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U.S. Family Members Under Persecution

Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners (GMR) is an independent, non-profit organization whose objective is to call for and restore conscience and moral courage. Its mission is to expose genocide and persecutions against Falun Gong practitioners in China, to rescue those tortured and persecuted in jails, labor camps, mental institutions, and detention centers, and to collaborate with and support any and all efforts of those in the international community who share in GMR's desire to end human rights violations against Falun Gong.

A Report on American Families Suffering from the Persecution against Falun Gong in China



A Special Report

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Introduction

The crackdown on Falun Gong in the People's Republic of China has led to the unjust imprisonment of thousands of innocent practitioners, has subjected them to severe forms of mental and physical abuse, and has caused their families and loved ones immeasurable amounts of emotional agony. In the wake of this ongoing tragedy, many American families have lost their loved ones or still have family members persecuted in China today.

2009 marks the 10th anniversary of the persecution of Falun Gong in China. Over the past 10 years, Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners (GMR) has collaborated with the United States and other Western countries to rescue persecuted members of this religion.

Like the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust and the rescue of black slaves in the 19th century United States, the rescue of persecuted Falun Gong spiritual believers in China presents a host of difficulties and challenges. Individuals in China willing to help persecuted members of the religion risk severe consequences if they are caught. Western Government officials risk criticism from Communist Party leaders at the highest levels in China for whatever support and help they provide Falun Gong. Finally, the hostility generated towards Falun Gong by the Chinese Communist Party's global public relations campaign provides an additional daunting obstacle to rescue. Nonetheless, with the assistance of Western government officials, human rights NGOs and many courageous individuals who reside in China, GMR has devoted its time and resources to the rescue of persecuted Falun Gong spiritual believers in China.

GMR Rescue Effort:

Officially founded in 2002 by constituent groups from sixteen countries, GMR has rescued many persecuted members of the Falun Gong faith including the highly acclaimed artist and architect Mr. Kunlun Zhang, several prominent Professors from Tsinghua University, and many women (women make up the largest percentage of Falun Gong adherents in China). To this end, and with the aid of Western government leaders and human rights advocates, GMR has developed an informal network of routes through which members of the persecuted religion are able to escape to the United States and other Western states.

GMR's rescue work depends largely on the contributions of those who were rescued by GRM. Thankful for the freedoms they now enjoy in the United States and other Western states, these individuals have helped GMR rescue other Falun Gong practitioners who were being persecuted in China based solely on their religious beliefs. As one Falun Gong believer said in his tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Horizon Sanctuary on January 21, 2008:

When I first arrived [in the United States] I noticed that people in this country

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could say what they think without being arrested by the thought police. I noticed that people went to church on Sundays and that all people were free to practice their religion.

Until all people in China are free from torture and persecution based solely on their religious beliefs, GMR will continue to operate and expand their contemporary version of the underground railroad systems that enabled 19th Century Black Slaves in the United States and their Jewish counterparts in Europe during the Holocaust to escape to freedom.

Many Falun Gong practitioners that are illegally imprisoned and persecuted in China have family members in the United States. GRM has compiled a brief report of 21 such victims who are currently being tortured in Chinese prisons and labor camps for their belief in the Falun Gong tenets of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance. In light of the documented history of human rights violations committed against Falun Gong practitioners within these prisons and labor camps, these U.S. families live each day fearing for the well-being of their loved ones. These cases demonstrate that the effects of the brutal persecution of Falun Gong reach well beyond the borders of China.

Rescuing these 21 Falun Gong practitioners would be a significant step in the direction of regaining freedom for all Falun Gong practitioners in China. Past efforts have shown that GMR can truly make a difference in the lives of victims and their families and can give those similarly situated hope that their days of suffering shall too come to an end

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- 1) **Name:** Wang, Zhiwen (王志文)

Gender: Male

Detained in: July 1999

U.S. Relative's Name: Wang Xiaodan

Relative's State of Residence: Washington, DC

Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter

Job: rural Engineer



Case Summary: In the early hours of July 20, 1999, according to eyewitness accounts from neighbors, Zhiwen Wang was forcibly taken away from his home by police. Practicing Falun Gong in China had literally become a liability overnight, and he was one of the thousands of practitioners throughout the country targeted for immediate apprehension and unlawful arrest. After Zhiwen's disappearance, day after day the entire family tried everything they could to find out where he was being held, but to no avail. Finally, on December 27, 1999, an international CNN newscast aired information about the sham trial of four Beijing Falun Dafa Association volunteers, and Zhiwen was among them. The men were obviously bruised from being beaten as they stood in judgment for practicing Falun Gong, a religion that encourages truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. To this day, Zhiwen is being held unlawfully in Qianjin Prison, a notorious labor camp in the northeast of China.

