

Clearwisdom Review

An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 22 AUGUST 22, 2011

Ms. Ding Zhenfang Dies after Years of Torture

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Ding Zhenfang, 62, died as a result of torture in Liaoning Province Women's Prison on August 1, 2011. She had been brutally persecuted for nearly twelve years.

Soon after the persecution began, in November 1999 Ms. Ding was taken to the Dalian City Detention Center. She was shackled to a metal ring on the ground for over 40 days in an attempt to force her to renounce her belief.



Ms. Ding Zhenfang (left). Illustrations of tortures that Ms. Ding experienced: Bound to a metal ring on the floor; Stretching bed; Hanging by handcuffs.

In July 2003, Ms. Ding was arrested again. In Yaojia Detention Center, the guards tortured her by putting her on a "Stretching Bed." Her arms and legs were spread apart and tied to the four corners of a bed for a prolonged period of time. Ms. Ding started a hunger strike to protest. She was beaten and force-fed every day. When her family came to take her home, they could not recognize her because she was so thin.

Ms. Ding was arrested on August 19, 2004 because she talked to people about Falun Dafa on a bus. She was sent to Dalian Forced Labor Camp. The guards force-fed her with food waste, garlic, urine, and live spiders. They pried her mouth open with chopsticks to force-feed her, severely injuring her mouth. The guards stabbed her toes with toothpicks and pins.

Ms. Ding was held in Masanjia Forced Labor Camp from October 2004 to May 2005. The prison doctor continued to force-feed her even after she vomited blood. Finally, the labor camp notified her family to take her home.

On August 16, 2007, officers from the Kuiying Police Station arrested Ms. Ding. She received an eight-year sentence in July 2008 and was imprisoned in the Liaoning Province Women's Prison. She was tortured again and began to suffer from heart problems and had symptoms of stroke. When her husband visited her in August 2008, Ms. Ding had only about four teeth left.

In December 2008, a guard hung Ms. Ding from a heating pipe and beat her. She was nearly dead when she was let down seven days later. Ms. Ding's family visited her in March of 2010. She was carried out of her prison cell on a stretcher, emaciated and very feeble. Because she would not renounce Falun Gong, the prison officials refused to grant medical parole.

On July 27, 2011, Ms. Ding was sent to Shenyang City No. 739 Hospital. When her husband arrived at the hospital on July 30, she was on life support. By the time the rest of the family arrived at the hospital on August 1, Ms. Ding had died. The guards were making a video of the doctors' rescue attempts. They warned the family, "You see that we have a video. When you file a lawsuit, we are not afraid."

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.

Toronto: Rally and March Held to Support 100 Million Withdrawals from CCP

(Clearwisdom.net) On August 13, hundreds of people from all walks of life held a rally and march in downtown Toronto, celebrating the 100 million Chinese people who have quit the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its associated organizations. The march went through Chinatown and lasted for 90 minutes. Several Chinese people quit the Party at the rally.



The march (left). Some of the spectators: Elizabeth, Catherine, and Bennett.

Mr. Su Zan from Shanxi Province, China, had already quit the Party. He said, "Chinese people are not afraid of the CCP now. Many of them have recognized the evil nature of the CCP." Mr. Su said that he heard about the trend of quitting the Party when he was in China. When he visited Hong Kong, he obtained a copy of the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, and withdrew his membership. He said, "Quitting the Party is most people's hope. When more and more people abandon the CCP, it will collapse."

Mr. Chen Wei immigrated to Canada from China two years ago. He has also quit the CCP. "One hundred million is the number shown in the registration information. Actually I believe there are a lot more people who have quit the Party in their hearts but haven't registered. I know many CCP members in China who don't believe in communism."

When the march passed through Chinatown, Ms. Yu, an immigrant from China, almost cried. "It is very touching to see so many people against the CCP," she said. When she learned about the withdrawals, she also quit the Party.

A spectator named Elizabeth commented that the large-scale march reflects the voice of the Chinese people, to which people should pay attention. "As a Canadian, I should help them, making their voice heard in the world, and stopping the persecution [of Falun Gong in China]," she said.

Seventy-four-year-old Catherine watched the march and noted, "Their faces are peaceful. I am glad for them, because they quit the Communist Party." Bennett from Texas added, "This is a grand march. I believe Falun Gong practitioners. I also believe that the CCP will die soon. Any persecution must be stopped."

Alinda witnessed the march, and joined in. She said that her father is Jewish and her mother is from Romania. They were both persecuted there. Alinda said, "On this special day, I want to stand with these people. I wish for peace and tolerance in the world. I wish for no persecution of any peoples."

A New Practitioner Benefits from Falun Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) I started practicing Falun Gong in October 2008. Before I practiced Falun Gong, I suffered from severe diabetes and heart disease. In 2008 I was diagnosed with cerebral infarction and fell into a poor mental state. Feeling desperate, I went to visit a friend. She was very surprised at my condition and then introduced Falun Gong to me. She told me that she once had the symptoms of a stroke and her left leg was numb. By practicing Falun Gong, she fully recovered in eight months.

The following day I went to her home again. She handed me an MP3 player and said, "Listen to Master Li's teachings first." I sat on her sofa and started to listen to the lectures. While listening, I felt at ease and comfortable, so I took the MP3 player home and kept on listening to the teachings. I started to learn the exercises from my friend.

Without being aware of it, all my illnesses disappeared. My cheeks became tender and rosy, and I was able to eat whatever I wanted. My husband and my son couldn't believe that the changes in me were because of Falun Gong, until I told them that I had stopped taking medicine and yet my health had only gotten better.