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The Strategic Prayer Initiative – **Pink Sheet EXPANDER - PERSECUTED** via. ChinaAid* July/Aug./Sept. 2018

- ❑ **1. Li Aijie (Allison Lee)** [10] Please pray for paperwork that will formalize the rescue of Li and her son to be completed to be finalized with the State Department. **JULY UPDATE:** Li and her son were rescued and arrived in the United States on Christmas Eve of 2017.
- ❑ **2. Zeng Jieshan** [10] Please pray for the State Department to finalize paperwork for her and her son’s rescue to America. **JULY UPDATE:** Zeng and her son were able to flee China in early 2018 and are now settled in America.
- ❑ **3. Pastor Su** [10] Please pray that a verdict regarding whether or not he and Pastor Yang Hua (see below) will have to pay an unjust fine of more than \$1,000,000 will be favorable. **JULY UPDATE:** He and Pastor Yang Hua (recently released from prison) are appealing the unjust fine of more than \$1,000,000.
- ❑ **4. Pastor Su’s family** [10] Pray for his wife and family that have been rescued to the United States. Pray that they will be able to learn English and that they will be able to integrate into America and they would make friends. **JULY UPDATE:** His wife and family moved to a town just outside of Midland, Texas and attended an event recently for rescued families.
- ❑ **5. Yang Hua** [10] Pray for grace, strength, and health while in prison. He has suffered significant abuse and neglect that has caused significant problems, especially in his legs. **JULY UPDATE:** Yang was released from prison in June. He even began singing worship songs upon his release!
- ❑ **6. Pastor Han’s Wife** [10] Pray for answers and justice for the wife of Pastor Han following his martyrdom at the hands of North Korean agents for his work rescuing North Korean refugees.
- ❑ **7. Wang Quanzhang** [10] Pray for information on the whereabouts and condition of this human rights lawyer. There has been no information since August 2015.
- ❑ **8. Family of Yang Tianshui** [8] Pray for comfort for this family as Yang, their relative, died of cancer during his imprisonment (he was in prison for his activist work).
- ❑ **9. Zhang Kai** [10] Pray for encouragement and hope as he is under house arrest at home. He is a human rights lawyer who has suffered much, including torture, betrayal, and imprisonment. **JULY UPDATE:** He has been summoned to the police station several times for questioning since being put under house arrest. Continue to pray for him to be filled with encouragement and hope.
- ❑ **10. Xie Yang** [10] Pray that he will be released from house arrest and be able to join his family in America. Pray also that he will come to know Jesus.
- ❑ **11. Gloria Chen, Jenny Xie, and Kelly Xie** [10] Gloria is the wife of Xie Yang, a human rights lawyer, and Jenny and Kelly are his daughters. They were rescued out of China during Xie Yang’s imprisonment and are not able to return to China. Please pray for them to be able to make friends (especially Jenny, who is 15 years old), feel at home in America, and not be too homesick. **JULY UPDATE:** They all attended an event for rescued families. Continue to pray for God’s comfort during their transition.
- ❑ **12. Gao Zhisheng** [10] Pray that he will be found. Pray his faith will not fail. He was kidnapped and we are unsure about his location. He has been imprisoned and tortured multiple times for his human rights and legal work. Please also pray for his family, who has been rescued to the USA. **JULY UPDATE:** While he has not been found, his daughter Grace Geng was able to plead with German Chancellor Angela Merkel to help locate her father via a letter. He has not been heard from since he was kidnapped in August of last year and his location remains unknown.
- ❑ **13. Bo Ai** [10] Please pray that his wife and child in China will be able to leave China and join him and their other daughter in the United States.
- ❑ **14. Huang Yan** [10] Pray that her refugee status would be finalized and her faith would be strengthened in the Lord. She is an activist that has been imprisoned for her faith and work and has suffered much physically, including contracting cancer and facing multiple miscarriages because of her persecution for her faith and work. **JULY UPDATE:** She received a three month temporary asylum in Taiwan. Pray that she would obtain a more permanent asylum status.
- ❑ **15. David Meng** [10] Please pray for wisdom and insight as he writes ChinaAid’s 2017 Annual Report, which gives a summary of what has taken place in China in 2017. **JULY UPDATE:** He completed ChinaAid’s 2017 Annual Report, now they ask for prayer that he finds housing in Midland for him and his son.