- 2) **Name:** Zhang Xingwu (张兴武)

Gender: Male

Detained in: July 2008

U.S. Relative's Name: Zhang Shuangying

Relative's State of Residence: NY

Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter

Job: professor of the Institute of Education in Jinan City



Case Summary: In July 2008 before the Beijing Olympics, Professor Zhang Xingwu became one of hundreds of Falun Gong practitioners who were unlawfully arrested for "national security" reasons. In March 2009, the Security Bureau commenced an illegal trial and sentenced Professor Zhang Xingwu to jail in direct violation of his due process rights under Chinese law. Previously arrested in 1999 and 2001, this was the third time within the past ten years that Professor Zhang was unlawfully arrested and detained for refusing to denounce his religious beliefs.

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- 3) **Name:** Zhang Yuhui (张玉辉)
Gender: Male
Detained in: October 2000



U.S. Relative's Name: Huang Hongjian
Relative's State of Residence: NY
Relationship to the Persecuted: wife

Job: editor of a newspaper

Case Summary: In July 1999, the persecution of Falun Gong started in China. Mr. Zhang Yuhui used his pen name, He Shilao, and published a series of articles on the Internet in order to dispel misconceptions about the Falun Gong religion. As a result of his actions, Yuhui was unlawfully arrested and sentenced to 10 years in prison. In March 2001, Yuhui was taken from prison back to a police department where he was subjected to seven days and seven nights of torture. As part of their interrogation efforts, the security officers, among other forms of persecution, hung up, beat and tortured Yuhui on the Tiger Bench. Upon completion of the brutal interrogation process, Yuhui was returned to the detention center where he was then forced to maintain the "flying an airplane" position [the limbs are spread open; with hands and feet fixed to a cross-shaped piece of wood]. In December 2002, Yuhui was moved to the Sihui Prison where he was severely tortured at the Strictly Controlled Group and later at the Special Division.

- 4) **Name:** Luo Fang (罗芳)
Gender: Female
Detained in: February 2002



U.S. Relative's Name: Shen Quan
Relative's Living State: NJ
Relationship to the Persecuted: father-in-law

Case Summary: On February 1, 2002, Luo Fang and her husband Shen Lizhi were arrested on Bus No. 75 by police officers from Yingmenkou Police Station, Chengdu City. The police claimed that at the time of their arrest the two persons had in their possession materials relating to the persecution of Falun Gong. They were illegally detained at the Chengdu Detention Centre. Shen Lizhi was tortured after his arrest and died on the afternoon of March 3, 2002 at Qingyang District People's Hospital. The police notified his parents one year later, on March 3, 2003. Luo Fang was pregnant at the time of her arrest. She was released on May 8, 2002. But the local official of the "610 Office" [an extra-judicial office specially set up by the central Chinese Communist Party to execute the Falun Gong persecution] forced her to have an abortion after she was released. Ms. Luo was arrested

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unlawfully again on December 5, 2002. She was detained, tortured and sent to prison for a term of 12 years in direct violation of her rights under Chinese law. Since August 2003, she has been held at the Chuanxi Prison. It has been reported by credible sources that Ms. Luo was forcibly injected with nerve-damaging drugs, which paralyzed her legs. Ms. Luo's case is documented as case # 234 of the report of *Economic and Social Council of United Nations, E/CN.4/2005/62/Add.1, 30 March 2005*. Mr. Shen Lizhi's case is documented as case # 80 of the report of *Economic and Social Council of United Nations E/CN.4/2005/7/Add.1, 17 March 2005*.

