

PRISONER ADDRESS LIST

The following addresses were compiled from PrisonerAlert.com, a resource of the Voice of the Martyrs. For more information or ways to act on behalf of these individuals and the persecuted church, please visit the main website.

CHINA

ALIMUJIANG YIMITI

More than ten years ago, Alimujiang Yimiti converted from Islam to Christianity. In 2007, the Chinese government closed down his business, and in January 2008, they accused him of “subversion of the national government and endangering national security,” a crime punishable by death. Eventually, he received a 15-year sentence, and this court decision has been upheld, despite numerous appeals.

Alimujiang Yimiti
Section 11
The Xinjiang No. 3 Prison
No.1339, Dongzhan Road
Urumqi City
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region 830013
China

GAO ZHISHENG

Gao has been arrested and brutally tortured numerous times since 2005 for his Christian human rights work. For the past two years he has been imprisoned in unknown locations, and has only recently been allowed to see his family. He was visited by relatives on March 24, 2012 in Shaya Prison in western China.

Gao Zhisheng
Shaya Prison
Shaya County Aksu Prefecture
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
People's Republic of China
842208

YANG RONGLI

After a raid on the Linfen-Fushan Church by 400 military police, where numerous buildings were destroyed and more than 30 people critically injured, Pastor Yang Rongli and four other church leaders were arrested and accused of disturbing public order. Sentenced to seven years, she is due to be released in 2017. Write a note of encouragement to Yang Rongli, care of her sister, Yang Linli:

Yang Rongli
c/o Yang Linli
Room 101, Fuyuan Central Building
Shuiche Xiang, Xiangyang Road
Linfen City, Shanxi Province
China

WANG XIAOGUANG

Pastor Wang Xiaoguang was another church leader targeted during the attack on the Linfen-Fushan Church in Shanxi in September 2009. During the attack, valuables were looted and buildings were bulldozed. On November 25, 2009, he was sentenced to three years in prison and fined. Write a note of encouragement to Wang Xiaoguang, care of his parents, Wang Yichao and Liu Manying:

Wang Xiaoguang
c/o Wang Yichao and Liu Manying
Room 106, Building 9,
Shanxi Normal University
No. 1. Gongyuan Rd, Yaodu District
Linfen City, Shanxi Province 041004
China

YANG XUAN

Well-known for his preaching and leadership, Yang Xuan (54) was one of the five church leaders from the Linfen-Fushan Church in Shanxi to be persecuted and arrested after the violent raid on the church in September 2009. On November 25, 2009, he was sentenced to three and a half years in prison and fined. Write a note of encouragement to Yang Xuan, care of his sister-in-law, Yang Linli:

Yang Xuan
c/o Yang Linli
Room 101, Fuyuan Central Building,
Shuiche Xiang, Xiangyang Road
Linfen City, Shanxi Province
China

ZHANG HUAMEI

Another church leader imprisoned for her work at the Linfen-Fushan Church, Zhang Huamei was involved in various ministries. After the September 2009 raid by 400 military police, she was sentenced to four years in prison. Her lawyer fears she has been beaten for witnessing to fellow prisoners. Write a letter of encouragement to Zhang Huamei, care of her mother, Yu Feng-Liu:

Zhang Huamei
c/o Yu Feng-Liu
2nd House on last row
Zhong An Ping Village, Tiantan Town
Fushan County
Linfen City, Shanxi Province
China

ERITREA

HAILE NAIZGI

At the time of his imprisonment on May 23, 2004, Reverend Haile Naizgi was serving God as the chairman of the board of the Full-Gospel Church of Eritrea, the largest Pentecostal church denomination in the nation. Previously, he was a senior accountant with World Evangelical Alliance in Eritrea. Reverend Haile Naizgi, who is married with four children, was one the key organizers of the Church's activities in Eritrea.

Haile Naizgi
Karsheli Prison
2nd Police Station
Zone 7 Northern East
Zoba Maakel
Asmara
Eritrea

KIDANE WELDOU

Pastor Kidane Weldou was the senior pastor of the church of the Asmara Full Gospel Church in March 2005, when his vehicle was found abandoned downtown, and he was presumably imprisoned by Eritrean security forces. His wife and children have been unable to visit him in prison, and his exact whereabouts remain unknown. He has a degree in science from Asmara University and had been a high school biology teacher. In addition to his church's work, he was also involved in many gospel-related activities among students and professionals from various churches in the nation.