- ❑ **16. Li Baiguang** [10] Continue to pray for his protection from those who wish him harm, for favor with the Chinese government, and that he would continue to walk in wisdom as he fears the Lord like Daniel did. **JULY UPDATE:** Unfortunately, Li was martyred in February of 2018. He will be remembered for his great work in speaking against injustices and his deep love for his Savior.
- ❑ **17. John Cao**, a pastor known for his work among Myanmar’s minority groups, is imprisoned on a trumped up charge of “organizing illegal crossings of national borders” and is awaiting trial. Please pray that he stands strong in his faith and that he will have favor with the authorities. John’s wife, Jamie Powell, and his two sons, Ben and Amos, are American citizens. **JULY UPDATE:** John Cao, was sentenced to 7 years in prison. ChinaAid will release a petition in August to call for his release. Please continue to pray for his faith and his family. The link (<http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/07/how-you-can-help-free-imprisoned.htm>) for a campaign for his release is going live on August 2nd.
- ❑ **18-25.** The following individuals are wrongfully imprisoned for something they believe in, whether religious or political (ChinaAid is a Christian human rights and religious freedom organization. While they focus primarily on Christians, they believe that true religious freedom means individuals should be able to practice whichever belief system they choose without persecution, and they also seek to help non-Christians in China who are persecuted for their faith):
 - ❑ **18. Li Chang** [10] is imprisoned for practicing Falun Gong, a non-Christian spiritual practice baselessly considered a dangerous cult by the Chinese government. Please pray that he will come to know Christ.
 - ❑ **19. Tang Jingling** [10] is imprisoned for his work as a human rights lawyer. Please pray for him to grow in his relationship with the Lord and for strength as he is in prison. Please also pray for his wife Wang Yanfang, who would like a baby, and that is now almost impossible now that her husband is in prison.
 - ❑ **20. Guo Quan** [10] is imprisoned for speaking out against the Chinese government. His wife and son were rescued to the USA in 2012. Please pray for Guo to come to know Christ and for his wife and son to have some good friends and heal from the emotional trauma that they have experienced.
 - ❑ **21. Liu Xianbin** [10] is an imprisoned human rights activist. He is serving a 10 year prison sentence that was given to him on March 25, 2011. Please pray he comes to know Christ. Please pray for his daughter, who fled alone to the USA and is in need of friends.
 - ❑ **22. Zhu Yufu** [10] is an imprisoned Christian political activist. Please pray that he will share his faith in prison and that it will grow. **JULY UPDATE:** He was released from prison. Pray for healing and the continuation of his ministry.
 - ❑ **23. Liu Ping** [10] is imprisoned for her civil rights activism. Please pray for her to grow in her faith in Jesus and that she would lead her fellow prisoners to Jesus.
 - ❑ **24. Hu Shigen** [10] is imprisoned for his pro-democracy activism and works as a church elder. He was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison on August 3, 2016. Please pray for him to be able to lead many to Christ in the prison, that he will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, and that he will be encouraged in the Lord.
 - ❑ **25. Zhang Shaojie** [10] is an imprisoned pastor of a state-run church. His daughter fled to the USA with her husband and daughter, and the couple had a second daughter in America. Please pray for his mental health as he suffered much, for his physical health as it is very poor, and for spiritual encouragement.
- ❑ **26. China’s President Xi** [10] to come to know Christ.
- ❑ **27. Those in the Chinese government** [10] would come to know Jesus through the witness of believers and that they would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not the lies of the enemy.
- ❑ **28. China’s secret police and police officers** [10] will have encounters with Christ.
- ❑ **29. Shouwang Church**, established by Pastor Jin Tianming in Beijing in 1993, has been the target of government persecution. Pray the Lord’s blessing be on Shouwang Church and may He sustain her in this time of testing, grant her grace, wisdom and perseverance, and establish her like “a city on a hill” as described in the Bible to manifest the glory of our Lord.
- ❑ **30. Bob Fu** [10] Pray for wisdom for Bob as he works with various governmental leaders and organizations and when working with various persecution cases. **JULY UPDATE:** God has granted wisdom and discernment to Bob. Please continue to pray for boundless growth in this area.
- ❑ **31. ChinaAid Board, Staff and Partners:** Pray for physical protection, unity, and growth in the Lord for each of their partner organizations as they work together to further the cause of Christ as well as for the individual members of ChinaAid’s staff. Pray for wisdom for each of their board members they lead and advise the organization.