- 5) **Name:** Ma Jinhua (马金花)
Gender: Female
Detained in: September 2008

U.S. Relative's Name: Wang Maqiong
Relative's State of Residence: CA
Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter



Case Summary: On September 4, 2008, seven people from the local security bureau ransacked Ms. Ma Jinhua's home and forcibly took her away. Ms. Ma was detained at Anhui Woman's Labor Camp and forced to perform hard labor 12 hours each day in direct violation of her rights under Chinese law. During this time, Ms. Ma injured her back but she was denied medical treatment. Additionally she was not permitted to contact her daughter living in the United States. Ms. Ma's family in China had to pay for the cost of detention within the labor camp.

- 6) **Name:** Zhu Lijin (朱丽津)
Gender: Female
Detained in: February 2009

Relative's State of Residence: NY
U.S. Relative's Name: Wang Yu
Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter



Case Summary: On February 1, 2009, Ms. Zhu Lijin was illegally arrested while she was distributing informational materials about the Falun Gong religion. The police illegally detained her for 15 days and sent her to the labor camp for a term of 15 months in direct violation of her due process rights. Family members were not permitted to visit her and they did not receive any written documents stating the nature of cause of the detention.

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- 7) **Name:** Cao Junping (曹俊萍)
Gender: Female
Detained in: July 2008



U.S. Relative's Name: Pang Jin
Relative's State of Residence: MO
Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter

Case Summary: On July 29th, 2008, the police unlawfully arrested Ms. Cao Junping at her friend's home. She was detained illegally at Qingzhou detention center, Weifang city, Shandong province. The detention center denied all visit requests from her family. According to an insider who was involved in Ms. Cao Junping's case, the police tortured Ms. Cao by keeping her awake for five consecutive days. Additionally, in 1999 in response to the state controlled media smear campaign against the Falun Gong religion, Ms. Cao spoke out in defense of the religion.. As a result of her statements, Ms. Cao was beaten, tortured and harassed by the police on various occasions.

- 8) **Name:** Wang Chunyan (王春燕)
Gender: Female
Detained in: August 2007



U.S. Relative's Name: Yu Ping
Relative's State of Residence: CA
Relationship to the Persecuted: daughter

Job: assistant general manager of Kanglai International Transportation, Dalian City

Case Summary: In 2001, Ms. Wang Chunyan was illegally arrested and sent to Shenyang Dabei Women's Prison for a 3-year term in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law. On August 14, 2007, Ms. Wang was again arrested and sent to a prison for an additional 5-year term because of her continued adherence to the Falun Gong religion. Ms. Wang is currently detained illegally at Dabei Woman's prison in Liaoning Province.

- 9) **Name:** Li Yaohua (李耀华)
Gender: Female
Detained in: June 2009



U.S. Relative's Name: Chang Yiyuan
Relative's State of Residence: CA

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Relationship to the Persecuted: son

Case Summary: On June 4, 2009, in Shanghai, Ms. Li Yaohua, Ms. Chang's mother, was arrested in the middle of the night. The local Chinese police broke in and searched her house without a warrant. The home was ransacked and Ms Li's personal possessions were stolen. Ms. Li is being held at Xuhui-District Detention Center in Shanghai.

10) **Name:** Liang Yuhua (梁裕华)

Gender: Male

Detained in: July 14, 2009

U.S. Relative's Name: Liang Yufeng

Relative's State of Residence: NY

Relationship to the Persecuted: brother



Case Summary: On July 14, 2009, personnel from the "610 Office" [an office specially set up by the central Chinese Communist Party to execute the Falun Gong persecution] in the Futian District of Shenzhen City worked with police from the Shatou Police Station to break into Falun Gong practitioners' homes. One such home was that of Mr. Liang Yuhua. Mr. Liang was illegally arrested during one of these raids and has been detained in the FuTian Detention Center in Shenzhen City. Police have denied Mr. Liang's family access to the detention center.

11) **Name:** Liang Shaolin (梁少琳)

Gender: Female

Detained in: September 24, 2009

U.S. Relative's Name: Liang Yufeng

Relative's State of Residence: NY

Relationship to the Persecuted: brother



Job: retired engineer from Maoming General Petrochemical Corp.

