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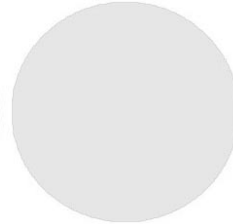
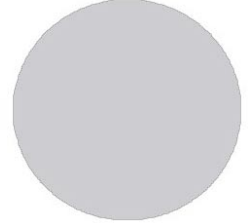
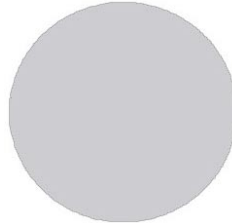
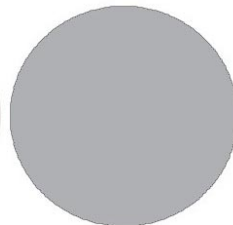
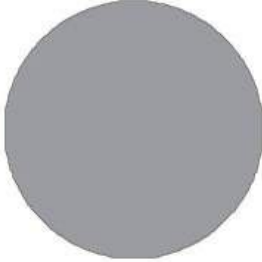


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News and Events from Around the World



New York: Falun Gong Practitioners Hold Grand Parade During UN World Summit, Call for an End to the Persecution

On September 14, 2005 as Hu Jintao attended the UN World Summit, in order to stop the persecution of Falun Gong and clearly caution Hu that the time that Gods and people have given him is limited, nearly two thousand Falun Gong practitioners from across the world gathered in New York to peacefully appeal and hold a grand parade at dusk.



Parade procession spans over a dozen blocks



A gold and yellow placard with the words "Falun Gong" in English leads the procession



Telling people, "Falun Dafa is Good"

At 6:00 p.m., during rush hour, pedestrians and vehicles in mid-Manhattan were bustling. Protected by a group of police officers on motorcycles, Falun Gong practitioners' parade procession, set off from 35th Street and First Avenue, marching through Third Avenue and turned on to 47th Street, all the way to the UN Building. The procession spanned over a dozen blocks, and was energetic and majestic. People getting off work were amazed at such a vast and mighty procession. Many people carefully

read the contents on the banners. Some people hurriedly took out their cell phones to record this historic scene. Many people applauded and smiled to show their support.

The procession was composed of three sections. Section One was “Falun Dafa is the righteous Fa, Falun Dafa is widespread throughout the world.” Section Two, was “Exposing the CCP’s brutal persecution.” Section Three was “Demanding the criminals be brought to justice; the criminals are Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, Zhou Yongkang and Liu Jing. Also bring the vicious police and their accomplices to justice.”



Banner reading “Falun Dafa is Righteous”



Banner reading “Falun Dafa is practiced in over 60 countries around the world”



Exercise demonstration



Waist drummers celebrate Falun Dafa’s widespread around the world



Cautioning Hu Jintao: the time given to him by Gods and the people is limited

Falun Gong practitioner Dr. Yang Sen stated that Falun Gong cultivators believe in Gods and Buddhas, and also the heavenly principle that good will be rewarded and evil will receive retribution. He added that in history, no persecution of righteous beliefs has ever succeeded, such as the persecutions of Buddhism and Christianity. Those who have participated in the persecution will all have to pay for their crimes. However, Buddhism and Christianity have not disappeared because they were persecuted, but rather spread widely after the persecutions ended.

Mr. Yang pointed out that Jiang colluded with the CCP to launch an inhuman persecution campaign against Falun Gong. Hu Jintao has been in office for two years, but the persecution continues, and practitioners are still dying as a result.

Mr. Yang said, "Since the persecution continues, we can't say that Hu has no responsibility for persecuting this righteous belief. During Hu's visit, Falun Gong practitioners held a banner reading 'Hu Jintao, the time that Gods and the people have given you is limited.' We cautioned him that Gods and Buddhas have boundless benevolence, Gods and the people are still giving him time to righteously position himself, but the time is limited."

One of coordinators of the parade, Ms. Zhou Jianfen, revealed that today was the second day of the UN World Summit, and that New York City was on high alert. Falun Gong practitioners' parade and another parade supporting withdrawal from of the CCP were the only two parades that were approved during the summit. She thanked New York City's mayor and the police for upholding justice and approving Falun Gong practitioners' parade. This will bring a wonderful future to New York and its citizens.

Canada: Prime Minister Raises Falun Gong Issue with Hu; Leader of the Official Opposition Supports Practitioners

On September 9, 2005, Canadian Prime Minister Martin raised the issue of Falun Gong during his meeting with Hu Jintao. On the evening of September 8, Stephen Harper, leader of the Official Opposition, shook hands and talked with practitioners appealing in front of the Governor General's Office. He encouraged the practitioners to "Keep up all the good work."



Appealing in front of Parliament



Appealing in front of Canadian Museum of Civilization

Canadian government and the public pay attention to Falun Gong during Hu Jintao's visit

On the morning of September 9, during the joint press conference of the two leaders, Prime Minister Martin said he had a thorough discussion with Hu on human rights and governance of a country and raised the Falun Gong issue. He believed that better governance of a country needs better understanding of human rights.

At 6 p.m. on September 8, Stephen Harper, leader of the Official Opposition, stopped at the practitioners' appeal site on his way to attend dinner in the Governor General's Office. He shook hands with each practitioner on site and said "Keep up all the good work."

On the morning of September 9, Roger Clavet, the critic of Asia-Pacific for Bloc Québécois and Member of Parliament (MP), showed up at practitioners' appeal site in front of Parliament and had a group photo with practitioners. He said that he would meet Hu Jintao in a while and would raise the issue of Falun Gong. MP David Kilgour went to Parliament to support the practitioners.

Hu Jintao evades the issue of the persecution of Falun Gong, but Canadian media focuses on it

During the press conference on September 9, the first question that a reporter asked was China's human rights issue including the persecution of Falun Gong. Hu Jintao replied to other questions but did not address the issue of the persecution of Falun Gong.

The editorial of *Ottawa Citizen* on September 9 stated that the Prime Minister "should speak about the ongoing persecution of the practitioners of Falun Gong."

The editorial stated that "Human rights, not trade and investment, should dominate the agenda when Prime Minister Paul Martin meets Chinese President Hu Jintao today."

The editorial stated that Canadian's attitude towards China's human rights "isn't hard enough or sharp enough to make an impact on the Chinese regime. Mr. Hu's visit gives Mr. Martin an opportunity to speak loudly, firmly and publicly about specific violations."

The editorial stated that the Prime Minister "should speak about China's embrace of 21st-century forms of restriction on freedom of speech, including the monitoring of online dissidents and journalists and the creation of selective Internet search software that serves as anti-democracy censorship."