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The Strategic Prayer Initiative –Biographies for ChinaAid Prayer Requests:

***ChinaAid** is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and the rule of law in China.

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

1. Li Aijie (Allison Lee)

Li Aijie is the wife of imprisoned human rights attorney Zhang Haitao and the mother to their young son. As she continued to advocate for her husband’s release, authorities pressured her family, even intimidating her 80-year-old mother and causing her brothers’ employers to threaten them with suspension from work if she petitioned again. To alleviate the pressure, the family begged her to divorce Zhang, but she refused, so her siblings beat her brutally on Oct. 9. By the time she escaped, she had a black eye, suffered from a headache and nausea, and suspected that she had a brain injury.

Zhang was sentenced to 19 years in prison and deprived of political rights for five years and fined 120,000 yuan (U.S. \$18,000) for sending 69 WeChat and 205 Twitter messages pushing for human rights in China, subscribing to and writing for the Chinese news source Boxun and Voice of America, accepting media interviews from overseas organizations, and discussing Urumqi’s condition during a politically sensitive time. He was initially charged with “inciting racial hatred and discrimination,” and officials froze his bank accounts and confiscated his property. He was formally arrested on June 31, 2016, for “picking quarrels and provoking troubles,” and the charge was changed to “inciting subversion of state power” on Nov. 18, 2016, at which point government personnel also accused him of “providing information to foreign powers.”

Li and her son were rescued and arrived in the United States on Christmas Eve of 2017.

2. Zeng Jieshan

Biography not available at this time.

Zeng and her son were able to flee China in early 2018 and are now settled in America.

3 and 4. Su Tianfu (Pastor Su and Family)

Su Tianfu is the pastor of Huoshi Church, which is the largest non-governmental church in Guiyang, the capital city of Guizhou Province. After their church had been serially targeted by the government, Su and Yang received a notice in May 2017 that they were being fined more than \$1,000,000, which authorities alleged they had received in “illegal income.” In truth, that amount of money was donated by the church members in the form of offering and had only ever been used on church-related expenses. On Nov. 21, after a series of appeals, a court heard the case and has yet to decide whether or not they will be forced to pay the fine.

He and Pastor Yang Hua (recently released from prison) are appealing the unjust fine of more than \$1,000,000. His wife and family moved to a town just outside of Midland, Texas and attended an event recently for rescued families.

5. Yang Hua

Yang Hua, another pastor of Huoshi Church, defended a church hard drive from confiscation during a raid on his congregation on Dec. 9, 2015, and has been imprisoned since then for that one brave act. During the more than two years he has been behind bars, authorities changed his charge several times, and his supposed crime has been everything from “obstructing justice” to “divulging state secrets,” for which he was formally arrested in January 2016. As the defense and prosecution prepared to present his case to a Chinese tribunal, the prosecutors decided to try to force a confession from him using torture and threatening him and his family with death. Yang refused and recounted his experiences to his lawyers, who sent them to ChinaAid for publication and submitted lawsuits that demanded the prosecutors be criminally penalized, since torture to extort a confession is illegal according to Chinese law. Instead of prosecuting them, however, China allowed them to preside over his case, which was tried in a court that had possible connections to a government headquarters specifically dedicated to persecuting Yang Huoshi Church.

