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# A Letter from a Labor Camp in China

A message to the good people of the world

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At enormous risk to her life, Ms. Wang Xiaoyan, imprisoned in the infamous Masanjia Forced Labor Camp, penned a three-page letter. Tattered and smudged, the smuggled letter details the torture she suffered at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) regime because she is a Falun Gong practitioner.

While we cannot confirm whether Ms. Wang is still alive, we can add her story to countless others in the hope that it will encourage more and more people to join together to help end this horror - an end the Chinese communist regime promised when applying for the Olympic Games. Unfortunately, the opposite is happening.



Ms. Wang Xiaoyan and her daughter

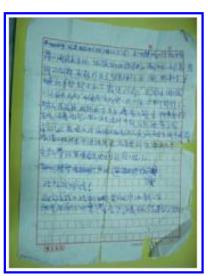
# **Excerpts from Ms. Wang's Letter**

On May 27, 2006, when I was about to leave for work, three local policemen from the Chunhai Police Station ransacked my home and arrested me because I was a Falun Gong practitioner. For several months, my family did not know where I was.

In July 2006, I was sentenced to two years of forced labor and was sent to the Masanjia Labor Camp. Upon arrival at the labor camp, I was handcuffed and tied to a bed for one and a half months. During this time, guard Wang Xiaofeng forced a dirty cloth into my mouth; guard Li Mingyu boxed my ears; guard Wang Naimin pinched my lips until they were broken. On July 15, the two chief officers Ma Jishan and Chen hit me in the face with their fists, causing a large swelling in my left cheek. Even now there is a swollen spot near my cheekbone; the wound has not yet healed.







The pictures of Ms. Wang's hand written letter from the labor camp.

On August 30, 2006, because I refused to renounce Falun Gong, I was tied to two beds in the spread-eagle position. One hand was tied to the very top of one bed, the other tied to the very bottom of another bed. I was not allowed to sleep or use the toilet. I could not stand up or sit down; the position was extremely painful. I was tortured in such way for three days and nights.

In order to change our minds, they force-fed us with mental drugs. One day, I was tied to the "death bed," Cao Jie force-fed me with this drug. I was force-fed three times every day. Each time, Ma Jishan used a crowbar to open my mouth as wide as possible; the pain was unbearable and it made me feel like I would rather die. The drug made me very nauseous.

It is very hard to see any human nature in the guards here anymore.

The torture methods used in this camp that have been exposed on overseas websites are all true. I am suffering every day at Masanjia Labor Camp; please help us stop the torture here. I am still steadfast in my belief in Falun Gong.

Ms. Wang Xiaoyan's husband lives in Germany. He has tried many times to get Ms. Wang out of China, but the authorities confiscated her passport. Below is his appeal.

# A Husband's Appeal

My name is Zhang Zhentong and I practice Falun Gong. In September 2000, I came to Germany to escape the CCP's brutal persecution against Falun Gong practitioners. Here I sincerely appeal to the international community to help rescue my wife, Ms. Wang Xiaoyan, whom the police arrested on May 27, 2006, in Dalian City, because she practices Falun Gong.

Since the persecution of Falun Gong started in 1999, my wife has been arrested several times. In May 2000 she went to the Bureau of Appeals in Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. The Dalian police agents arrested her and sent her to a "forced brainwashing session."

Six months later, in late 2000, three months after I arrived in Germany, I suddenly lost touch with my wife. With the help of my friends in China I made numerous attempts and eventually obtained accurate information that my wife had

been arrested and taken to the Yaojia Detention Center because she distributed fliers that explained the truth about the persecution of Falun Gong. In February 2001, she was sent to the notorious Masanjia Forced Labor Camp in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province, where she was subjected to torture and brainwashing.

Our two-year-old daughter was separated from her mother. In October 2001, my wife regained her freedom under medical parole. When our daughter again saw her mother after one year of separation, she called out, "Mom," without any hesitation, although she felt a little estranged. It's easy to imagine how my wife felt at that moment.