The editorial stated that the Prime Minister "should, instead, see this visit as a chance to put human rights front and centre. Canada's trade relationship with China should not stop Mr. Martin from frank and public criticism of the Chinese regime."

In addition, *Globe and Mail*, *24 Hours Vancouver*, *Vancouver Sun*, and CTV also focused on China's human rights issues including the persecution of Falun Gong in covering Hu Jintao's visit of Canada.

Vancouver Police Stop CCP Supporters from Tearing up Falun Gong Banners

Falun Gong practitioners issued a news release on the afternoon of September 17, 2005 to expose the fact that during Hu Jintao's visit to Vancouver, some CCP supporters threatened Falun Gong practitioners, forcefully took away the practitioners' signs and banners and tore them up.

According to the news release, around the Westin Hotel where Hu Jintao was staying, Falun Gong practitioners were displaying banners and signs that called for an end to the persecution. Their messages included: "Bring Jiang, Luo, Liu and Zhou and the

vicious police and evildoers who persecute Falun Gong practitioners to justice,” as well as some advice to Hu Jintao: The time that Gods and people have given you is limited.



Falun Gong practitioners' peaceful protest outside the hotel



Demonstration at the Hotel's back door



Practitioners stay overnight outside the hotel to send forth righteous thoughts

After Hu arrived at the hotel, some CCP supporters deliberately provoked an incident. They first used their flags to cover up Falun Gong practitioners' banners and then tore signs that practitioners held in their hands.

One Falun Gong practitioner, Matthew, who was on the spot said, "Yesterday, some pro-CCP individuals snatched signs from practitioners and then trampled on them. Police officers did not expect that those people would besiege and beat practitioners and attack them like that, so today, more police officers came and said that they were there to protect practitioners."

Canadian practitioner Caylan added, "Last night, when we meditated in front of the hotel, those communist supporters surrounded us, some singing communist party songs, some clapping and broadcasting alarms through a loudspeaker. Later, the police came to stop them."

Police officers said that pro-CCP individuals were really bad, while Falun Gong practitioners were all very good.

Vancouver resident: This is Canada. Don't do evil here!

At around 5 p.m. on September 16, 2005, several practitioners unfurled a large banner on one side of the hotel where Hu was staying. The banner read, "Bring Jiang, Luo, Liu, and Zhou to Justice". Two young men holding little red flags rushed over. They tore the practitioners' banner from their hands and threw it to the ground, while cursing the practitioners. A local resident passing by pointed to them and said, "This is Canada. You can't do evil here!" The two young men suddenly stood still in amazement, but they still intended to forcefully take away more practitioners' banners. The Canadian lady went over and berated them, "Don't do evil! Don't do evil!"

Canadian Police: I'm here to protect you!

At this point, some practitioners called the police. A police officer came and indignantly shouted at the two young men, "Stop! I'll arrest you if you do it again!" The two young men had to leave.

The policeman turned to the practitioners and said, "Don't be afraid, I'm here to protect you." Then the practitioners once again unfurled their banner and clarified the facts to passersby.



Pro-CCP individuals secretly watching practitioners doing the exercises



A Canadian lady (in the brown jacket) stops the CCP supporters from forcefully taking away practitioners' banner



Many people from the Chinese delegation in the hotel could see a yacht displaying Falun Gong signs

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP): We will let Hu see your message

Falun Gong practitioner Wang Ping, who came from San Francisco, stated that the RCMP supported Falun Gong very much. On September 16 when Hu Jintao was about to arrive at the hotel, some RCMP officers came over and told practitioners they would let Hu see our messages. Later when Hu's motorcade came, they passed right by our banners.

Hotel guest, "I support you and wish you success!"

A lady from Texas who was staying at the Westin Hotel told practitioners when she saw the signs in practitioners' hands, "I support you, and wish you success!"

Bo Xilai Facing Lawsuit in New York - Plaintiffs Demand Arrest, Conviction and Expulsion

On September 8, 2005, the directors of the International Advocates for Justice and the Human Rights Law Projects filed a criminal lawsuit against Bo Xilai, charging him with torture.

The lawsuit states that defendant Bo Xilai, when head of Liaoning Province, planned, instigated, ordered, authorized and incited police and other security personnel to abuse the plaintiffs and other similar victims. He also directed, controlled or instigated these personnel to carry out the abuse.

The lawsuit further pointed out that Bo Xilai's aforementioned actions transpired in an environment during the nationwide persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Police and security personnel in Liaoning Province and in China took part in this large-scale and systemic persecution. Their lawless behavior include murder, arbitrary detention, forced labor, brutal and savage abuse and torture in complete disregard for the law.

Attorney Lana S. Han, Director of the International Advocates for Justice, said this case affects the interest of the US and of US Falun Gong practitioners who were persecuted by Jiang Zemin and personnel from the 6-10 Office. Jiang and 6-10 Office personnel tried to eradicate Falun Gong from the US by spreading lies to the legislative and administrative departments in the US.

Ms. Han pointed out that the Chinese Communist Party launched a vicious and slanderous propaganda campaign against Falun Gong in the media, on the Internet and via China Central Television satellite programs, which poisoned the minds of hundreds of thousands of Chinese people living in the US. After the 9/11 terrorist attack, the CCP immediately described Falun Gong practitioners as terrorists and incited hatred against Falun Gong, using similar methods the Nazis used when they incited hatred against the Jews.

Attorney Terri Marsh said, "Defendant Bo Xilai is criminally responsible for his actions and those committed by his subordinates in Liaoning Province. It is a matter of principle to hold Bo responsible for his crimes within the parameters of law."

Based on the defendant's violations of Falun Gong practitioners' human rights and civil liberties in China, the plaintiffs asked the Southern District Public Prosecutor's Office in New York to:

Take immediate actions to thoroughly investigate the alleged, aforementioned crimes of accused defendant Bo Xilai;

Issue an arrest warrant and detain the defendant so he cannot leave US territory until his crimes in violation of US laws are investigated and he is officially convicted;

Notify the US customs and Immigration Bureau (Homeland Security) of Bo Xilai's actions, his alleged crimes and illegal behavior, and of the tortures he participated in, which violate international laws on freedom of belief. Bo Xilai is a declared criminal in the US and should be expelled according to US law.

Immediately start a criminal lawsuit against Bo Xilai, as federal laws state that lawsuits may be filed against individuals who personally participated in the act of torture in a foreign country or who have instigated others to participate in similar crimes.

