

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### My Ordeal at the Suihua Forced Labor Camp in Heilongjiang Province

**(Clearwisdom.net)** My name is Xu Yushan. I'm a Falun Dafa practitioner in Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province. On June 27, 2006, railway police officers arrested me at a security checkpoint in Jiamusi City because I had a Falun Gong book with me. I was sentenced to one and a half years of forced labor on July 27, 2006 and sent to the Jiamusi Forced Labor Camp. On October 10, 2006, I was transferred to the Suihua Forced Labor Camp. I was released on November 9, 2007.



*Xu Yushan lost two front teeth due to guards gagging him with strips of cloth (left). Burned toenail caused by a guard's cigarette (right).*

During breakfast on the morning of November 20, 2006, I called out, "Falun Dafa is a righteous practice. There are practitioners in over 80 countries practicing it freely!" I was sent to a solitary confinement cell. There, I was forced to sit in a metal chair, handcuffed and shackled. I was forced to listen to a tape that slandered Falun Gong running non-stop with earphones inserted into my ears. They taped my hands tightly, causing my hands to swell severely. Two days later, my hands and feet started bleeding. It was extremely painful. Later, guards dumped a bag of hair into my underclothes. The hair made me itch unbearably but I was unable to move.

One time the guards unbuttoned my pants. They rubbed tobacco powder on my genitalia and left. Ten minutes later I felt excruciating pain in my genitals. I spent the whole night in painful spasms. They did it again the next day.

On July 24, 2007, four men roughly wrapped cloth around my mouth to prevent me from crying out, causing me to lose two front teeth. They inserted earphones with loud brainwashing propaganda into my ears. Then I was handcuffed with my arms behind my back and hung from the upper railing of a bunk bed. My feet barely touched the floor. They repeatedly put a lit cigarette into my nose, badly burning my nostrils. I still cough a lot even now from any smoke. They smeared the hottest chili paste on my eyes, ears, anus, and genitalia. My genitalia started to bleed. When I lost conscious due to the torture, they threw cold water on me to bring me to. They used cigarettes to burn my toenails and fingernails. They also covered my head with two layers of plastic bags and filled them with smoke. I was dripping with sweat. Then they repeated the same torture. I was tortured in such a way for six hours daily.

These facts are undeniable. I hope that by exposing these criminal acts people will realize: the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners is real.

#### 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.

## Happiness Happens the Moment You Set Your Mind Right

**(Clearwisdom.net)** In 1999, a nationwide defamation of Falun Gong was the first I heard of the practice. When I saw that the young girl who had been burned in the staged self-immolation had died suddenly, my hatred of Falun Gong increased [Note: the self-immolation incident of 2001 was a ploy staged by the Chinese Communist Party to incite hatred toward Falun Gong]. As the persecution became more severe, people were afraid to talk about Falun Gong.

There was a time when the "*Nine Commentaries on Communist Party*" grabbed my attention. My thought about it at that time was: "If there were no Communist Party, how could we have such a good life? How could the 1.3 billion people in our country survive?" I didn't want to read anything about it on the Internet, in order to protect myself, to help "stabilize" society, and to be a "well-behaved citizen." I would not touch anything that the Party disapproved of.

As time went by, I was happy about the things I had achieved, but in my heart I felt empty. One doubt after another arose within me. Just then, a stranger on the Internet sent me a thread about withdrawing from the Party. Out of curiosity, I started to read it. I learned that the sender was a Falun Gong practitioner. I met the person again on the Internet a few days later. I decided to chat with him online, thinking I would help him, so he wouldn't get into trouble.

During the conversation, the impression I had of this person was his selflessness and kindness. We had more conversations on the Internet after that. I learned a lot about the brutal persecution of Falun Gong from him and the information he sent me. He sent me an electronic copy of *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. As I read it, I realized I had found a treasure. The more I read, the more peaceful my heart became. I saw the future and hope, and also the truth and the ultimate love among people. My burden was gone, and I wanted to become a good person and to do something meaningful in society. I wanted to practice Falun Gong!

### Chinese New Year Splendor Receives Overwhelmingly Positive Reviews

**(Clearwisdom.net)** During the Chinese New Year, nearly 10,000 people were drawn to Radio City Music Hall on February 2, 2008, to experience the *Chinese New Year Splendor* presented by the Divine Performing Arts company. Audience members were amazed by the high-tech backdrop designs, the elegance of the female dancers, and the vigor of the male dancers. They were impressed by the profound Chinese culture depicted in the show.

Three Chinese seniors came to see the show together, to celebrate Chinese New Year. The older sister said, "I came from South America for this show. I can't decide which number I liked best, as every piece was very good; I loved them all." Her younger sister, a New York resident, said, "This is my fourth year seeing this show. I also love it and I always come back for the Divine Performing Arts New Year shows. This year, I invited my sister."



*Victor Maldonado and his wife enjoyed the show and said that they would see it next year.*

Victor Maldonado and his wife came to the evening show. He said, "The performance was well-planned. From the elegant dances to the moving songs, every piece was very good and very beautiful... we will come back."

A schoolteacher, Ms. Carew, said that the drummers were great and the singers were wonderful. Elizabeth, a student, said, "I liked the magnificent backdrops and the dazzling costumes. The show makes me feel very comfortable."

### Australia: Practitioners Participate in National Day Parade

**(Clearwisdom.net)** The 2008 Australia Day parade was held on January 26 in Melbourne. The event organizer invited the Falun Gong Waist Drum troupe and local practitioners to perform in the parade. Falun Gong has been invited to participate in the parade for the past several years.



*Practitioners participate in a National Day parade in Melbourne, Australia.*

When a Chinese student heard the drum team during rehearsal, he told them, "You guys are great!" The parade started at 10:00 a.m. and the Falun Gong group was the final entry. When they passed the reviewing stand, several spectators on the stage stood up and applauded.