Yang was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison in January 2017 and developed painful ulcers on his legs that spread due to lack of adequate care. He could not walk because of the pain, and once the prison allowed him to visit the hospital, he was already in critical condition. His wife, Wang Hongwu, was permitted to speak with him for the first time in more than a year during his hospital stay and later reported that he was doing much better after the hospital discharged him.

Yang was released from prison in June. He even began singing worship songs upon his release!

6. Pastor Han's Wife

Pastor Han was a pastor in China northeastern region who helped North Koreans fleeing the oppressive regime. As a result, he fell into disfavor with the North Korean government, which sent agents to murder him. His wife has been seeking answers and justice for her husband's death.

7. Wang Quanzhang

Wang vanished into police custody on Aug. 3, 2015, during a nationwide crackdown on human rights lawyers known as the 709 incident. Even though many of the lawyers seized in the 709 case went missing, Wang is the only one whose whereabouts are still unknown. In China, it is illegal to hold someone for six months without charge, so the officials are both grossly violating Wang's rights and their own law by keeping him behind bars. He has not been permitted to see lawyers, and his wife, Li Wenzu, has advocated for him relentlessly. She recently became a Christian due to the persistent love and support of the Christian wives of other human rights lawyers caught up in the 709 case, and she is single-handedly raising the couple's young son. Please pray that she will grow in her faith and be encouraged by those around her and that her husband and son will become Christians.

8. Yang Tianshui

Yang Tianshui quit his job as a celebrated journalist who covered the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests to focus on pro-democracy activities, helping found the China Democracy Federation in 1990. After suffering a series of arrests and spending more than 10 years behind bars, Yang was detained without a warrant and held incommunicado at the Dantu District Detention Center in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu province. On May 16, 2006, the Zhenjiang Intermediate Court sentenced him to 12 years in prison. Physicians found an aggressive tumor on Yang's brain on Aug. 12, 2017. Months later, Yang languished in a hospital while his family fought for him to be able to travel abroad for treatment. The officials refused, and he died in November 2017.

9. Zhang Kai

Serving under a Beijing law firm, Zhang Kai has long been a stalwart defender of human rights, famously relocating to Wenzhou, Zhejiang, to take on the cases of more than 100 churches affected by a province-wide cross demolition campaign. On the evening of Aug. 25, 2015, government agents broke into the church compound where Zhang and his two assistants were living and took them into police custody. For six months, Zhang went missing, languishing in an unofficial prison known as a "black jail." On Feb. 25, he resurfaced on a television broadcast, where authorities forced him to confess to disturbing public order and endangering state secrets. A day later, he was criminally detained but released on bail soon afterward. His case has been transferred to the Wenzhou procuratorate for prosecution, and he is currently under house arrest.

He has been summoned to the police station several times for questioning since being put under house arrest. Continue to pray for him to be filled with encouragement and hope.

10 and 11. Xie Yang and Gloria Chen

Human rights lawyer Xie Yang was seized during the 709 incident on July 11, 2015. During his time in prison, he revealed that he had been tortured and the lawyers appointed by his family were blocked numerous times from meeting with him. On Jan. 13, Xie wrote a declaration stating that he was not guilty, and, if he should confess to his subversion charges, it would be either due to continued torture or for the sake of his family. As such, his confession should not be regarded as evidence of his guilt, but rather evidence of the Chinese government's abuses.

Xie did confess to his charge during his trial on May 8, 2017, and he vanished after the hearing. Shortly afterwards, authorities rented an apartment opposite Xie's and installed a gate in the hallway that could only be opened by a finger print scanner. The gate was removed after Xie's wife, Gloria Chen, told international media about it. He is currently allowed to move about Changsha so long as he provides officials with an update of his activities every four hours and seeks permission whenever he wishes to leave the city. Officials tail him when he leaves the apartment building, and cameras monitor the hallway outside his home.