Orphan Rescue Benefit Concert in Dallas, Texas

Prior to Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to the United States, the human rights situation in China became the center of world focus again. At 7:30 p.m. on September 10, the non-profit organization, "Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners" hosted a benefit concert at Eisemann Center in the City of Richardson, Texas (near Dallas), calling for help to rescue orphans of persecuted Falun Gong practitioners in China.



Eisemann Center

Mrs. Wu, a representative of "Global Rescue," said that the purpose of the concert was to help more people know about the desperate situation of the orphans, and to raise funds to rescue these children to the free world. They plan to help those orphans who don't have a stable living situation in China to come to the United States and give them a secure home life and help them receive a regular education.



Duet Guan Guimin and Zou Xiaoqun

Many well known Chinese and Western artists performed at the concert. The performances included dance, solo singing, duet singing, a cello solo, and an orchestra. Before the intermission, a short video program produced by FGM TV about rescuing

Falun Gong orphans was shown. The video program helped the audience see the pain that the Falun Gong practitioners' children have experienced during the six-year-long persecution.

The audience was very moved and many people were in tears when they saw how the children are suffering. After the concert, many people made donations to support the rescue effort.



Dance: "Calling for Conscience," "Give Children a Dream," and "Childhood"

The concert also showed the audience another aspect of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). A student from the University of Texas in Dallas, Mr. Cale Dingman, told reporters that the performances were very good and moving. Through the concert, he learned that good people are suffering in China and saw the evil nature of the Communist Party.

The concert was prepared in a short time. Many practitioners provided their support by going to local Chinese groceries and shopping centers to clarify the truth and raise awareness about the benefit concert.

A Chinese man told a practitioner at the concert that his friend visited China recently and said that China was now very good and urged him to visit China too. He said he knows that China is beautiful, but he knows that that is not because of the Communist Party. He said he knew what the CCP was. It looks fine on the surface but carries out a lot of persecution under the table and stirred up hatred toward Falun Gong. Another elderly gentleman said that many people know of the CCP's lies.

A bank clerk was very sympathetic and supportive of Falun Gong. She bought ten tickets to give to her friends and relatives.

A westerner watched the concert and asked for truth-clarification materials from a practitioner and said he would mail them to a relative in California. Another westerner

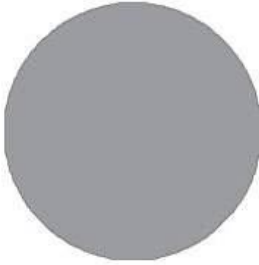
told a practitioner that he had been in China for two months and saw how the Chinese police arrested people. He absolutely believed that the persecution of Falun Gong is indeed taking place but he still doesn't understand why the Communist Party wants to persecute Falun Gong but not other exercises such as Tai Qi. A practitioner told him that Falun Gong is not just for improving health but also has a guiding belief in "Truth, Compassion, Forbearance." However, the Communist Party doesn't allow people to have any beliefs other than in the CCP. The man then understood.

Some people received the flyer about the concert but weren't able to attend, so they donated money to support the rescue project. Others were interested in Falun Gong and began to learn the exercises at a practice site nearby.

A middle-aged woman said she did research about AIDS in Southeast Asia and had visited Thailand and Yuanan Dali in China. She discovered that trust between people is hard to find in big cities, no matter whether it's in China or America. She lamented the fact that society was deteriorating.

This woman said she tried to talk about the "June 4 Tiananmen Massacre" to her young guide in China but the reaction from the guide made her realize how much the Communist Party has tried to cover up their history. When a practitioner introduced the brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China, she said she believed that the CCP's persecution was very cruel and that the party had covered up the truth. She asked a practitioner what she could do when she goes to China again. The practitioner told her to consider her own safety first, but that she can let the Chinese people around her know about what she has learned about Falun Gong. When she was leaving, the woman said that if everyone practiced Falun Gong, the world would become better.

Facts of the Persecution



Mr. Na Zhenxian Tortured to Death in Changlinzi Men's Forced Labor Camp in September 2005

At 2:00 p.m. on September 16, 2005, officials from Changlinzi Men's Forced Labor Camp in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province notified Mr. Na's family that he was very sick, and to visit him immediately. His family went right away, but Mr. Na Zhenxian had been tortured to death, and had many wounds on his body. We heard that his body is at Donghuayuan Funeral Home.



Mr. Na Zhenxian

Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Na Zhenxian was a 58 year old farmer who lived in Zhiye Village, Xiqin Township, Shuangcheng City, Heilongjiang Province. He was previously known for his smoking pipe, and a drinking bottle that never left his hands. He was under attack by ailments throughout his body, and could not do farming labor. Ever since he started cultivating Falun Gong in 1996, he quit smoking and drinking, all his ailments disappeared, and he joined field labor. His family had a much better relationship with him.

Since July 20, 1999, when the persecution of Falun Gong began, Mr. Na Zhenxian had been arrested many times, extorted of several thousand yuan, and detained in a brainwashing class and Shuangcheng City Detention Center for several months. On November 4, 1999, police from a local station ransacked his home, took his Falun Gong materials, handcuffed him and three fellow practitioners to heating pipes in the station for more than twenty hours, and extorted 1500 yuan. On May 16, 2001, he was detained for 70 days by Shuangcheng City police, and fined 700 yuan by the 6-10 Office and the detention center.

On the evening of February 27, 2004, Mr. Na was once again arrested at his home by Pan Chunku (male) and Sun Jinxing (male) of the Township government and police station. They sent him to Shuangcheng City Police Department the next morning at around 4:00 a.m., and locked him in Shuangcheng City Second Detention Center. During detention, Police Station Head Sun Jinxing and his helper Zhang Xiaoyin (male) tried many times to extort more money from his family, but in vain. They then had Mr. Na sentenced to two years of forced labor without any evidence or legal grounds. Mr. Na was locked in the Fourth Ward of Changlinzi Men's Forced Labor Camp.

On October 11, 2004, the camp administration, education office and management office combined man power to gather in the Fourth Ward, some carrying electric batons, some wearing army belts. First, the education office head, Wang Yi'ou (male), gave a lecture on labor reform in the Fourth Ward, and then prison guard Niu Tiejun (male) forced Falun Gong practitioners to study the labor camp rules. Suddenly, with the excuse of someone's reading voice being too low, prisoners dragged Falun Gong practitioners Mr. Yao Shiguo, Mr. Kou Fangqi, Mr. Na Zhenxina and eight other practitioners one by one to prepared rooms, then threatened and beat them under encouragement by the prison guards. Falun Gong practitioner Mr. He Qinghui was beaten the most severely, and remained unconscious for more than ten days, and lapsed into a coma. Police tried to block the information after this tragedy, and fabricated lies to escape their responsibility.

