, Falun Gong, as one that teaches high moral standards and leads to overall spiritual and physical health. She's never understood how Falun Gong [...] can be used to justify torture and killings [of practitioners] in China. "This is a great practice; it makes great people," says Rooney, a Lawrence resident. "No torture or genocidal activity is justified, but this one is so appalling."



Joyce Mitchell, of Baldwin, front, participates in a self-cultivation practice called Falun Gong along with Sarah Woellhof, of Topeka, left, Adam Miller, of Lawrence and Cat Rooney, of Eudora, in the courtyard outside the United Way Building, 2518 Ridge Court.

Rooney and a group of Lawrence Falun Gong practitioners have embarked on a recent tour, going to Kansas towns to teach people both about their self-cultivation practice and the atrocities occurring in China. "We want to go out and tell the beauty of Falun Dafa to fellow Kansans and give them that perspective," Rooney says. "When they hear about the atrocities [committed by the Chinese Communist Party], they're just as shocked as we are."

The U.S.-based Falun Dafa Information Center says there have been nearly 2,300 detailed accounts of deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in China since [the persecution began in] 1999, and more than 100,000 practitioners have been detained, and some have been tortured.

"I like the multiple facets of it," says Teri Leahy, of Lawrence. "I like the spiritual concepts and moral values and the wellness benefits," Leahy says. And that's why some of the Lawrence Falun Gong practitioners, along with others from Kansas City, started hitting the road last month, going to 16 cities over a week to teach about the practice. They're planning to go to four other cities a month in Kansas to continue the education tour. They want to teach both about their use of Falun Gong and the issues in China.

"Human rights violations around the world are wrong, but this is near and dear to us because we practice this," says Joyce Mitchell, of Baldwin, who practices Falun Gong with the Lawrence group. "This is a peaceful practice."

Evidence of Live Organ Harvesting in Liaoning Province

(Clearwisdom.net) According to the *Chronicle of Organ Transplant Events at the Friendship Hospital of Dalian*, the Friendship Hospital performed its first kidney transplant in November 1997. The kidney was not from a living person. The hospital performed the first kidney transplant from a live person in December 2000. Since then, its live kidney transplant activities have been constantly increasing. On February 1, 2002, it completed one liver transplant and four kidney transplants within fourteen hours. And in 2003, the Dalian City Kidney Transplant Center was established.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) started persecuting Falun Gong on July 20, 1999. The Friendship Hospital performed its first kidney transplant, which was not from a living person, before the persecution. The first live case was in December 2000, after the persecution of Falun Gong started. Since then, the continuously increasing number of kidney transplants at the Friendship Hospital of Dalian also matches the reports about the CCP's organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners.

Spreading Falun Gong in Arhangersk, Russia

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 9, 2006, Falun Gong practitioners held an activity in a city in Arhangersk, a sparsely populated state in northern Russia.

Crowds of people were on the street throughout the event. The practitioners displayed banners in the city center, distributed information exposing the persecution, did the Falun Gong exercises, and made folded paper lotus flowers. They gave people the lotus flowers and Falun Gong truth-clarification materials to introduce them to Falun Gong.



People ask for information about Falun Gong

People listened attentively and asked for truth-clarification materials. They all wished the practitioners success in their efforts to call for an end to the persecution.