After she left the labor camp she lived away from home to avoid police harassment and persecution. The police withheld her passport so she could not come to Germany to live with me.

My parents were very concerned that I would be arrested and tortured should I ever return to China, because many of my friends in China who are Falun Gong practitioners are experiencing persecution, or have been persecuted in the past. They were worried that the same thing would happen to me if I went back to China, so they opposed my return, although they miss me very much.

I left China nearly six years ago. Because of the fiendish persecution, I have never been able to return to see my family. They send me pictures and photos via the Internet. My heart aches when I see my family's photos; my parents are getting older by the day, and my daughter is growing bigger by the day.

In order to force Falun Gong practitioners to give up their beliefs, the Chinese regime violates the practitioners' dignity through savage torture and forces them to betray their conscience. This is the essence of the persecution and is also the reason why this persecution is so extraordinarily cruel.

Recently, numerous witnesses have revealed evidence that the CCP is involved in harvesting the organs of living Falun Gong practitioners in China. I cannot help but worry about her safety. I fear that her life is in constant danger.

I hereby strongly appeal to and urge foreign governments, organizations, civil groups, and all kind people to help my wife regain her freedom and to pay attention to and support the millions of Falun Gong practitioners being persecuted in China. I believe that good will defeat evil, and, with the support of all kind people around the world, this vicious persecution will end.

#### What have WE done?

"In the last seven years, Western countries have coveted economic favors from the Chinese regime, and in return given tacit approval by awarding China the 2008 Olympic and WTO membership." *Falun Gong, Humanitie's Last Stand* 

Ms. Wang is not alone. The CCP arbitrarily outlaws and persecutes anyone or anything that might capture the Chinese people's allegiance. Denying justice, righteousness, any higher power, and certainly Falun Gong, the CCP has instilled deeply seated fear in the Chinese people's hearts. Making itself the final arbiter of truth, the final authority on what is right, and the final judge of everyone's future, the Party's totalitarianism is unparalleled in all of history.

Then is it any wonder that over 90 percent of all billionaires in China are Party members, that the children of China's top officials fill 85 to

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2. "Olympic conscience" initiative.

90 percent of all key management positions, that anyone protesting a cadre's decision to confiscate his land is arrested, that truth is what a Chinese official says it is, that China has a vast slave labor system, and that people's lives revolve around fawning over Chinese officials?

However, the CCP has its accomplices. Western governments have developed a self-serving "engagement policy," beguiling themselves into believing that "engagement will improve democracy, increase human rights, and generate a middle class in China. "Investment is good for China," they say. However, the real enticement for Western investments is cheap labor. While the CCP runs this modern slavery, many Western investors reap the "profits" it generates.

The Western governments' self-serving engagement policy has opened a floodgate for multinational corporations into China, to operate in ways that are irresponsible, unethical, and illegal in their own countries. Ethan Gutmann's *Losing the New China* details a whole array of accounts in this regard. These multinational companies have lowered themselves to the point of becoming a part of the CCP's moral bankruptcy.

Worse yet, some of them also help with or take part in the CCP's human rights abuses. The examples of Cisco, Yahoo, Microsoft,

The international community has awarded China the honor of hosting the 2008 Olympic Games. People and all countries that want to send a message to China about its abuse of human rights may boycott the China Olympic Games. To let your voice be heard you can contact the International Olympic Committee, or contact the Olympic Committee in your country.

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Google, and Motorola collaborating with the Chinese regime to limit Internet freedom are widely known. The Chinese operations of Volkswagen and Mary Kay even forced their Chinese employees to sign pledges not to participate in or support Falun Gong activities.

When we look the other way, when we give up our moral authority and our sense of righteousness for cheap goods, we are complicit in Ms. Wang Xiaoyan's abuse and her family's suffering. There is, however, one difference: Ms. Wang Xiaoyan has never forgotten her conscience, never given up her righteousness, and never renounced her belief. What would it take for us to be able to say that of ourselves?