August: Torture Deaths of 61 Falun Gong Practitioners Verified

According to statistics on Clearwisdom website, in August 2005, the torture deaths of 61 Falun Gong practitioners in Mainland China have been verified through civilian channels.

The number of Falun Gong practitioners confirmed dead as a result of the persecution reached 2,781 on August 31, 2005.

The 61 deaths are distributed over 17 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities. Nine torture deaths took place in Liaoning Province and Heilongjiang Province, eight in Sichuan Province, seven in Shandong Province, five in Jilin Province, five in Hebei Province, two each in Gansu Province, Hubei Province, Guizhou Province, Anhui Province, Beijing, and Chongqing; one death each in Hunan Province, Shanxi Province, Tianjin and Shanghai. Due to the information blockade, the region where one torture death took place requires further investigation.

Among the 61 practitioners, 25 or 41% of the total were women, and 33 or 54% of the total were above 50 years of age. Twenty-eight of the deaths occurred in 2005, including six in August 2005. The youngest victim was 21 years old. His name is Pei Feng and he lived in the Dadong District, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province.

The torture practitioners were subjected to is shocking and inhuman. Their description reveals the ruthlessness of the persecution.

Horrible Conditions in Jilin Prison's "Naked District" - Second Urgent Appeal to Rescue Falun Gong Practitioner Yang Guang

Mr. Yang Guang, 50, is a Falun Gong practitioner from Changchun. Because of his steadfast belief, he was severely persecuted, and became paralyzed from the waist down from cruel torture used to extort evidence from him. He is currently being held in Jilin Prison's "naked district," where he suffers humiliation and misery in the company of psychotic, disabled inmates.

Mr. Yang Guang was held in 7th Division of Changchun City Police Department, where officials brutally tortured him in order to extort evidence. The police beat him ruthlessly, using all kinds of torture devices and broke his right leg. Later his hipbone became necrotic. The police had to carry him into the prison. Now, his right leg is disabled, his toes are deformed and festering, and he can no longer take care of himself. He is fifty years old but looks like a frail old man his hair white and an emaciated body.

Mr. Yang Guang is in the "naked district" of the prison, where inmates are forbidden to wear pants year round. Because of his paralysis, inmates made him a special chair, similar to a wheelchair. It has a steel pipe structure with four wheels, and a board for the back and sides, and with a big hole in the seat. Whenever he needs to relieve himself, other inmates wheel him to the toilet area, but because the side of the chair is blocked by a board, he cannot clean himself afterwards. He sits in urine, feces and filthy smells continuously.

This "naked district" never receives any sunlight. The conditions are intolerable, and it is extremely hot in the summer and cold in the winter. The sleeping quarters measure less than 60 cm (24 in.) in length, and the food is very poor, with no fat or oils used. When it is time to wash, they wheel Yang Guang to the water room, spray him with a pressure hose, and wash him with a mop, calling it a "cosmetic shower."

Mr. Yang was recently sent to the Province Center Hospital. His old injuries have not healed, and now his upper extremities are also disabled from intensified persecution. He is now completely disabled, yet the police are still persecuting him. They sent him back to prison from the hospital.

Parents Sentenced to Labor Camp - Two Daughters Forced to Terminate Their Schooling

Falun Gong practitioners Cao Zhenqi and his wife from Changyi City, Shandong Province, have been sentenced to a labor camp for three years after being illegally arrested by police from the 6-10 Office. This has forced their two daughters to stop their studies in middle school, and their lives are now very difficult.

On May 19, 2005, Chen Xiaodong, chief of the Changyi City 610 Office, together with Ma Fusheng, director of Zhangling Township Police Station, directed six police cars and several police officers to surround Cao Zhenqi's residence. Afterwards they smashed the windows and the security door. They then forced their way into the house, and arrested Cao Zhenqi and his wife. In addition, they ransacked the house twice.

After Mr. and Mrs. Cao were arrested and detained, their two daughters, who were studying in middle school, immediately found themselves in a predicament. No one would prepare food for them, and they also couldn't afford the school tuition. As a result, they have suspended their studies. Cao Zhenqi's parents are in their sixties and suffer from hypertension. When placed under duress, they feel dizzy and sometimes lose consciousness. Facing the grievous situation resulting from the persecution, how can they avoid anxiety? They can hardly shoulder the two children's' livelihoods, much less pay their tuition.

Chu Mengmeng, one of the two daughters, is Cao Zhenqi's stepdaughter. Her mother remarried Cao Zhenqi after her father died. Facing such a dilemma, she has returned to her grandmother's home to alleviate the burden on her step-grandparents. Her grandmother is over 70 years old, weak and prone to illness. She has lost the ability to work, and can only sigh in despair to her granddaughter. Chu Mengmeng hoped to continue her studies, but dependence on her grandmother only allows for minimal living expenses. Going to school is simply impossible for her.

In this way a perfectly good family was forced into a hopeless situation. The two children cannot go to school, cannot go back to their own home, and cannot find jobs since they have not passed the age requirement for child labor. Such situations are innumerable in China. Countless Falun Gong practitioners' families have been torn apart, and family members are killed due to their beliefs.

Vicious Acts by Police at Tianjin City Prison

Under the leadership of prison chief Wang Jinshan, prison guards Lu Wenyuan, Fan Yasheng, Yang Bo, Liu Yunling were urged to viciously persecute Falun Gong practitioners. They subjected the practitioners to all kinds of brutal torture if those practitioners refused to “reform.”

Among the torture instruments is a small stool. This instrument is 5 centimeters (2 inches) wide, 15 centimeters (6 inches) long, 5 centimeters (2 inches) high. Practitioners were forced to sit on this stool daily for over 15 or 16 hours. And they were forced to sit with their backs straight, with feet extending 30 centimeters (12 inches) from the stool. Having the legs together like this puts pressure from the full weight of the body, concentrating this pressure on one’s bottom. Practitioners were forced to sit on this stool in this manner every day. Practitioner Liu Zhengang’s bottom had developed sores and thus suffered from an infection. Still they wouldn’t release him.