Gloria fled to the United States with the couple's daughters, Jenny and Kelly Xie, in March 2017. They are currently trying to study English and are adapting to life in America. They cannot return to China at this time. They all attended an event for rescued families.

12. Gao Zhisheng

Gao Zhisheng is a Christian human rights lawyer who has been imprisoned multiple times since officials revoked his legal license in 2005. He has been kidnapped and tortured repeatedly and lost many of his teeth due to poor dental care.

Officials released Gao in 2014 but kept him under close government surveillance at his home. Under the watchful eyes of his government minders, he penned a book titled *Unwavering Convictions*, in which he chronicles his torture and forecasts the hopes he has for China's future. After successfully sneaking the book out of the country, ChinaAid partnered with the Taiwan Association for China Human Rights to make it available in Taiwan and Hong Kong and also secured a publication deal with The American Bar Association and the Carolina Academic Press for its English release.

Some sympathizers sneaked Gao out of his house earlier this year and hid him successfully for 23 days. A police operation later discovered their whereabouts, and Gao vanished into police custody. His rescuers, Shao Zhongguo and Li Fawang, were also detained. Li has since been released, and he recounted severe mistreatment at the hands of the authorities, such as not being given basic necessities or treatment for his diabetes.

Gao is still missing. Originally, Beijing authorities claimed that he was under the control of their secret service agents, but he has yet to be seen. Gao did manage to get news to the outside world that this imprisonment is worse than his previous one.

In 2009, Gao's wife and two children relocated to the United States for their own safety, but Gao elected to remain in China, saying that there was still human rights work to be done.

While he has not been found, his daughter Grace Geng was able to plead with German Chancellor Angela Merkel to help locate her father via a letter. He has not been heard from since he was kidnapped in August of last year and his location remains unknown.

13. Bo Ai

Bo Ai is a stalwart defender of human rights and religious freedom in China who has worked effortlessly to ensure that Christians are prepared to legally defend their faith. When he recently came to the United States, officials detained and beat him, leaving his leg badly injured. He is currently residing in the U.S. with his daughter; his wife and child are looking to leave China soon to join them.

14. Huang Yan

A Christian pro-democracy activist, Huang Yan, developed cancer after she lost two pregnancies as a result of beatings at the hands of government officials. In one instance, government officials burst into the bathroom where she had just miscarried and continued to beat her mercilessly. In 2013 she contracted ovarian cancer; in 2017, the government persuaded her doctors to refuse her a life-saving operation, forcing her to travel abroad for treatment she couldn't afford.

Once she was safely in a southeast Asian country, ChinaAid kick-started a campaign for her, and within days, enough was raised for her procedure! The surgery was successful, and she and her husband are now waiting to receive refugee status.

She received a three month temporary asylum in Taiwan. Pray that she would obtain a more permanent asylum status.

15. David Meng

David Meng is a long-time human rights defender and affiliate of ChinaAid. Currently David and his son, Joshua, are living in the United States while David researches and writes ChinaAid's 2017 Annual Report.

He completed ChinaAid's 2017 Annual Report, now they ask for prayer that he finds housing in Midland for him and his son.

16. Li Baiguang

Li Baiguang is a renowned lawyer and Christian who has continually defended the rights of others despite the constant threats he has received himself.

On Oct. 17, a group of burly, government-hired gangsters kidnapped Li as he was entering a hotel in Wenling, Zhejiang, following his defense of individuals whose land had been illegally taken by the government. The men took him into a forest, where they beat him severely, threatening to behead and dismember him if he was not gone by 10:00 a.m. the next morning. They abandoned him in a field, and Li left the next morning. He filed a police report, and authorities told him they were investigating the case. However, on Nov. 4, Li received an anonymous phone call that threatened his life once again.

Unfortunately, Li was martyred in February of 2018. He will be remembered for his great work in speaking against injustices and his deep love for his Savior.