# To sign the online petition: http://falunhr.org/te/index.php?signature=1&lang=en Falun Gong, Humanities Last Stand http://falunhr.org/newsletter/TheLastStand.pdf

#### **Picture Exhibit:**

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#### **URGENT APPEALS**

# A Sister's Appeal: **School Teacher Arbitrarily Sentenced for Distributing VCDs**

...Since her arrest in March 2006, Ms. Liu's parents have been denied all access to her. As of July 26, Ms. Liu has been unable to pass any correspondence to them. Her only communication has been via a handful of official request forms. Ms. Liu's lawyer was prevented from meeting with her between July 26 and the time of her sentencing. Under pressure from police, Ms. Liu's workplace fired her... >> FULL STORY



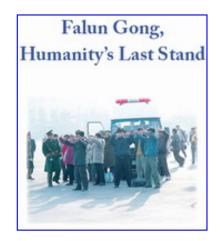
Ms. Liu Jing

# Organ Harvesting Suspected in the Murders of Ms. Fu Keshu and Mr. Xu Genli

... Ms. Fu's body showed no signs of decay. Her head had been shaved; both eyeballs were missing and the flesh around the sockets had ulcerated. There were two black holes on the nose. The upper body was bare, her underwear was wrapped around her head and her trousers were a little worn. The thigh and calf muscles were somewhat dried up, and the tips of the toes were stretched out in a stiff position... >> FULL STORY

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...They inserted a very thick rubber tube into my nostril, causing my nose to bleed. When the tube failed, they used a screwdriver to pry open my teeth, and inserted a thick, sharpened bamboo tube into my mouth. It hurt so much that I felt as if they were splitting my mouth open. This force-feeding consisted of either food or dense salt water. I nearly suffocated. Food and blood kept spurting from my mouth and nose... >> FULL STORY



Being force-fed during detention

# **School Teacher Dies after Repeated Torture at Labor Camp**

...During the last two years, Mr. Sun was tortured in every possible inhuman way. Because of the beatings, he lost many of his teeth; he had difficulty breathing because of chest pain; he was painfully thin and had to stay in bed. On June 7, 2006, the forced labor camp hastily released him. Mr. Sun could not recovery from the torture and died twenty days later on July 3, 2006... >> FULL STORY

# Mr. Yang Naijian Beaten and Tortured

...a group of policemen of Liuting Town Police Station went to Mr. Yang's home, and they beat him out in front of his home. Then they took Mr. Yang to the Liuting Town Police Station. At the police station, Lu Weizhong fiercely beat Mr. Yang with an electric baton, and used his knee to jab Mr. Yang's abdomen... >> FULL STORY



Beaten by policemen

# **Huang Yongzhong Died from Beatings at Beijiang Prison**

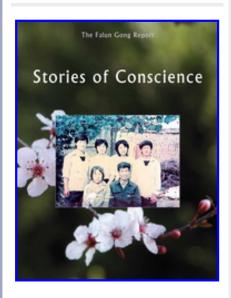
...At that time Mr. Huang's mother noticed his lips were very dry and looked like he hadn't had water for a long time. She quit arguing and hurriedly gave her son some water, and then cut a piece of apple for him. Mr. Huang began to come around and he called weakly, "Mom." Then he pointed at the person from the prison and said, "...evil to death." He grabbed his friend's hands tightly. It seemed like he had many things he wanted to say, but he was too weak to speak ... >> FULL STORY



Mr. Huang Yongzhong

# **Urgent Appeal for the Lives of Fu Yongan and Liu Xianglan**

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#### Refugees

In July 1999, the Chinese government placed a ban on Falun Gong and its 100 million practitioners. Since then, millions of Falun Gong practitioners have faced serious violations of their human rights. Hundreds of thousands of people have already been detained in Chinese prisons and labor camps because they practice Falun Gong. Thousands have been tortured to death; tens