Case Summary: On September 24, 2009, 15 police officers broke into Ms. Liang Shaolin's residence with an electric saw, and ransacked the place. They confiscated cash, a computer, a printer, her mother's cell phone and her younger sister's bank deposit book. Ms. Liang, a Falun Gong practitioner from Maoming, Guangdong Province, was arrested and then taken to the Maoming Brainwashing Center (the former premises of the Hexi Traffic Police Team). The brainwashing center officials do not allow Ms. Liang's parents, both in their 80s, and her younger sibling visit her. Additionally, Ms. Liang's elderly parents have lost much of their personal freedom as

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plainclothes officers follow them wherever they go. This was not the first time Ms. Liang was unlawfully arrested and detained; She was previously held in a labor camp and brainwashing center for nearly six years based solely on her practice of Falun Gong.

- 12) **Name:** He Hai'ou (何海鸥)
Gender: Male
Detained in: October 2000



U.S. Relative's Name: He Haiying
Relative's State of Residence: NJ
Relationship to the Persecuted: brother

Job: doctor of the Employee Hospital of Chongqing Iron & Steel (Group) Co. LTD.

Case Summary: In October 2000, Mr. He Hai'ou was sent to a prison for 10 years because he attempted to dispel misconceptions about Falun Dafa. Mr. He and his family members have not received any official notice or explanation for his illegal arrest. During the past 9 years, Mr. He has been subjected to many forms excruciating torture. To resist the illegal imprisonment, Mr. He Hai'ou went on a ten-day hunger strike. The prison officials responded by force-feeding Mr. He who as a result was left in critical condition and sent to a hospital for a transfusion. Mr. He Hai'ou is being held at the No. 2 Prison in the Danzishi District, South Bank, Chongqing.

- 13) **Name:** Zeng Qing (曾青)
Gender: Female
Detained in: February 2006



U.S. Relative's Name: Zeng Min
Relative's State of Residence: TX
Relationship to the Persecuted: sister

Case Summary: On February 21, 2006, Ms. Zeng Qing was arrested and detained illegally at Doumen District Detention Center. Later she was secretly sent to a prison for 3 years in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law. Her sister, Ms. Zeng Min, told the public in the United States that her sister has been arrested multiple times in the past 8 years in China merely for speaking out publicly against the human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party. Ms. Zeng Qing has been subject to brainwashing, forced labor and sexual assaults. She was under close monitoring even when she was home for a few months.

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- 14) **Name:** Huang Xiong (黃雄)
Gender: Male
Detained in: April 2003



U.S. Relative's Name: Huang Wanqing
Relative's State of Residence: NY
Relationship to the Persecuted: brother

Job: computer engineer

Case Summary: It was April 19, 2003 when Mr. Huang Wanqing spoke with his younger brother Mr. Huang Xiong on the phone for the last time. During the conversation, Mr. Huang Xiong told his brother that police have found his home and would likely arrest him. Since that conversation, Mr. Huang Xiong's whereabouts have been unknown.

- 15) **Name:** Li Weiji (李偉繼)
Gender: Male
Detained in: May 2002

U.S. Relative's Name: Li Weixun
Relative's State of Residence: NY
Relationship to the Persecuted: sister

Case Summary: Mr. Li was unlawfully arrested in May 2002. In April 2003, he was sent to a labor camp to serve an 8 years sentence in direct violation of his due process rights under Chinese law. Mr. Li has since been detained at Tieling Labor Camp. It is reported that the police broke both of Mr. Li's arms and caused a disc protrusion in his lumbar. As a result of these injuries, Mr. Li has lost much of his mobility and now struggles to walk. Mr. Li's case is documented as case # 301 of the report of *Economic and Social Council of United Nations E/CN.4/2005/62/Add.1, 30 March 2005*.

- 16) **Name:** Wang Weiyu (王为宇)
Gender: Male
Detained in: August 2002



U.S. Relative's Name: Wang Weiqun
Relative's State of Residence: IN
Relationship to the Persecuted: sister

Case Summary: Wang Weiyu was a Ph. D. student in the Department of Delicate Instruments and Mechanical Devices at the prestigious Tsinghua University when he was illegally arrested on August 12, 2002. Mr. Weiqun was initially detained at a brainwashing center belonging to the Beijing Legal System Education Center for six and half months, where he served the term in isolation. He was refused adequate

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clothing and had to endure the winter of 2002 wearing nothing more than a t-shirt. Additionally, Mr. Weiyu was repeatedly subjected to shock torture from electrical batons. Various parts of his body, including his head, blistered and peeled from electrical burns. In 2004, he was sent to a prison to serve an 8-year sentence in direct violation of his due process rights under Chinese law. Currently, Wang Weiyu is being detained in the Qianjin Prison in Beijing. In October 2006, Weiyu after being beaten by another inmate suffered a tear in a tendon in his right leg. The prison denied Mr. Weiyu medical attention and forced him to continue performing high-intensity labor on a daily basis.