17. John Cao

John Cao is a Chinese pastor and a resident of the U.S. who focused his efforts on educational endeavors among Myanmar's minority groups. On March 5, 2017, he was seized while crossing the border between Myanmar and China, which he has done many times before without consequence. This time, however, he was seized by public security officials in Yunnan and charged with "organizing illegal border crossing." Cao has been in prison ever since, and officials scheduled his trial for next month. His wife, Jamie Powell, and two sons, Amos and Ben, are American citizens residing in North Carolina.

John Cao, was sentenced to 7 years in prison. ChinaAid will release a petition in August to call for his release. Please continue to pray for his faith and his family. The link (<http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/07/how-you-can-help-free-imprisoned.htm>) for a campaign for his release is going live on August 2nd.

18. Li Chang

Two days before China officially banned Falun Gong, a peaceful spiritual practice that the Communist Party labels a cult, Li Chang, a retired public security agent, was coercively summoned by authorities on July 20, 1999, and put under residential surveillance for three months until his official arrest on Oct. 19, 1999.

Amnesty International reported that Li had confessed to his involvement with Falun Gong and expressed remorse. However, a lack of transparency concerning the conditions of his detainment causes speculation about the validity of the confession.

On Dec. 26, 1999, Li was tried alongside three other former government officials, who were suspected of Falun Gong involvement, including Wang Zhiwen. The trial, which was nationally broadcast, lasted nine hours and included confessions from the defendants.

The four were charged with "organizing and using a heretical organization to undermine implementation of the law," "organizing and using a heretical organization to cause death," which was a charge applied to alleged activities perpetrated by Falun Gong as a whole, rather than activities committed by the defendants, and "illegally obtaining state secrets." Li was accused of setting up "39 command posts, more than 1,900 training centers, and more than 280,000 contact posts."

Li was sentenced to 25 years in prison, but the sentence was later reduced to 18 years. He is currently serving his sentence in Qianjin Prison in China's northern Tianjin Municipality.

19. Tang Jingling

Tang Jingling is a human rights lawyer whose clients have included villagers fighting government corruption and victims of illegal land appropriation.

In 2006, Tang's license to practice law in China was suspended, after which he became involved in a non-violent civil disobedience movement in China. Over the years, Tang experienced frequent police harassment and interrogation.

In 2012, he was detained for five days following his work investigating the death of human rights defender Mr. Li Wangyang. Tang was arrested on suspicion of "inciting subversion of state power" in the weeks leading up to the 25th anniversary of the Chinese government's crackdown on the 1989 student protests in Tiananmen Square.

Tang's joint trial with two other prominent political advocates was held in July 2015, after the three had been detained for more than a year; however, no verdict was reached when the trial concluded.

Tang's wife, Wang Yanfang, has traveled to Washington, D.C., with ChinaAid delegations to advocate for her husband's freedom.

20. Guo Quan

Guo Quan is currently serving a 10-year prison term for "subversion of state power."

Guo was an associate professor at Nanjing Normal University until he was dismissed based on criticism he published, condemning the Chinese Communist government and an open letter to then President Hu Jintao, calling for a "democratic government based on multi-party elections that serves the interests of the common folk. Much of the criticism concerned the government's handling of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake.

Guo also participated in a campaign to protect the rights of demobilized military officers.

On Nov. 13, 2008, Guo was arrested and charged with "subversion of state power." He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and is serving his sentence in Pukou Prison in Nanjing.

His wife and son fled to the United States on January 23, 2012, where they are appealing for international help to secure Guo's release.

21. Liu Xianbin

Liu Xianbin, who uses the pen name Wan Xianming, is a human rights activist, China Democracy Party organizer, and writer and signer of Charter 08, a manifesto calling for reform of China's human rights, is serving a 10-year prison term.

Liu was first arrested on April 5, 1991, for his involvement in the June 4, 1989, Tiananmen Square protests. He was held in Beijing's infamous Qingcheng prison, where he served 2 1/2 years for "counter-revolutionary propaganda and incitement."