...Ms. Fu Keshu and her nephew Mr. Xu Genli disappeared in Jinggangshan in November 2005. Guided by some locals, their family members went through the valleys and caves in the nearby mountains to search for them. They also petitioned the Jinggangshan City government to help find the two missing people but to no avail. The bodies of the two practitioners were found at Wuzhi Peak in the Jinggang Mountains in April and May 2006. It is believed that their organs were harvested and their bodies were disposed of in the mountains... >> FULL STORY



Mr. Fu Yongan and Ms. Liu Xianglan

# Mr. Xu Jishan Tortured to Death within a Day

... Inmates Li Liancai, Wang Anhui, and Guo Liyang took off Mr. Xu's clothes. Then they continuously poured and sprayed cold water on Mr. Xu with the hose from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The source of the water was an underground well and the water temperature was below 600 F (about 140 C).

Mr. Xu was naked when he was carried out. He laid on the ground and could not move and could not even hold his head up. Although Zhang Dezhi saw everything, he didn't send Mr. Xu to a hospital until 1:40 p.m. ... >> FULL STORY



Mr. Xu Jishan

# Du Jinglan Died as a Result of Torture at the Heilongjiang Province Women's Prison

...While Ms. Du was in hospital, her family members found fresh injury marks on her face. The guards claimed that they were caused by her falling out of bed. The guards had repeatedly stopped her family members from talking to her. Ms. Du Jinglan died three days later, on October 27, 2005 at 3:30 a.m. Her body was cremated on October 29... >> FULL STORY

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of thousands are undergoing torture and are at risk of a custodial execution. There are many cases of "disappearances" of Falun Gong practitioners. Currently, no one knows the true toll of lives lost or persons subjected to extreme torture due to the crackdown against Falun Gong in China, but preliminary data indicates that this is one of the most devastating events in modern history.

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Conscience Bell

In May 2006, the Vice President of the European Parliament, Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott went to China, Taiwan and Hong Kong to investigate China's human rights situation. On May 21, 2006, in Beijing, he met two Falun Gong practitioners. After the meeting, one of the practitioners, Mr. Cao Dong, disappeared.

Mr. Cao Dong was jailed for four years because of his belief in Falun Gong. His wife Ms. Yang Xiaojing is still being detained. When Mr. Cao met Mr. McMillan-Scott, he testified that he and other Falun Gong



practitioners had been cruelly tortured in prison, along with Tibetan Buddhist monks. The other practitioner that Mr. McMillan-Scott met with was Mr. Niu Jinping, 52, who took his two-year-old daughter with him. He had been detained for two years, and his wife Zhang Lianying is still detained in a detention Center in Beijing.

After meeting with Mr. McMillan-Scott, Mr. Cao Dong left first and disappeared. He has not been seen since then. Mr. Niu said that he left a few minutes later but didn't see Mr. Cao. So he doubted that Mr. Cao was kidnapped right away... Read more...

#### **Sujiatun Death Camp: Putting Conscience On Trial**

Please remember the name: Sujiatun. It will one day be as infamous as Auschwitz and Dachau.

On March 8, 2006, a Chinese journalist on the run from the Chinese communist regime disclosed to Falun Gong practitioners in the United States some appalling news: a secret death camp in Sujiatun, Shenyang City, Liaoning Province in China.

According to this journalist, over 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been taken to Sujiatun. "I believe that once they are in they 100% cannot come back out," the journalist said. He also disclosed that there



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	are incineration chambers and a large number of doctors there. "Why are there incineration chambers there? Why are there so many doctors inside? Certainly not for the benevolent treatment of prisoners. Something you simply cannot imagine  "The prisoners, the Communist Party definitely will not let them just waste food there. Why are they there then? They will all be murdered, and all their organs will be harvested and distributed hospitals. The sale of human organs is a vastly profitable trade in Chir Read more	

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