

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Close to 400 Falun Gong Practitioners Arrested in Baoding City in the Run Up to the Olympics

(**Clearwisdom.net**) Baoding City, Hebei Province, is close to Beijing. The two cities are about 130 km (approximately 81 miles) apart. The northern part of Zhuozhou City and Laishui County are part of Beijing's Fangshan District. The three areas are under the jurisdiction of Baoding. There are 18 counties and four county-level cities. The total area is 22,000 square kilometers and its population in 2004 was 10,890,000.

Since the persecution of Falun Gong began in 1999, Baoding City has been counted among the worst in the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Additionally, Hebei Province can lay claim to having the greatest number of practitioners who have died in custody. The total confirmed number to date is 74 deaths. Baoding practitioners are still being persecuted, harassed, their homes ransacked and possessions confiscated.

According to a report on the Minghui website (Chinese version of Clearwisdom), from April 1 to August 8, just before the beginning of the Beijing Olympic Games, three practitioners were tortured to death, 362 people were illegally arrested, and 25 escaped during the arrest attempt. There were 402 cases of homes ransacked, 80 people were severely harassed, 67 were detained, and 10 were tried illegally.

### Mr. Wang Shouren Dies Two Months after Release from Henan Province Forced Labor Camp

(**Clearwisdom.net**) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Wang Shouren, 64 and single, lived in Laoguanzui Group, Dongguo Village, Qiaolou Town, Xingyang City, Henan Province. He was arrested in September 2000 while passing out informational materials about Falun Gong and the persecution. The police ransacked his home and put him under custody for several months on the second floor of the Xingyang City Foreign Trading Company. They then transferred him to be brainwashed for three months in the Party Training School.

In the middle of the night in the summer of 2002, the police ransacked Mr. Wang's home again and forcibly took him to a brainwashing center for two more months. On August 21, 2003, he was arrested and detained for more than 20 days in the Dongguan Detention Center in Xingyang City.

In 2004, Mr. Wang was arrested and taken to brainwashing centers twice, each time for 15 days. He was sentenced to one year of forced labor in 2005, which he served in the Baimiao Labor Camp in Zhengzhou City.

In May 2007, Mr. Wang Shouren was arrested again by Xingyang City Domestic Security agents and sentenced to 18 months of forced labor. He was taken to the Baimiao Labor Camp again and imprisoned in the Third Ward. Before the 2008 New Year, all of the prisoners were forced to work 18 hours each day, which was later reduced to 15 hours. Under such severe conditions, Mr. Wang was emaciated, too weak to eat, and could not take care of himself by the time the Camp Administration released him. He died two months after returning home, at 8:30 p.m. on September 14, 2008.

### 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.

## Divine Land Marching Band Performs in Christmas Parade in Montreal



(Clearwisdom.net) On November 22, Falun Dafa practitioners' Divine Land Marching Band participated in the Christmas Parade in Montreal. Legend has it that the parade started in 1925 to mark the date that Santa Claus visited the city. The parade attracts more than 300,000 spectators every year.

Wherever the marching band passed by, the spectators' demeanor became very respectful. Many people pressed their hands in front of their chests and/or bowed, to show their support for Falun Gong.

### A Fortune That Couldn't Be Bought

(Clearwisdom.net) In April 2004, my uncle told me that practicing Falun Dafa is beneficial for one's health. I said that if he thought it was good then he should try it for himself. At the time, he mentioned that it was not easy to find a copy of *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. Soon, I obtained a book from a friend and gave it to him, but he said that he had already obtained one.

I didn't think I would start practicing Falun Dafa back then. I don't have much education and wasn't particularly spiritually inclined, so I did not believe in anything but very practical things back then. Later I told one of my friends this and he suggested that I should at least read *Zhuan Falun* first before making any judgment. He also spoke quite highly of the book and suggested that since I obtained the book in the way that I had, I probably had a predestined relationship with the practice.

I took his advice and began reading *Zhuan Falun* and learned the five sets of Falun Gong exercises.

I used to have many illnesses. I had acute insomnia, and I was very sensitive to cold even in the summertime, especially in my knees and in the joints of my hands. Because of this, I could not wear short sleeves in summer and couldn't touch cold water. Fluid often gathered in my knee and I had to get the fluid extracted. As a result, I went to many hospitals, took lots of medications, and spent an enormous amount of money. However, this did not ease my suffering much.

Less than two months after I started practicing Falun Dafa, all my pain disappeared miraculously. My husband personally witnessed the marvels of Dafa, and also became a Falun Dafa practitioner. Before he started practicing Falun Gong, he had had to retire early because he had many health problems. He had to take medication all the time. He only could walk a few steps at a time due to recurring foot injuries. He also had lithiasis since 1994, so each year, he had to go to the hospital to get the stones removed. He spent a lot of money on medication but could not eliminate his condition completely. Each time the symptoms flared up, the excruciating pain caused him to writhe on the ground. It was hard to witness because there was nothing I could do to help him.

Through practicing Falun Dafa, all of his diseases disappeared. In the past, my husband always felt that life was unfair because he had less of an income due to his forced early retirement. Now he says that he has found Dafa, and that is worth more than all the money in the world.