Liu was detained again in July 1995 after he participated in a petition drive entitled "Drawing Lessons from Blood and Promoting Democracy and Rule of Law," with Wang Dan and Liu Xiaobo.

In March 1998, Liu wrote an open letter to the Ninth National People's Congress, demanding the improvement of human rights. The same year, the China Democracy Party was founded, and Liu set up the Sichuan branch in the southwestern province's capital, Chengdu.

In early 1999, Liu was detained for a month in the Beijing Detention Center. He was sent home and put under house arrest. On July 7, he was criminally detained in Suining.

He was convicted of "subversion of state power" on Aug. 6, 1999, by the Suining Intermediate People's Court, and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment and three years deprivation of political rights. He was released early on Nov. 6, 2008 for good behavior.

He was detained again on June 27, 2010, and sentenced to a 10-year prison term on March 25, 2011, for "inciting subversion of state power" because of articles criticizing Chinese Communist authorities, which he submitted to overseas websites and magazines. He also received a two-year deprivation of political rights and four months of probation. Liu is currently imprisoned in Chuanzhong Prison in Sichuan province.

In September 2011, Liu's teenage daughter fled China alone and arrived in the United States, where she now lives.

22. Zhu Yufu

Zhu Yufu, a veteran political activist and a Christian, is serving a seven-year prison term for "inciting subversion of state power." Zhu has previously been twice imprisoned for a total of nine years. He is currently serving his sentence Zhejiang province and is in dangerously declining healthy. His family members fear he will die in prison but requests for his release on medical parole have been denied.

Zhu's activism dates back to the first pro-democracy movement in Communist China: Democracy Wall which started in Beijing in 1978. Zhu was one of the founders of the Democracy Wall movement in his native Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province.

In 1979, he founded April 5 Monthly, a major pro-democracy publication. In 1998, he was one of the founders of China Democracy Party and served as general secretary of Standing Working Group of Zhejiang Preparatory Committee of China Democracy Party and a member of the Preparatory Committee of National Preparatory Committee.

Zhu's political activities led to his conviction on Nov. 2, 1999, of trying to subvert state power, for which he was sentenced to seven years in prison. Following his 2006 release, Zhu was arrested again in 2007 and was sentenced to two years on a contrived charge of obstructing government business. On March 5, 2011, Zhu was arrested once more, this time for a poem he wrote and distributed online around the time of the Arab Spring protests called "It's Time" that called on people to take to the streets.

Zhu Yufu has been released from prison. Pray for healing and the continuation of his ministry.

23. Liu Ping

Liu Ping, a grassroots civil rights activist in China and member of the New Citizens' Movement, is currently serving a 6 1/2 year prison sentence for several charges.

Liu first gained attention when she campaigned to be a local delegate in the National People's Congress without government backing in 2011.

In 2013, Liu was arrested for "illegal assembly," "gathering a crowd to disrupt public order," and "using a cult to undermine law enforcement" following her part in organizing a demonstration asking for transparency among Chinese officials about their income.

Liu was arrested again in June 2014, just before the 25th anniversary of the government crackdown in Tiananmen Square. She was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison for "using a cult to undermine law enforcement," "gathering a crowd to disrupt public order," and "picking quarrels and provoking troubles."

24. Hu Shigen

Hu Shigen, a pro-democracy activist and renowned church elder, currently waits out a seven-and-a-half year sentence on falsified charges of “subversion of state power.”

Following his graduation from China’s elite Peking University, Hu took a professorial position within the capital. In the wake of the notorious Tiananmen Square crackdown, when the Communist Party massacred groups of pro-democracy students and advocates who had converged in front of an ancient royal palace to call for political reform, Hu joined a fledgling political movement. When China tried to stifle news of the violence, Hu helped plan to disseminate fliers on the tragedy’s third anniversary and served 16 years in prison for leading a so-called “counterrevolutionary ring.”

Following his incarceration, he led several underground churches and served as an elder.

