

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Ms. Yang Xiaojing Dies While Husband Still in Prison

**(Clearwisdom.net)** On October 1, 2009, after suffering ten years of harassment and persecution, Ms. Yang Xiaojing died while her husband Mr. Cao Dong remains imprisoned in Gansu Province.

Ms. Yang and Mr. Cao, who both practice Falun Gong, were married for nine years. However, because of the brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China, they have been together only for several weeks. Mr. Cao was sentenced to prison once for four years, and later for five years.

In April 2004, six police officers arrested Ms. Yang and held her in the Beijing Women's Forced Labor Camp. In February 2005, she was tortured by being forced to sit, without moving, on a 24-inch stool. If she got sleepy or closed her eyes, she would be beaten. She had to sit on the stool all day long. After days of this torture, some practitioners could no longer sit up. Their buttocks developed sores that became infected. In September 2005, Ms. Yang was forced to do hard labor, which resulted in severe neck pain.



*Mr. Cao Dong and Ms. Yang Xiaojing*

In order to rescue his wife, Mr. Cao met with European Parliament Vice President Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott in Beijing on May 21, 2006. Mr. Cao told Mr. McMillan-Scott of the brutal persecution that Falun Gong practitioners were suffering. Two hours after the meeting, security agents arrested Mr. Cao. On February 8, 2007, he was sentenced to five years in prison, and was detained at Tianshui Prison in Gansu Province.



*Ms. Yang's father was hearthroken*

Ms. Yang was released at the end of August 2006. At the same time, Mr. Cao was secretly moved to another location in Beijing. During this time, his left eye became bloodshot due to beatings. He was handcuffed, deprived of sleep, and subjected to brutal brainwashing sessions. Mr. Cao began to vomit and pass blood, and was rushed to the hospital three times. In order to escape international condemnation, the police transferred Mr. Cao to the Gansu State Security Department Detention Center in September 2006.

In August 2007, a friend of Ms. Yang and Mr. Cao, Mr. Yu Zhou, contacted lawyers to help them. In February 2008 Ms. Yang heard the news about Mr. Yu's arrest. Mr. Yu died as a result of police brutality in March. Ms. Yang was forced to move from place to place to avoid further persecution. She soon became physically weak due to the tremendous pressure. In August 2008, away from home in Shaanxi Province, she was diagnosed with lymphoma. Ms. Yang's 72-year-old father traveled to Shaanxi Province to take care of her. Her parents used up their limited retirement funds to support Ms. Yang. Finally, the cancer metastasized to her breast. She died on October 1, 2009, in Xi'an City. That day, Ms. Yang's father drove seven hours to Tianshui Prison and begged the prison administration to allow Mr. Cao to see his wife one last time. The wardens refused.

### 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.

## Cancer Disappears after Practicing Falun Gong

**(Clearwisdom.net)** I live in Ciyu Town, Hebei Province. In 1994, I was feeling unwell and a hospital examination determined that I had liver cancer. Within several years, I tried all the major hospitals in Hebei Province but none helped. Finally, my doctors said I could last no more than three months and asked me to prepare for my final days. Under great physical and mental pain, together with high medical expenses, I was in despair and my entire family was distraught. Then, I came across Falun Gong, the most precious thing in my life.

In the beginning, I did not expect much and just hoped for some pain relief. After studying the teachings and doing the exercises, I found that the results were far better than expected. Within three months, all of the symptoms of illness were gone. I was surprised and went back to the hospital for a reexamination. The results were surprising – my liver cancer had completely disappeared.

Many people in my hometown began to talk about a cancer patient who recovered after practicing Falun Gong. A number of them began to learn about Falun Gong and started to practice. More than ten years have passed since then and I have experienced many unimaginable tribulations because of the persecution. However, I have not once regretted my decision to take up the practice, since Falun Gong gave me a second chance at life.

## Falun Gong Practitioners Take Part in the 141<sup>st</sup> Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco

**(Clearwisdom.net)** On October 11, Falun Gong practitioners from California took part in the 141<sup>st</sup> Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. This was the seventh year that practitioners participated in this major event.



*The Divine Land Marching Band*



*A large banner led the Falun Gong contingent*



*The Falun Dafa float*

The Divine Land Marching Band, consisting entirely of Falun Gong practitioners, performed in the parade. Practitioners also demonstrated the exercises. One of the parade organizers, Don Casper, said that Falun Gong practitioners' performances are excellent every year; their costumes are beautiful and their music is peaceful and energetic. He said that the organizers always welcome Falun Gong. He believes that the spectators have come to expect Falun Gong to be there every year, too.

The crowds gave the Falun Gong contingent a warm welcome. They applauded and took photos. The guiding principles of Falun Gong, Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance, resonated with the crowd. Many learned about what is happening to Falun Gong practitioners in China in the current persecution and condemned the suppression.