Kidane Weldou
Karsheli Prison
2nd Police Station
Zone 7 Northern East
Zoba Maakel
Asmara
Eritrea

DR. KIFLU GEBREMESKEL

Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel was the pastor of South-West Full-Gospel Church in Asmara until his imprisonment on May 23, 2004. Dr. Kiflu, a former dean of science and lecturer of mathematics at Asmara University, left his job to serve the Lord as a pastor and Bible teacher in 1999. He has a Ph.D. in mathematics from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Dr. Kiflu was also the chairman of the Eritrean Evangelical Alliance, a union of all the churches belonging to the Baptist, Mennonite, Presbyterian, Pentecostal and other Charismatic churches.

Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel
Prison address:
Karsheli Prison
2nd Police Station
Zone 7 Northern East
Asmara, Zoba Maakel
Eritrea

IRAN

BEHNAM IRANI

A pastor from Kraj, Iran, Behnam Irani is serving six years after being convicted of “crimes against national security.” A Christian for almost 20 years, he has been a pastor since 2002. He is married with two children, all who eagerly await his return home.

Behnam Irani
Ghezel Hesar Prison
Karaj, Albourz State
Iran

ALIREZA SEYYEDIAN

Alireza is a 37-year-old single man, who was a Muslim before turning to Christ six years ago. Iranian security forces raided his apartment and confiscated his computer, on which there was a video of his baptism in Turkey. He was arrested for propagating against the Iranian government by being baptized in another country, for giving Bibles to young people, and for meeting with former Muslims. He is now serving a six-year sentence in an overcrowded, unsanitary prison.

Alireza Seyyedian
Evin Prison
Saadat Abad
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

FARSHID FATHI

Farshid Fathi has been sentenced to six years in prison for his involvement in a Christian church and spreading Christianity. It is reported that while in prison, he has been a light for Christ and an encouragement to those around him. His former cellmate, the son of an ayatollah, publicly stated how loved he is in the prison. Farshid is married with two children.

Farshid Fathi
Evin Prison
Saadat Abad
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

PAKISTAN

ASIA BIBI

Asia Bibi is a wife, mother of five, and a farm worker accused of blasphemy after a discussion with coworkers. On November 7, 2010, Bibi was sentenced to death. She is the first Pakistani woman ever to receive a death sentence for blasphemy. Despite appeals, Asia's life hangs in the balance. Prompted by Asia's case, the former governor of Punjab Province spoke out in favor of greater religious freedom and was murdered by his own bodyguard.

Asia Bibi
District Jail

Sheikhupura
Punjab
Pakistan

IMRAN GHAFUR

In July 2009, Imran Ghafur, a business person from Punjab province, was accused by a neighbor of burning a copy of the Koran. After inciting the area neighbors against Imran, he also had Imran arrested. Before the police brought Imran into custody, he and his father were severely beaten. For this alleged crime, Imran Ghafur was sentenced to life in prison and fined 100,000 rupees (\$1,155 U.S.). He is appealing his sentence.

Imran Ghafur
Central Jail of Faisalabad
Faisalabad
Pakistan

TANZANIA

EVA ABDULLAH

Eva is a 17-year-old young woman who became a Christian three years ago. Her father is an Islamic leader, and he and her mother disowned her when she came to Christ. She was falsely accused of urinating on the Quran and sentenced to two years in prison. Thankfully, there are at least two Christian female guards who take care of her in prison.

Eva Abdullah
Kigongoni
Bagamoyo District Prison
P.O. Box 92
Bagamoyo, Pwani, Tanzania

UZBEKISTAN

TOHAR HAYDAROV

As retribution for his work for the church, 27-year-old Tohar Haydarov was accused of the “illegal sale of narcotic or psychotropic substances in large quantities.” Church members insist that he is “a man with a pure conscience and an honest Christian” They unequivocally assert these are fabricated charges and are further confounded by the extreme ten-year sentence. Haydarov has appealed his sentence.

Tohar Haydarov
UYa 64/49
Otryad 13
Pos. Shaikh-Ali
G. Karshi, Kashkadarya Region
180020 Uzbekistan

VIETNAM

FATHER NGUYEN VAN LY

Father Nguyen was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2007 for distributing Christian material that is “harmful to the state”. While in prison, his health worsened and he was released for over a year on medical parole. Although his health is still very poor, he was rearrested in order to continue his sentence.

Nguyen Van Ly
Nam Ha Prison
Team 27
Ba Sao Village
Kim Bang District
Ha Nam Province
Vietnam