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Mr. Gong Fengqiang Mentally Disabled As a Result of Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Gong Fengqiang, 38 years old, was a miner in the Yilan Coal Mine, Heilongjiang Province. Because he practices Falun Gong, Mr. Gong has been persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party since 2000. He was arrested in December 2006 and became mentally traumatized as a result of the savage treatment he was subjected to in detention. Despite his condition, the police still sentenced him to five years in prison. Family members repeatedly appealed to government agencies, the detention center, and prison officials for medical help for Mr. Gong, but they were ignored.



Below is an account of the persecution suffered by Gong Fengqiang:

- In 2000, Gong Fengqiang went to Beijing to appeal to the government against the persecution. He was arrested and detained for 34 days. The Yilan County police tortured him brutally. They beat him, pushed toothpicks under his fingernails and rubbed his ribs with hard objects.
- On December 26, 2000, Gong Fengqiang and his wife and their five-month-old daughter went to Beijing to appeal. They were arrested.
- On December 12, 2006, police officers beat Mr. Gong so brutally that he lost his eyesight. Then they took him to the Fangzheng Forestry Bureau.
- At the Fangzheng Forestry Bureau Police Department, Mr. Gong was tortured. The police beat him brutally, and he passed out several times. After several days of torture, he was transferred to Yilan County Detention Center.
- Detained at the Yilan First Detention Center, Mr. Gong collapsed mentally several times from the beatings. He bit his tongue, causing permanent damage. He also lost consciousness and later could not recognize anyone, but the guards did not release him.
- During the illegal detention and trial, Mr. Gong suffered recurring mental problems. By May 24, 2007, officers from the county police department and the detention center transferred him, unconscious and not having had any food for four days, to the Group Training Team in Xianglan Prison in Tangyang County, where Mr. Gong endured continued abuse.
- On June 4, 2007, they transferred Mr. Gong to Lianjiangkou Prison in Jiamusi City after he was tortured for ten days in Xianglan Prison.
- In the summer of 2007, the family made an adamant request for a medical exam. Prison officials made the family pay 1,500 yuan for transportation and medical costs. No family was allowed to be present at his examination. Gong Fengqiang still lacked proper care, and his condition got worse.
- In March 2008, Mr. Gong's health deteriorated still further. Lianjiangkou Prison officials had to send him for another exam. He was evaluated as "mentally disabled and not capable of serving the prison term." The family requested medical parole, but the prison used the excuse of the upcoming Olympics to postpone it.
- After the Paralympics Games, the family sent in another request. The prison used another excuse--that the diagnosis report was over six months old--and forced the family to pay for another exam.

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.

Washington DC: Hu Jintao Arrives, Falun Gong Practitioners Call to End the Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) On the afternoon of November 14, 2008, the head of the Chinese Communist Party, Hu Jintao, and his entourage arrived in Washington DC to attend the G20 Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy. Falun Gong practitioners from the greater Washington DC area held banners reading, "Immediately Stop the Chinese Communist Party's Persecution of Falun Gong," and "Bring Criminals Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan and Their Followers to Justice" near the White House and the meeting venue, to express their opposition to the nine-year persecution of Falun Gong in China.



New Yorkers Applaud Falun Gong in Veteran's Day Parade



(Clearwisdom.net) Every year on November 11 the Veteran's Day Parade makes its way down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York City. Since 2005, the Falun Gong procession has been one of the shining stars of the parade. This year, 153 groups participated in the parade, and the group assigned to the last position--the grand finale of the parade--was Falun Gong with its waist drum section, exercise demonstration, and dance team. The Falun Gong procession was again warmly applauded by New Yorkers.

From Cancer and Despair to a New Life

Mr. Wang is an honest, hardworking farmer in Dagushan Town, Yitong County, Jilin Province, China. On August 24, 2008, he was hospitalized for acute appendicitis. When the doctor operated, he found malignant tumors. Mr. Wang was diagnosed with late stage intestinal cancer. At that time, the doctor removed tumors weighing more than one pound. Mr. Wang's condition was relieved temporarily.

When Mr. Wang was in hospital, a Falun Gong practitioner talked to him about the benefits of Falun Gong and the persecution taking place in China, and gave him a card with truth-clarifying words. After going home, Mr. Wang met with other practitioners who told him the principles of Falun Gong, Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. He agreed with the principles very much and started to study the teachings of Falun Gong and do the exercises.

On September 27, 2008, Mr. Wang had been in bed for seven days. He did not eat. He was very weak. His eyes glazed over and his belly was swollen. His relatives and friends went to see him during the busy farm season and believed that Mr. Wang would not live long. Many people shed tears. His son settled his affairs for him and prepared a coffin.

On October 3, 2008, a Falun Gong practitioner told Mr. Wang to firmly believe in Dafa and sincerely recite, "Falun Dafa is good; Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." Mr. Wang said, "I believe this. I will always believe." He recited the sentences again and again. His family members also followed along with him in reciting. Mr. Wang fell into a peaceful sleep. The next morning, he could sit up and he ate a bowl of soup. His family was very happy and expressed great admiration for the miracle of Falun Dafa.

Later, Mr. Wang completely recovered and could work in the field again.

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