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Mr. Yang Zhanjiu Disabled in Prison, His Wife Died in Custody

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Yang Zhanjiu and his family, from Yushu City, Jilin Province, have suffered severe persecution at the hands of the Chinese Communist authorities. Mr. Yang has been arrested several times and in 2004 he was handed a seven-year prison sentence. He was released in 2009, after being tortured to disability.



Mr. Yang Zhanjiu and Ms. Li Shuhua.

Seven years ago, Mr. Yang's wife, Li Shuhua, died in police custody just 4 days after she was sent to Yushu Detention Center. She was 32 years old. Below is Mr. Yang's account of the persecution he has experienced:

In August 2002, I was arrested the second time and taken to the Yushu City Police Station. When I refused to wear handcuffs and shackles, several officers from the National Security Team kicked me until blood gushed from my head. They took me to the interrogation room and bound me to a chair. Because I did not cooperate, an officer kicked my head until it was swollen.

At night, the police handcuffed my wrists behind my back and hung me up using a rope tied to the handcuffs. They kicked me and swung me back and forth. The handcuffs dug into my flesh. I lost consciousness due to the pain. They let me down later that night. The next day, they interrogated me again and handcuffed me to the window frame. They shocked me with electric batons. In another interrogation, a man beat me with a broom until it broke into pieces.

In October 2003, my wife died in the Yushu City Detention Center after being tortured. I went on a protest hunger strike for 19 days, during which time the officers beat me and force-fed me with salt water. On the way to the court for my hearing, a court official got angry with me because I corrected him, telling him that my wife died of torture instead of a hunger strike. He had someone shock my neck with an electric baton in the car.

I was sentenced to seven years. Under intimidation by the authorities, my attorney dared not defend me; he only said that I was nice person. In May 2004, I was taken to Shiling Prison. The guards ordered criminal inmates to monitor each Falun Gong practitioner and to keep us isolated from each other. I was beaten frequently because I refused to renounce Falun Gong. My legs were fractured. I was released from the prison at the end of August 2009. I was carried out on a gurney. I currently have a deformed ankle, a missing bone in my heel, and two infected holes in my feet.

On March 5, 2010, the police ransacked my house and took away personal property and cash. They locked me up for seven days despite the fact that I am unable to take care of myself.

It has been almost seven years since my wife died. Now I completely rely on my two brothers and sister to support me and my children.

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 100 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.

Miracles that Modern Medicine Cannot Explain

(Clearwisdom.net) I'm a Falun Gong practitioner who took up the practice in 1996. During the past more than ten years, I have witnessed miracles again and again.

My husband started to develop heart disease, angina, arrhythmia and hypertension when he was only 50 years old. We visited all the well-known hospitals in our city, looking for a cure, but nothing worked. Medical experts suggested that he have a pacemaker implant. We couldn't afford it. His life was in danger at every moment. I introduced Falun Dafa to him and he learned to govern himself according to Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. His heart disease disappeared and his blood pressure returned to normal.

I went to a relative's home in 2004 and found her holding her 11-year-old son and crying on the bed. He had late-stage uremia and needed a kidney transplant, which they could not afford. He was all bloated and couldn't open his eyes. He seemed to be at death's door. I read the book *Zhuan Falun* (the principal text of Falun Gong) to the child. Before I finished reading, the child fell into a peaceful sleep. After he woke up, he vomited and had diarrhea and fever. He fell asleep again. The next day, the child opened his eyes, and was able to eat again. Two weeks later, the child completely recovered and went to school. Now, he is a healthy, six-foot-tall young man.

My 86-year-old sister was critically ill in March 2009. I returned to my hometown to see her. I asked her to recite "Falun Dafa is good, Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." She did so. The next day, I read *Zhuan Falun* to her. She was then able to get up by herself and by the third day, she could eat. She recovered fully in a year.

A similar thing also happened to my brother. Doctors told us to prepare for his death in the beginning of 2001. I told my brother to recite "Falun Dafa is good, Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." He did so and miraculously recovered.

Canada: Marching Band Participates in Burnaby's Hats Off Day

(Clearwisdom.net) The annual Hats Off Day parade was held on June 5, 2010, in Burnaby, Vancouver, Canada. Falun Gong practitioners were invited to participate. The Divine Land Marching Band, which is made up entirely of Falun Gong practitioners, gave a performance. The band was well received by the parade spectators. Many took photos and videos of the band's performance.

Over the past several years, Burnaby City government officials have given the Falun Dafa Association several awards for their community performances and they have proclaimed "Falun Dafa Week" and "Falun Dafa Month" in the month of May.



Oregon: Falun Gong Float Wins Award at the Portland Rose Festival



(Clearwisdom.net) On June 5, 2010, Falun Gong practitioners from Oregon participated in the Starlight Parade in the Portland Rose Festival. Their float won the Best Illumination Award.

This was the 105th Starlight Parade in Portland. The parade started just after dusk. Practitioners demonstrated the exercises on the float, which was a 40-foot-long, 12-foot-wide and 24-foot-high depiction of a boat. It was designed by four engineers who practice Falun Gong, and took practitioners about 1,000 man-hours to finish.

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