Hu vanished during a nationwide crackdown on human rights defenders on July 9, 2015. On Jan. 8, 2016, his family received an arrest notice stating that authorities suspected him of “subversion of state power.” Using a picture of his baptism as evidence of his supposed guilt, a court convicted him and sentenced him to seven-and-a-half years in prison on Aug. 3, 2016.

25. Zhang Shaojie

Pastor Zhang Shaojie of Nanle County Christian Church in China’s central Henan is currently serving a 12-year prison term for “gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order” and a fabricated fraud charge.

He was initially detained on Nov. 16, 2013, when authorities asked to meet with him at his church. Instead, authorities bound Zhang, who served as the local head of the China Christian Council and Three-Self Patriotic Movement, and took him into custody.

Authorities detained more than 20 church members, spanning from the day before Zhang’s detention to several days after his detention. The cause of the persecution is said to be a land dispute between the Nanle County government and the church. The church sent several groups to Beijing to petition higher authorities there after being unsatisfied with the outcome at the local level. Heavy persecution of the church continued well into the summer of 2014. On July 4, 2014, Zhang was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his charges despite his lawyers’ arguments, which included the fact that police had essentially kidnapped the alleged victim of Zhang’s fraud case.

On Aug. 21, the Puyang Intermediate People’s Court rejected Zhang’s final appeal, leaving him with almost no chance of justice. His lawyers’ had repeatedly asked for a different court to hear the appeal due to the clear corruption of the Puyang Intermediate People’s Court to no avail.

Zhang’s daughter, Esther Zhang, fled China with her small child and husband and is now residing in the U.S.

26. China’s President Xi [10] to come to know Christ.

27. Those in the Chinese government [10] would come to know Jesus through the witness of believers and that they would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not the lies of the enemy.

28. China’s secret police and police officers [10] will have encounters with Christ.

29. Shouwang Church

Shouwang Church, established by Pastor Jin Tianming in Beijing in 1993, has been the target of government persecution since May 2008, when the government began to “rectify society” before the Olympic Games. The next year, the church’s landlord gave into official pressure and evicted Shouwang Church. In 2009, the church held two outdoor services in Haidian Park on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8, after which authorities allowed the church to resume indoor activities. However, the reprieve didn’t last. Following the church’s Dec. 22 purchase of a 16,145-square foot floor of the Zhongguancun Daheng Technology Building in Beijing for 27 million Yuan (U.S. \$4.3 million), authorities pressured the space’s seller to keep the keys to the meeting place from Shouwang Church without explanation. The church was in and out of venues between May 2010 and March 2011. When their landlord at the time refused to renew their lease, the church resolved to hold outdoor worship services, beginning on April 10, 2011, in Beijing’s Haidian Park.

Shouwang Church continued to meet in Haidian Park with hundreds of attendees—including government officers who routinely take a number of Christians into custody. Those who are detained during the church’s Sunday services are sometimes released after several hours but are more often placed under administrative detention for “disturbing public order,” with first-time detainees receiving a sentence of 5-7 days and repeat detainees receiving a 10-day sentence. Because of the constant pressure, Shouwang Church can no longer hold meetings in the park. (Continued on next page)

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In 2014 alone, approximately 100 church members were administratively detained, and more than 10 were beaten by police. Many of the church's pastors have been under house arrest for years. The church applied for government permission to register as a Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) church in 2006 under the condition that the church retain some authority, specifically the authority to choose to continue to have God as the center of the church rather than the Communist Party of China, but the government denied the request. Many church members have faced the loss of their homes and jobs due to official pressure towards the Christians' landlords and employers.

Despite the continuous persecution Shouwang Church has endured, church members said in a 2014 letter that they "solemnly declare here[in] that Shouwang Church will never flinch just because the government departments take severe administrative measures against us."

30. Bob Fu

Bob (Xiqiu) Fu is the president and founder of China Aid and one of the leading voices in the world for persecuted faith communities in China. Fu was born and raised in mainland China and was a student leader during the Tiananmen Square demonstrations for freedom and democracy in 1989.

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