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Torture of Falun Gong Practitioners Routine at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Sheng Lianying from Dalian City, 56, was imprisoned twice at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp in Liaoning Province. Ms. Sheng was sent to Masanjia for the first time on October 8, 2004, for a term of two years. She was sent there again on July 19, 2007, for another two years. Her term was extended by 70 days and she was finally released on September 26, 2009. Ms. Sheng was tortured in many ways during those two detentions. Routine tortures included forced-feeding, which almost caused her to suffocate, being forced to ingest nerve-damaging drugs, and tortures referred to as the “Death Bed” and “Big Hang-up.” She was also force-fed with hot pepper or mustard powder, dirty water, and had her mouth stuffed with feces. She was shocked with electric batons, beaten, burned under the hot sun, and frozen in winter. Many Falun Gong practitioners experienced these and other severe abuses at Masanjia.



Torture re-enactments: forced-feeding, shocking with electric batons, “Big Hang-up,” “Death Bed,” forced-feeding with drugs, beating



Torture re-enactment: stretching torture

The guards subjected Ms. Sheng to the stretching torture. They tied up Ms. Sheng’s legs, stretched her arms to the maximum, and handcuffed her wrists above one end of the bed. After half an hour, both hands were darkened with bruises. After loosening her arms for a while, the guards stretched out her arms taut and handcuffed her wrists again.

This torture causes excruciating pain, and can result in disability. Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Xu Hui was once stretched for such a long time that both her hands became disabled.

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.

Montreal, Canada: Divine Land Marching Band Performs in Canada Day Parade

(Clearwisdom.net) On July 1, 2011, Canada Day, the 43rd Canada Day Parade was held in Montreal to celebrate the 144th anniversary of Canada's birthday. Since its formation in 2006, the Canada Divine Land Marching Band has participated in the Canada Day parade in Montreal for six consecutive years.



The Canada Divine Land Marching Band participates in the 2011 Canada Day Parade

The band, composed entirely of Falun Gong practitioners from Montreal and Ottawa, was the grand finale of the parade again this year. The lively performance won enthusiastic applause and cheers along the length of the parade route. It was estimated that more than 100,000 people came out to watch the parade.

Remarkable Story of Healing

This story is about my uncle's sister-in-law's nephew, Chunbo. When Chunbo was 29 years old, he was diagnosed with advanced stage brain cancer, which grew in his brain stem. He had surgery, which cost his family between 50,000 and 60,000 yuan. After surgery, his face was paralyzed, his facial bones were disfigured and his right temple collapsed, which resulted in a finger-sized depression between his skull and his ear. Because his skull was distorted so badly, his eyes were pushed toward his nose. He had to wear an eye patch over his right eye. He was essentially blind. He had to rely on others to feed him. He could not even dress or wash himself. He could not speak more than three words, and even when he said something no one could understand it. The doctor said that Chunbo had three to five months to live.

After Chunbo had the surgery, the hospital refused to let him stay any longer, for they thought that further treatment was pointless. When he came home, Chunbo's parents searched for any treatment that could possibly help him. With recommendations from others, they bought medicines that cost 1,800 yuan monthly. In the fourth month, they stopped buying any more medication, as it did not help.

Chunbo's aunt had witnessed my earlier suffering from illnesses and how after I practiced Falun Dafa, I was cured. When Chunbo's family had nowhere else to go, they thought of me. Chunbo's aunty found me, told me about her nephew's situation and asked if he could practice Falun Gong. I said that if anybody wanted to practice, even if he only had one breath left, a miracle could happen. It depends on whether or not he himself wanted to practice. Thus, I started to teach Chunbo the exercises. Chunbo couldn't stand, so I told him to lean against the wall and helped him do the exercises. Chunbo changed from day to day. On the second day after he started to practice the exercises, he took off his eye patch and he could see a little. His eyesight improved day by day and he also could speak more clearly. On the fifth day, he stopped taking his medication. After practicing for over 10 days, Chunbo not only could take care of his personal needs, but also could do some household chores. Chunbo's family members, including his father, mother, uncle, father's elder brother, aunt and all the other relatives, had been deeply poisoned by the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda and did not believe in Falun Gong. They had seen Chunbo in the final stages of dying and abandoned by the hospital. Then, they saw him begin to practice Falun Gong. After only a few days they saw such dramatic changes in Chunbo that they started to admire Falun Gong from the bottom of their hearts. Some of them even started to practice Falun Gong.