



PASTOR CAI ZHUOHUA

Country: China

Awaiting trial

Pastor Cai Zhuohua and his wife face extremely harsh sentences if convicted in an upcoming trial. The 32-year-old pastor was kidnapped on September 11 2004 by plain-clothed officers while he was waiting for a bus in Beijing. On September 27 his wife Xiao Yunfei was arrested while in hiding. Her brother, Xiao Gaowen, and sister-in-law, Hu Jinyun, were also arrested. According to sources close to the Chinese authorities, the central government has labelled this as being the most serious case of overseas religious infiltration to date. According to China Aid, Qiang Wei, deputy General Secretary of Politics and Law Commission of Beijing, has issued a handwritten directive *Yan Ban*, meaning to deal with this case harshly and severely.

The authorities reported finding 200,000 'unofficial' Bibles and other Christian literature in a storage room managed by Pastor Cai. This literature was intended for internal use by the house churches. The authorities are also reported to be upset about a quarterly magazine for house churches called *Love Feast*, with which Pastor Cai has been involved.

According to one source, the authorities are considering criminal charges such as tax evasion or illegal business management, rather than religious charges. Such criminal charges could lead to a life sentence. All four arrested are being held at the Qinghe Detention Center, Haidian District, Beijing. None of their relatives have been allowed to visit.

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We encourage all those concerned about religious liberty to contact the Chinese embassy, expressing concern for Pastor Zhuahua and other believers in prison for their faith.

PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ Pray urgently for these four brothers and sisters in Christ.
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Cai's four-year-old son, Cai Yabo, who is under the care of his grandmother.
- ▶ Pray that God would demonstrate his sovereign power in this difficult situation.

'But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him'
Acts 12:5



PLEASE WRITE IN SUPPORT OF PASTOR ZHUOHUA

Please write a short, polite letter to the following asking for the release of Pastor Zhuohua. Please do not mention RI when you write.

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