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# An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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# CCP Officials Ignore Disease Outbreaks, Concentrate Instead on Persecuting Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) Serious epidemics have spread recently in Qian'an City, Hebei Province. Hand-foot-mouth disease (HFMD) is one of the diseases quickly spreading. At least one child in an area village has died. Currently, several elementary students living in town were also afflicted with HFMD. HFMD spreads quite quickly. One this author's colleagues has a child studying in the No. 3 Experimental Elementary School. A student in her class came down with HFMD, and soon, her classmates contracted the disease. One of my customers verified that her nephew has been infected with HFMD and was sent to Tangshan City for medical treatment.

A local doctor stated that many children are suffering from hand-foot-mouth disease, but nobody is compiling statistics. As of now, neither Chinese Communist Party (CCP) government officials nor the Education Department are taking action to prevent the spread of HFMD, nor are they filing any reports about the epidemic. Schoolteachers are simply telling parents to have their children take infusions of Radix Isatidis, a Chinese herb.

Following the HFMD epidemic, another serious epidemic occurred in Liukou Village, Changying Town, Qian'an City. It is verified that personnel from a disease prevention department have already blockaded the village. All cattle and sheep in the village have been slaughtered. It is said that two people have died; however, CCP officials are blocking reports instead of educating people about how to take precautions. People in Qian'an City are in a state of anxiety as they don't know how to prevent the epidemic.



Illustration of forced-feeding

Yet in the face of such serious health crises, CCP officials ignore issues of public health and instead continue to funnel vast resources into the nine-year-long persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.

On September 24, police from Qian'an City broke through the steel security door of practitioner Ms. Liang Xiulan's home and forced their way inside. Four policemen arrested Ms. Liang and took her away by force. Her home was ransacked. Ms. Liang Xiulan, a former employee of Qian'an Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital, is currently detained at the local detention center. She started a hunger strike to protest the illegal imprisonment and has been brutally force-fed.

Falun Gong practitioners currently detained and under persecution in Qian'an Detention Center include Cui Qingru, Li Qingsong, Li Yankui and Zhao Minghua (wife and husband), Zhang Hewen, Zhang Liqin, and others.

#### 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 publishes responsibly the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

### Rhode Island, USA: Divine Land Marching Band Stands Out at Annual Autumnfest Parade in Woonsocket



Divine Land Marching Band



Dragon dance performance

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Dafa practitioners were invited to participate in the 30th annual Autumnfest Parade in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, on October 13. The Falun Dafa procession was comprised of the Divine Land Marching Band and a dragon dance group. Their stirring performance was enthusiastically received by thousands of spectators taking in this annual Rhode Island tradition.

Twenty beautifully decorated floats and fifty bands participated in the parade. The Divine Land Marching Band included over one hundred musicians dressed in Song Dynasty-inspired band costumes. They played "Falun Dafa is Great," "The Fa Rectifies Heaven and Earth", and "Drums and Trumpets Shake the World in Ten Directions." A dozen young men followed with a colorful 40-foot-long dragon dancing nimbly in their hands.

A story published in the *Woonsocket Call* singled out the Divine Land Marching Band as the "headline band" of the parade. It mentioned that the band has branches in many countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Taiwan and several European countries. The article also said the members of the band are all Falun Dafa practitioners who follow the principle of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.

### Falun Dafa Cures an Advanced Case of Rheumatoid Arthritis

(Clearwisdom.net) I live in the Chinese countryside with my spouse. All my children are grown and live far way. I am 64 years old now.

When I was in my 40s, I began to suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. I took numerous medications including folk medicines, but nothing seemed to work and my condition became worse with each passing year. Due to the side effects of the various medications, my teeth fell out and my toes were always swollen. My feet also became deformed and I had to wear extra-large shoes. My feet pointed outwards when I walked. Because of the constant pain in my legs, I could not sleep well. My fingers were also swollen and the bones in my arms became curved. Finally, I could hardly comb my hair or get dressed. I was in so much pain that I was even thinking of ending my life. At this critical moment, one of my friends—a Falun Dafa practitioner—came to visit me. She asked me to recite, "Falun Dafa is good" and "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good." She also gave me a copy of *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong.

At the time, I was not convinced. I thought, "I have taken medication for so many years and it did not work. How can reciting those words help me?" Nevertheless, I followed her advice. After all, it did not cost anything. Every day I sincerely recited those words and read *Zhuan Falun*. After reading three lectures in the book, miraculously, all the pain disappeared and I could sleep soundly. I had never felt this good!

Right now, I keep studying the teachings of Falun Gong and doing the exercises. I feel as if I am a new person. I no longer need to take any medication and I am able to do all sorts of work without difficulty. Now I walk very fast and even young people cannot keep up with me. One day when I was riding on a train, someone asked me how old I was. I asked him to guess my age. The people sitting around us said that I was in my 40s. I surprised everyone by telling them that I was already 64 years old. I have truly been changed. Falun Dafa gave me a second life!

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