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Mr. Wang Xinchun Disabled from Ongoing Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) On December 8, 2008, Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Wang Xinchun was arrested by the Chinese Communist Party for the fifth time. Mr. Wang had his feet amputated as a result of an arrest in the winter of 2002. In this latest arrest, officers in the Jinshantun Police Department tortured Mr. Wang for 72 hours, deforming his face and injuring his wrist. After Mr. Wang's release, the police closely monitored him around the clock.

Mr. Wang Xinchun, 32 years old, is from Yichun City, Jilin Province. He used to suffer from pancreatic cancer. In 1998, he started to practice Falun Gong and regained good health. After the persecution began in 1999, Wang Xinchun was sentenced to one year of forced labor, during which his prison term was extended. After he returned home in October 2001, he was viciously beaten with metal batons by officers at the Fenggou Police Station.

On the night of January 8, 2002, when the temperature was -30°C (-22°F), the police attempted to arrest Wang Xinchun. Fleeing from the police, Mr. Wang ran into a river in the dark and suffered frostbite on his feet. After the police arrested him, they forcibly soaked his feet in very hot water, which caused further injury. The police beat and tortured him for more than 10 hours. Later, they sent Mr. Wang home. After he returned home, Mr. Wang's feet became worse. Ten months later, his feet had to be amputated. Wang wrote letters to the authorities about his suffering, which drew retaliation from the authorities. Police officers and government officials repeatedly harassed and arrested his parents and tortured them cruelly. They sentenced his mother to three years of forced labor.



Mr. Wang Xinchun

In early April 2005 Mr. Wang took a job in a shoe repair shop to support his family. A few days after he started, the police arrested him again. They interrogated him about how his persecution story was published on the Internet. Later, Mr. Wang was sent to a detention center, where he went on a hunger strike to protest his unlawful arrest. On the fifth day, police officers dragged him to a large metal frame, fastened his limbs to the iron rings at the four corners of the frame with aluminum wire, and stretched his whole body to the maximum extent. His head was also fixed to the frame. A policeman kicked Mr. Wang's head, chest, abdomen and ribs, raising large lumps on his head. Mr. Wang was left fastened to the metal frame for five days. He was force-fed every day and repeatedly lost consciousness. The police did not release him until he was in critical condition.

During this period, Mr. Wang's father was illegally detained for 15 days.

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.

A 630-mile Truth Clarification Journey in Northern Thailand

(Clearwisdom.net) On December 24, 2008, a group of Falun Gong practitioners in Thailand embarked on a five-day journey that spanned 630 miles and covered ten provinces in the nation's Isaan region. Along the way, they exposed the persecution of Falun Gong taking place in China today.

When practitioners arrived at the Pratart Chengchum Temple in Sakon Nakorn Province, a young monk asked for more materials after reading a brief introduction to Falun Dafa. He wanted to share the brochures, CDs, bookmarks, and paper lotus flowers the practitioners gave him with everyone that came to worship in his temple.



(Left) Monk at Pratart Chengchum Temple asked for more informational materials. (Center) Middle school students read about Falun Gong. (Right) Talking to people at Pasak Cholasit Dam.

The paper lotus flowers and bookmarks made by the practitioners were popular among the Isaan people. Everywhere practitioners went, locals thanked them for their blessings and hung the lotus flowers and bookmarks in prominent places. At Wat Phratarat Phanom Temple in the province of Nakorn Phanom, practitioners distributed a great number of items to many tourists. Before they left, they noticed that a vendor had two paper lotus flowers pinned in her hair. She held a practitioner's hands and said excitedly, "With the lotus flowers in my hair, my business has been exceptionally good! I'll wear them all the time!"

"Just Stunning Beauty"



(Clearwisdom.net) The Chinese New Year Splendor began a two-day run in New York City at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM). The Saturday afternoon performance by the Divine Performing Arts Touring Company at BAM drew audience members from all over the five boroughs. Mr. White, a human resources manager at a major pharmaceutical company, attended the matinee performance with his family.

"I like the way the dancers tell stories," White said. "When I watch Western dance, sometimes it's awfully hard to tell what the story is. Here, you can tell what the story is with the movements, the costumes and the backdrop. It's very accessible and easy to follow. It's just stunning beauty," he exclaimed.

Mr. White especially enjoyed "Welcoming Spring" and "Dragon Spring Drummers," two dances with very different styles. "It's the variety--and that's a part of why I like them," he explained. "The female flower dance was just beautiful. The male dance had more drumming and action. It's in the variety."

Although he grew up in the United States, White felt a special connection to the messages conveyed in the afternoon's performances. "These dances--they did not feel foreign, but very familiar. I felt like I was visiting a different land yet the stories were very human and familiar," White said. "I thought I was back in my childhood. There's an innocence to them that was very nice."

In discussing the songs in the performance, Mr. White said he felt that the spiritual message conveyed by the singers was very powerful. "I like that there is a subtle spiritual message. It is subtle, yet very important."