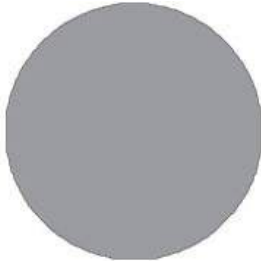
If a practitioner resists this torture, he would be forced to wear handcuffs and shackles weighing over 20 lbs., locked into a small cell, and tortured every day. Shackles replaced the other torture devices. For so-called interrogation, they would force the practitioner to go up and down the stairs multiple times every day. Their purpose was to rub the shackles against the ankles. This happened two or three times a day. Practitioner’s ankles were rubbed, causing bleeding and open wounds that could not heal. Police also incited prisoners to push a practitioner from the back or step on the shackles, so as to cause the practitioners to fall to the ground. In April 2005, prison guard Liu Yunling even forced a newly arrived practitioner to wear handcuffs and shackles, put the practitioner into a small cell and otherwise tortured this practitioner for one month.

During this year, guard Yang Bo used shackles as a torture instrument to torture practitioner Cai Lirong several times. Each time it lasted over ten days. This kind of torture is still being used today.

Guard Fan Yasheng used a cigarette lighter to burn practitioner Zhou Changhe’s face when forcing practitioners to reform. Scars still remain on Zhou’s face today.

Prison guards Lu Wenyuan, Fan Yasheng, Yang Bo, Liu Yunling compelled prisoners to forcibly “reform” practitioners to avoid being held responsible. Prisoners then deprived practitioners of sleep for 24 hours, put sleeping pills in the water and soup, forbid practitioners to use the restroom, beat practitioners and subjected them to other atrocities. Criminals tortured practitioners ruthlessly to obtain reductions in their prison terms.

People Awaken to the Truth



More and More Voices Are Coming from China, Yearning to Learn Falun Gong

I am a practitioner from Taiwan. Recently I've encountered some practitioners in China and other chat room users. It's hard to describe what I felt: Teacher's compassion, the need to hurry up and save the world's people, and the righteous thoughts coming from practitioners in China, who want to do better in such a difficult environment. It reminded me that I have to be more diligent to maintain a good cultivation state, so I may better cherish every encounter I have with the Chinese people, and Teacher's salvation.

I was chatting with a friend online. As soon as he heard my voice, he typed, "I almost cried upon hearing your voice..."

I didn't understand why he wanted to cry. He said, "How is Teacher?" I later learned that many practitioners in China cultivate on their own. They have difficulty getting Teacher's new articles, and they have no environment to share with other practitioners, yet they continue to practice diligently. When they hear from other practitioners and are reminded of the persecution of Falun Dafa, they can't help having mixed feelings.

Another online friend told me, "I can't get any information here, but as soon as I learned about resigning from the CCP, I immediately wrote a resignation statement."

Here I will note what the voices from China are saying so that everyone will know that the CCP and Jiang's persecution of Falun Gong can't stop the righteous thoughts of the world's people, or their support for Dafa. I do this to encourage more practitioners to seize the time and tell the people the facts about Falun Gong.

The following messages are from online friends in China. Each one came from a different person.

"Now I really respect you and want to learn Falun Gong. There are many people who want to learn but are scared because of the interference from the government. I wanted to learn, but no one dared to teach me. I was very happy to see your message today and meet you. I hope I can quickly obtain your help and support."

"I want to obtain the Falun Gong books or VCDs."

"I want to learn the truth about everything that happened to you."

"I used to know a practitioner in Beijing who was persecuted. I lost contact with this practitioner because of family matters. Please introduce me to Falun Gong."

"Please give me Falun Gong information. Please reply soon."

"I really support and like Falun Gong, but I don't know how to practice it. Could you explain to me the principles of this practice?"

"How can I learn Falun Gong?"

"Could you give me information about Falun Gong, including the introduction, exercises and the effects?"

"Long live Falun Gong!"

"How can I learn about it? I have no contacts or information!"

"I rarely browse online, so I hope you can send me more information so I can finish all of it when I go online, is that okay?"

"I want to practice wholeheartedly, please send me information."

"I really want to know the truth about Falun Gong."

"I hope I can get related information. I want to learn! Please send me information!"

"Where can I buy the book and VCDs?"

"I want information on Falun Gong."

"I want the book so I can cultivate gong. Could you send it to me? I am in a hurry so please hurry up."

"I feel helpless... I always wanted to practice. Blame it on Jiang. Could you teach me?"

"I want to practice Falun Gong."

"Could you send me some material? I want to practice. Please send it to me soon. Thanks."

"I want to learn Falun Gong!"

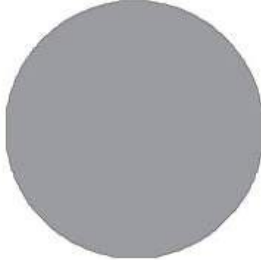
"Could you send me some information regarding Falun Gong?"

"I also want to learn Falun Gong, but I can't find any books about it."

“I want information about Falun Gong. I want to tell you that I want to learn but the persecution here is very severe. How can I get a book to learn?”

More and more voices like these are coming out of China. I believe everyone has a heart of compassion and care, and I hope more of the world’s people can obtain this great law, which benefits people’s minds and bodies. I also hope that those who’ve participated in the persecution will wake up soon.

Voice of Justice



Switzerland Pleads in Favor of Ending the Repression of Falun Gong

During the Swiss parliamentary session of June 2005, Mr. Luc Recordon, a national deputy, raised the question of the persecution of Falun Gong by Chinese authorities as well as the case of Mrs Qiu Minghua, mother of a Chinese student in Switzerland who was arbitrarily arrested and sentenced to a prison term. Below is the official response of the Swiss Federal Council of 24 August 2005.

Switzerland pleads in favor of ending the repression of which members of some religious or spiritual groups are the victims, in particular the Falun Gong movement.

It is unacceptable, therefore, that it should be hindered in the exercise of freedom of opinion and of expression. It is even more shocking that its members are subject to arbitrary arrest, to ill-treatment and often to torture, that would be the same in the case of an organization infringing the Chinese legislation.

The Federal Council is familiar with the problems of Falun Gong in China. This movement, the ideas of which Switzerland does not judge, has been prohibited in China since 1999. Thousands of its practitioners have been imprisoned as a result of this prohibition and many of them are held in administrative detention centers. The Federal Council is aware that serious charges of torture are being brought against China. The Federal Department for Foreign Affairs has on different occasions expressed its concern to the Chinese authorities.

Miss Wang Xiaoyang, the daughter of Mrs Qiu Minghua, has corresponded with members of the Federal Council. She has been received by representatives of the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs who also recently received a petition. Her mother's case is, therefore, known to the authorities and Switzerland is following closely the development of this situation. Alongside the visit of Federal Councillor Deiss, the Swiss Ambassador in China met the authorities of Suzhou - where, according to our information, Mrs Qiu Minghua is imprisoned - to express Switzerland's concern for this person.

