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Liaoning Women's Prison Makes Huge Profits from High-Intensity Forced Labor

(Clearwisdom.net) I am a Falun Gong practitioner from China, now living in the West. In 2002, I was sentenced to three years in prison because of my belief. I was imprisoned at Liaoning Province Women's Prison, located in Masanjia, Shenyang City, for three years. There were over 3,000 people held there, including innocent Falun Gong practitioners.

According to China's labor laws, labor camp detainees are allowed breaks on regular holidays and weekends. However, all detainees at Liaoning Province Women's Prison are forced to work all year round except Chinese New Year's Day. Between 2003 and 2005, about 500 female Falun Gong practitioners were imprisoned there. There are 10 regular divisions in the prison, plus one division for seniors and the disabled. Each division is responsible for producing one or two primary products, in addition to other products.



Examples of items made in Chinese forced labor camps

I was held in Ward 7, where there were about 350 people divided into 7 groups. Each group had about 50-60 people. Groups 1, 2, and 7 were machine-sewing assembly groups. Groups 3, 4, 5, and 6 were hand-labor groups, producing cotton swabs throughout the year. I was assigned to a machine-sewing assembly group. We produced uniforms, sheets, bedspreads, pillowcases, curtains, all kinds of clothes,

pillows, pads, slipcovers, piano covers, table covers, television covers, and covers for drinking water dispensers. Sometimes we also hand-sewed gloves, sweaters, toys, and the edges of other products, and made chicken feather wreaths, cotton swabs, crafts, stone mosaics, and so forth.

Each ward is contracted through the ward head. After paying several million yuan (1 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China) per year as a processing fee to the prison and paying a salary to the prison guards, the ward heads keep the remaining money. For financial profit, they brutally exploit detainees, violating the labor laws (which state that detainees can only work up to 8 hours per day). Detainees are subjected to extended hours of forced labor, usually 15 hours per day, working from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. For over 6 months per year, detainees are forced to work overtime until 11:30 p.m. At times, some even work for 23 hours per day, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. the next morning.

During the global economic crisis and market depression, prisons can easily acquire contracts on orders because the production costs in the prisons are far below the market price. The prison never pays detainees. In addition, the sanitary conditions in the prison workshop are very poor. Clothes, pillowcases, sleepwear, shirts and other products are left on the ground. People step on them. After being packaged, they are directly transported to the market or exported to other countries.

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.

"Best Procession" in Christmas Parade in City of Mandurah

(Clearwisdom.net) On the evening of December 14, 2010, Falun Gong practitioners in Western Australia participated in the annual Christmas Parade in the city of Mandurah.



*Christmas Parade in Mandurah,
Western Australia*



*The Falun Gong waist drum group
and lion dancers*

Stepping off at sunset, the parade brought a holiday atmosphere to the City of Mandurah. The Falun Gong practitioners performed a fan dance, a lion dance, and played the waist drums. Leading the procession was a large banner reading "Falun Dafa is Great," in Chinese characters.

The parade's judging committee made a decision quickly, with Mayor Paddi Creevey announcing that the Falun Gong group won first place in the annual Christmas parade.

Healing and Fitness Effectiveness as High as 97.9 Percent

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong (also called Falun Dafa) is a cultivation way that was introduced to the public by Mr. Li Hongzhi in 1992. Based on the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance, it cultivates both mind and body. Simply put, it teaches Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance to guide practitioners' daily life, improve their moral character, and simultaneously make their body stronger and healthier through the five sets of exercises. Falun Gong has spread widely since its introduction. The positive effects of its various aspects are remarkable, and the practice is welcomed throughout the world.



*Wu Shaozhu, director of the State Sports Committee,
came to Changchun City to learn more about the
practice of Falun Gong in May 1998*

In May 1998, the Chinese State Council required combining qigong and science research under the control of the State Sports Bureau. As a result, the State Sports Bureau issued a series of special reports documenting their investigation of Falun Gong.

In order to assist with this investigation, the author, doctors of different specialties, and professors of medicine comprised an investigation group. Starting in September 1998, we surveyed 12,553 Falun Gong practitioners living in Guangzhou, Foshan, Zhongshan, Zhaoqing, Shantou, Meizhou, Chaozhou, Jieyang, Qingyuan, and Shaoguan, asking them to provide details about their physical and mental condition.

Among the surveyed practitioners, 27.9% were male and 72.1% were female; 48.4% were younger than 50 years of age and 51.6% were older. A total of 10,475 practitioners reported having more than one illness prior to practicing Falun Gong, accounting for 83.4% of the total number. The majority of conditions improved greatly between 2-3 months and 2-3 years of practice. The effectiveness of healing was remarkable, with complete recovery rate of 77.5%. People with improved but not yet completely recovered health conditions accounted for 20.4%. Therefore, the total rate of healing and fitness improvement was found to be 97.9%. About 7,170 people reported annual savings related to medical costs since starting to practice Falun Gong. A total of 12,650,000 yuan (1,919,109.47 USD; 1,000 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China) per year in medical costs was saved. On average, each person saved more than 1,700 yuan per year in medical expenses. The surveyed practitioners also reported enormous improvement in their psychological and mental state, with 89.4% reporting that their temperament improved and their moral standard rose after practicing Falun Gong. Only 129 surveyed people reported no change, accounting for only 1 percent of all surveyed participants. That also included some who were completely healthy before starting the practice.

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