17) **Name:** Zhang Yibo (张轶博)

Gender: Female

Detained in: June 2009

U.S. Relative's Name: Chang Yiyuan

Relative's State of Residence: CA

Relationship to the Persecuted: brother

Case Summary: On June 4, 2009, in Shanghai, Ms. Zhang Yibo, Mr. Chang's younger sister, was arrested with her mother in the middle of the night. The local Chinese police broke into, and ransacked their home and confiscated personal belongings without a warrant.

Ms. Zhang is being held at Xuhui-District Detention Center in Shanghai in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law.



18) **Name:** Yu Zonghai (于宗海)

Gender: Male

Detained in: November 2001

U.S. Relative's Name: Yu Zhenjie

Relative's State of Residence: NY

Relationship to the Persecuted: sister

Job: artist at Mudanjiang City Library

Case Summary: Mr. Yu Zonghai was illegally arrested on November 12, 2001, and was later sent to a prison to serve a 12-year sentence in direct violation of his due process rights under Chinese law. He has been imprisoned at the No. 6 Ward of Mudanjiang Prison, nicknamed the "death concentration camp." He has on numerous occasions been brutally beaten, and as another form of torture, the police have poured mustard oil into his mouth and nose. In late August 2006, Mr. Yu's left eye was injured while he was working in the machine room of the prison. His tear gland was cut. Mudanjiang Prison refused to treat him and as a result Mr. Yu is suffering from a damaged and watery eye to this day. In prison, Mr. Yu has been forced to do heavy labor for over 12 hours a day, including holidays and weekends.

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- 19) **Name:** Cao Junfeng (曹俊峰)
Gender: Female
Detained in: July 2008

U.S. Relative's Name: Pang Jin
Relative's State of Residence: MO
Relationship to the Persecuted: niece



Case Summary: On July 9, 2008, Ms. Cao Junfeng was unlawfully arrested in a citywide mass arrest of Falun Gong practitioners by the Weifang City Police Department and the Weifang City Domestic Security Section. On August 10, 2008, Ms. Cao Junfeng was again illegally arrested and sentenced to a year of forced labor at the Wangcun Forced Labor Camp. Ms. Cao Junfeng's health deteriorated rapidly while in the labor camp. In less than a month, her symptoms became so severe that no one dared to be near her and the camp therefore refused to keep her. With no regard for the severity of her health condition, the Weifang Domestic Security Section transferred Ms. Cao from the camp to the Changle Detention Center in Weifang City in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law.

- 20) **Name:** Liu Lijie (刘丽杰)
Gender: Female
Detained in: March 2009

U.S. Relative's Name: Zhang Shuangying
Relative's State of Residence: NY
Relationship to the Persecuted: niece



Case Summary: Ms. Liu Lijie was arrested outside of a courtroom on March 31, 2009. Ms. Liu was attending the illegal trial of her brother-in-law, Mr. Zhang Xingwu.. On April 15, Ms. Liu Lijie was sent to Shandong No. 1 Female Labor Camp (Jiang Shuiquan Labor Camp) in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law.

- 21) **Name:** Cui Xin (崔鑫)
Gender: Female
Detained in: December, 2006

U.S. Relative's Name: Jiang Hong
Relative's State of Residence: HI
Relationship to the Persecuted: niece



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Case Summary: On December 22, 2006, state security agents and the Hulan District Police arrested Ms. Cui Xin from Hulan District, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. Ms. Cui was sentenced to a prison for 7 years in direct violation of her due process rights under Chinese law. The Harbin City Police Department and 610 Officers directly ordered the arrest of Ms. Cui Xin. Police officers took away her printer and several hundred copies of Falun Gong informational materials, which were used as "evidence" of her practice of the religion of Falun Gong to sentence her to prison. Ms. Cui is being detained in the backyard of Harbin City Police Hospital, and no one was allowed to visit her and her case has been kept secret.

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