Canadian MP: It's a Shame That Hu Will Be Kept Away From a Series of Demonstrations

In response to Hu's state visit to Canada on Thursday, independent member of Canadian Parliament, Mr. Kilgour accepted that trade was important, but insisted it could not be divorced from human rights issues. Kilgour believes that human rights are more important than trade. Kilgour stated that it was a shame that Hu will be kept well away from a series of demonstrations planned in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.



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According to reports from Cybercast News Service on September 7, 2005, judging from past visits by Chinese leaders to Canada, Hu will be kept well away from a series of demonstrations planned in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.

A lawmaker who formerly served as Canada's point-man for China, former secretary of state for Asia and the Pacific, David Kilgour, said that was a shame.

According to the report, Falun Gong and Tibetan campaigners, Chinese evangelists and Taiwanese representatives said they were still working out plans for demonstrations during Hu's visit.

Kilgour told Cybercast News Service that human rights issues would be swept under the carpet during the state visit, so Hu and his hosts could concentrate on drumming up more trade and investment.

In an interview Tuesday, Kilgour said it was "...distressing to see how many human rights issues there are ... Tibet, Falun Gong, the treatment of Muslims and Christians. I think we should be giving them a lot more attention than trade."

Kilgour, now an independent member of parliament, accepted that trade was important but insisted it could not be divorced from human rights issues.

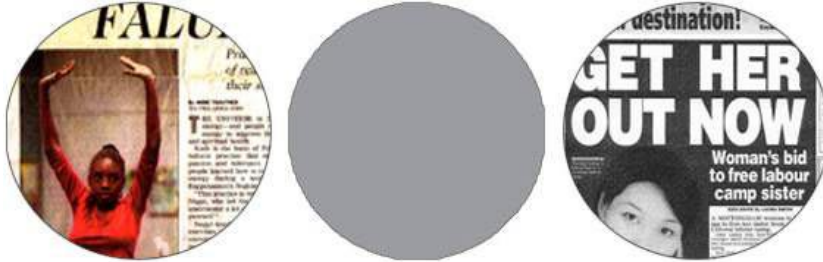
Kilgour, who visited China when he was minister responsible for relations with that region, said he was hopeful that when Hu took over as president, there would be advances on human rights issues.

Instead, "Since March 2003, he has been moving more into authoritarian directions, despite our early hopes."

Kilgour noted that both Martin and Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson (who represents Queen Elizabeth II as head of state in Canada and is of Chinese origin) will be hosting lavish dinners for the visiting Chinese leader.

"But he won't meet with Falun Gong, Amnesty International, and the Tibetan people."

Media Reports and Opinions



Reuters: Falun Gong challenges HK entry ban in court

Hong Kong - Four [practitioners] of the Falun Gong spiritual movement challenged the Hong Kong government in court on Tuesday for barring them from entering the city in 2003, saying it was unlawful and amounted to discrimination.

The four are among 80 people from Taiwan turned away by Hong Kong immigration authorities in February 2003, when they arrived in the city to take part in an international conference of the Falun Gong, which is banned in China.

Hong Kong, a former British colony, returned to Chinese rule in 1997 but was allowed to keep its own ways of life, including religious freedom. The incident in 2003 raised fears about threats to personal rights and freedoms in Hong Kong.

Many of those turned away were carried forcibly on to the next available flight back to Taiwan.

A lawyer for the four Falun Gong plaintiffs said by barring their entry, the government had breached the city's constitution.

"These decisions were unlawful and were based on religious beliefs of the applicants ... and not based on legitimate and rational grounds," Paul Harris told the High Court in a pre-judicial review hearing.

"They have been admitted to Hong Kong before ... so for 80 people to be stopped en masse, the natural inference must be that they were stopped for their Falun Gong affiliation."

The Hong Kong government never gave any reason for turning the 80 people away. A government spokesman declined to make any comment on the court case.

Harris is also trying to compel the government to say if it keeps a blacklist of people it will not admit into the territory.

"(We) seek to challenge the decision to place the applicants on a watch list and the rationale for doing so ... what was it that the officers who actually took the decision to refuse entry had in front of them?" Harris said.

The court will decide whether or not the government has to provide that information before the judicial review starts. The date for the judicial review has yet to be set.

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RFA: American Falun Gong Practitioners Call on Hu Jintao to Immediately Release Charles Li

According to Radio Free Asia's report on September 13, 2005, Chinese-American Falun Gong practitioner Charles Li was arrested and sentenced to prison when he returned to China. It's been two and a half years now. An American Falun Gong (Friends of Charles Li) spokesperson called on Hu Jintao, who came to New York to attend the UN World Summit, to immediately release Charles Li and stop the persecution of Falun Gong.

Falun Gong practitioner Charles Li resided in Menlo Park, in the San Francisco Bay area. On January 22, 2003, he was arrested at the Guangzhou Baiyun Airport on a trip to his hometown of Yangzhou City, Jiangsu Province. The Yangzhou Court sentenced Charles Li to 3 years in prison on March 22 on the charge of "Sabotaging broadcasting and television". Since then, Charles has been incarcerated in Nanjing Prison.

After Charles Li was imprisoned, San Francisco Falun Gong practitioners established an organization named, "Friends of Charles Li". They have been working very hard to call for the rescue of Charles Li. When Hu Jintao arrived in New York to attend the U.N. World Summit, Sherry Zhang from "Friends of Charles Li" accepted an interview from this reporter.

Sherry Zhang said, "My friend Charles Li is a Chinese-American. He has been imprisoned for two years and eight months in China. He has been mistreated all along. He was beaten when he was arrested. To the present, he has not only been beaten up and mistreated, but he also has to endure brainwashing. He is not allowed to touch any information related to Falun Gong and he is not allowed to practice the Falun Gong exercises."

Charles Li's fiancé Yeong-ching Foo stated that during the last two years and eight months, Charles almost died from the torture in the prison. He wasn't allowed to attend his mother's funeral when she passed away.

Sherry said, "We call on Hu Jintao to immediately release all Falun Gong practitioners, including Charles Li. We have been trying our best to rescue him and hope he will be reunited with his fiancé Yeong-ching as soon as possible."

Sherry also pointed out that over the past more than two years during Hu's tenure as the head of CCP, the inhuman persecution of Falun Gong continues.

Sherry said, "Of course we have been observing Hu Jintao. What I want to tell Hu Jintao is: He must decide to stop this persecution. If he allows it to continue, he would also be committing crimes and he would be one of the murderers!"

Prior to Hu Jintao's arrival in the U.S., 30 Falun Gong practitioners, including Yeong-ching Foo published an open letter to demand the release of their family members who are imprisoned in China due to their practice of Falun Gong. Since September 12, Yeong-ching Foo and other practitioners have been on a hunger strike in front of U.N. Headquarters in New York to urge the Chinese communist regime to stop the persecution of Falun Gong.

Ottawa Citizen: Talk tough with China

Human rights, not trade and investment, should dominate the agenda when Prime Minister Paul Martin meets Chinese President Hu Jintao today.

For too long, Canadian politicians have had it backwards in their dealings with China. They have pushed for more trade, hoping economic development would lead to improved human rights there. What they have spectacularly failed to understand is that trade will take care of itself, while human rights need champions.

Sino-Canadian trade is growing so quickly it's hard to see what more Mr. Martin needs to do. Two-way trade has grown to about \$31 billion a year, making China our second-largest trading partner after the United States. This growing relationship with China is lopsided, with Canadian imports accounting for \$24 billion of that \$31 billion figure.

While a trade deficit between two countries isn't necessarily harmful, trade dependence can be. A greater diversity of trading partners would keep Canada from making its foreign policy subservient to its trade requirements.

China is an authoritarian superpower. Mr. Hu's resistance to democratic reform and his country's blatant threats against democratic Taiwan should be Mr. Martin's main concerns.

Whenever Canadian politicians meet Chinese politicians, some mention of human rights is par for the course. But that mention is often a footnote to panegyrics about strengthening dialogue and strategic partnership. Even the token mention of human rights is often crafted to avoid giving offence, as in: Human rights in China are improving, but there is still some work to do.

That kind of statement isn't hard enough or sharp enough to make an impact on the Chinese regime. Mr. Hu's visit gives Mr. Martin an opportunity to speak loudly, firmly and publicly about specific violations.

He should speak about the ongoing persecution of the practitioners of Falun Gong.

He should speak about China's embrace of 21st-century forms of restriction on freedom of speech, including the monitoring of online dissidents and journalists and the creation of selective Internet search software that serves as anti-democracy censorship.

He should speak about Tibet, where Mr. Hu was the party secretary when China imposed violent martial law in 1989 and from where foreigners were barred as China marks 40 years of Tibetan "autonomy."

Yes, there is a lot Mr. Martin could say to Mr. Hu before the president heads to Toronto, Niagara Falls, New York, Mexico and Vancouver. The prime minister's office has said today's agenda will include discussions not just about trade and human rights, but also about tourism, investment, science and technology, energy and the environment. Such a broad agenda would make it easy for Mr. Martin to pay human rights the standard lip service.

He should, instead, see this visit as a chance to put human rights front and center. Canada's trade relationship with China should not stop Mr. Martin from frank and public criticism of the Chinese regime.

Edmonton Sun (Canada) Reports on Falun Gong Practitioners' Anti-Torture Exhibit

On September 11, the *Edmonton Sun*, a newspaper in Canada, reported on local Falun Gong practitioners' anti-torture exhibit, which was held during Hu Jintao's visit to Canada. Practitioners called for an end to the persecution of Falun Gong.

According to the report, Falun Gong practitioners - including a man once jailed in China - staged a mock torture exhibit in Edmonton yesterday to highlight human rights abuses in China as the country's president visits Canada.

The demonstrators have a message for Chinese President Hu Jintao, who took supreme power of the Communist state two years ago.

"It's an opportunity for him to stop the persecution," explained participant Chunyan Huang.

Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a [spiritual] movement that was banned in China in 1999.

Thousands of practitioners have been imprisoned and 3,000 have been tortured to death, Huang said.

During the demonstration outside the Old Strathcona Farmers' Market, Falun Gong practitioners were shown tied sitting upright on a bench and either sitting in a cage or standing with their hands tied above their heads as police with batons looked on.

They claim government officials force victims to hold these positions for hours, even days at a time.

"We cannot really demonstrate the severity of the torture here," Huang said.

Among the demonstrators was Wenyu Liu, who spent nearly three years in a Chinese jail for distributing leaflets on the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.

His wife, Yue Yao, is still imprisoned. She was given a 12-year sentence.

Liu, now a doctoral student in mechanical engineering at the University of Calgary, said the mental torture he endured was worse than the physical abuse.

"It's terrible to remember it," Liu said.

At one point Liu spent eight months in solitary confinement, utterly deprived of human contact.

When Hu met with Prime Minister Paul Martin on Friday, he dismissed talk of human rights abuses, telling Martin his country has improved its record on that front.

Los Angeles Times: Just following orders in China

By Max Boot

Imagine what would have happened if during the 1980s an American communications company had provided information that allowed the South African government to track down and imprison an anti-apartheid activist. That is pretty much the moral equivalent of what Yahoo has just done in China in the case of journalist Shi Tao. And the California-based Web giant deserves the same kind of public opprobrium that would have fallen on any Western firm that dared to publicly cooperate with the enforcers of apartheid.

Shi, the victim of Yahoo's shameful behavior, was sentenced to 10 years in jail for "illegally sending state secrets abroad." Shi was a reporter for a Chinese newspaper, Contemporary Business News. His crime consisted of e-mailing to a New York-based website information about a supposedly secret directive his newspaper had received from the state propaganda department telling it how to cover the 15th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. The security services were able to track him down thanks to information helpfully provided by Yahoo's Hong Kong affiliate, whose e-mail service Shi used.

Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang breezily defended his company's role: "To be doing business in China, or anywhere else in the world, we have to comply with local law." I wonder how far Yang would take that logic. What if local law required Yahoo to cooperate in strictly separating races? Or the rounding up and extermination of a certain race? Would Yang eagerly do the government's bidding in those cases too?

Granted, the Chinese communist regime may not be as odious as apartheid South Africa, Nazi Germany or Taliban Afghanistan. But it's bad enough. As summed up in the State Department's most recent human rights report: "The [Chinese] government's human rights record remained poor, and the government continued to commit numerous and serious abuses." These included "instances of extrajudicial killings; torture and mistreatment of prisoners, leading to numerous deaths in custody; coerced confessions; arbitrary arrest and detention, and incommunicado detention."

The State Department estimates that at least 250,000 people and possibly as many as 310,000 are serving sentences in "reeducation through labor" camps and "other forms of administrative detention not subject to judicial review." The subjects of such crackdowns have included labor, religious and political activists, including Tiananmen Square protesters (at least 250 of whom remain behind bars) and Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and Falun Gong [practitioners]. And, shades of apartheid, a particular focus of official ire has been ethnic minorities in Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Tibet who are harshly persecuted for complaining about their lack of equal employment and

educational opportunities. So this is the kind of regime whose laws Yahoo shows such great respect for. Unfortunately, its conduct is not out of the ordinary, either for it or for other American media firms operating in China. They all eagerly kowtow to a despicable police state.

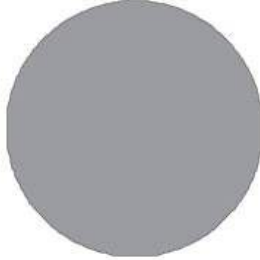
Yahoo, Google, MSN and other Web search engines have agreed to block searches in China involving words such as "Tibetan independence" or "human rights." Bloggers can't post messages involving "democracy" or other "dangerous" concepts. Rupert Murdoch's Star TV has agreed not to carry BBC news or other information that the Chinese government might not like. Cisco has sold Beijing thousands of routers programmed to monitor Internet usage and flag for the secret police any "subversive" sentiments.

There is a theory that greater access to information technology will further freedom in China. The reality is that the communist oligarchy is adroitly using the Internet to increase its level of control with the help of its American business partners.

The conduct of Yahoo et al should be illegal. The Commerce Department, and if necessary Congress, should forbid American firms from facilitating human rights abuses in China. Unfortunately, the Bush administration would probably block such rules because it continues to cling to the vain hope that Beijing will solve the North Korean nuclear crisis for us. The only pressure the administration is interested in applying at the moment is to get Chinese firms to stop selling us so many bras.

In lieu of government action, private investors should step into the breach. Recall how, in the 1980s, shareholders agitated for U.S. corporations to "disinvest" in South Africa or, if they did invest there, to at least follow the Sullivan Principles - created by a Baptist minister and GM board member, Leon Sullivan, in 1977 - mandating good corporate behavior. We need a similar campaign today to convince Yahoo and its ilk that helping to oppress a fifth of humanity does not make good business sense.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Mother and Son Learn Falun Gong after Desperate Struggle

In 2004, I suffered from a lower back injury that kept me bedridden for a long time, and I could not work. My mother, who is in her 70s, was in an even worse condition. She had pulmonary heart disease and gastritis, among other health problems. She had to take all kinds of medicines for many years. My mother and I live together. The weather in the north of China is very cold in the winter. We had to fetch water from a well and this simple task became very hard for us. Poverty and poor health pushed us towards despair. My only elder sister was very sad when she saw her younger brother and mother in such misery. She said to me, "You are so young, you must see a doctor." At that time we did not have any money. After a painful mental struggle with myself, I went out to borrow money from several people and finally went to a hospital. The doctors said that I had a disk protrusion along with spinal canal stenosis and hyperosteoegeny. They also told me that my problem was serious, and that if I delayed treatment, I would need surgery. They said that my symptoms would stay with me for the rest of my life, and even surgery was not a complete cure.

After that I went out to seek all kinds of treatments: Traditional Chinese Medicine, Western medicine, acupuncture, massage therapy, worship of spirits, and fortune telling advice, etc. Every day my mother knelt down to kowtow to all kinds of spirits and deities. With time passing by, all the efforts proved fruitless.

On New Year's Day 2005, while other families were happily celebrating, mother and I were suffering in extreme pain. I felt hopelessness.

In the spring, people began to work in the fields. Our neighbors saw our situation and felt quite sympathetic. Someone gave us some Falun Gong truth clarification materials and a small Falun Dafa card. At that time, my mind was deeply polluted by the communist propaganda after watching the lies on CCTV. I didn't even look at the materials. I only accepted the materials because I didn't want to appear rude to my neighbor. Several days later, a Falun Gong practitioner came to visit us. She told me how she benefited from practicing Falun Gong. Her story touched me, so I began to read the Falun Gong materials that my neighbor had given me. I also silently recited, "Falun Dafa is Great" and "Truth-Compassion-Forbearance." In less than ten days, a miracle happened. My lower back pain vanished and my body felt completely energized.

Such a wonderful cultivation practice! I rushed to this practitioner's home and told them my story. All the family members practice Falun Gong and they were all very happy for me. On that day, I became a Falun Gong practitioner.

My mother saw my change. She went to the practitioner's home and asked, "Can I be a Falun Gong practitioner too?" "Of course," the practitioner said. Mother said, "I have nothing. Can I still be one?" "No problem." said the practitioner. My mother was so happy. She then kept telling people, "The Teacher of Falun Gong is such a wonderful person. I was poor, sick and old, and I cannot read. But he still accepted me as a practitioner. Where could one find such a good Teacher?" She was in tears when she said those words. Mother and I found such a wonderful practice when we were in despair. We are truly fortunate.

After listening to Teacher's lectures several times, mother began to clean up our home environment. In the past, mother practiced all kinds of qigong, and she also worshiped all kinds of spirits. She has now cleared them all out.

My mother learned how to send forth righteous thoughts and is very serious about it. Every day at the designated time, she reads out the word "Mie" (extinction, eliminate) with a strong power. Mother is illiterate, but she loves Zhuan Falun very much. She often holds the book in her arms. She says, "This book is my dearest treasure."

One night my mother felt sleepy, but she also worried that she might miss sending forth righteous thoughts at midnight. She had a mental struggle. Although she said that she should not go to sleep, she fell asleep anyway. Suddenly, a sound woke her up. She immediately checked the time, and it was 11:50 p.m. Mother was very happy, and she put her palms together and walked barefooted in the room and shouted, "Falun Dafa is great!" After five minutes, she sat down to send forth righteous thoughts. During this time, our house was filled with red illuminating light.

The neighbors saw our change. In less than two months, we looked completely different. In the past, mother could not even walk a few steps outside of our home without feeling tired. Now she can walk fast with her back straight, and even younger people cannot catch up with her. She tells everyone about Falun Gong's amazing power. She also reminds me to behave according to the standard of a practitioner. She says, "Teacher cured you so you can stand up now. Your health is for promoting Dafa, not for making money and taking care of your mother." I remember her words in my heart.

Inspired by our change, several neighbors, my mother's sister, father's sister, and father's sister-in-law all began practicing Falun Gong. Now our group has more and more people. Every day we study the principles, practice the exercises, and clarify the truth. It is very harmonious. The special feeling is beyond language.