



Pastor Wang Zaiqing Country: China

A well-known disabled Chinese house church pastor was formally arrested on May 26 2006. Pastor Wang Zaiqing, 43, is accused of illegally printing and distributing bibles and other Christian literature.

Born in 1963, a childhood illness left Wang crippled at the age of five. He became a Christian in 1993 and during the last thirteen years has become well known as a house church planter and Christian preacher in and around Anhui province.

On April 25 2006 Pastor Wang and his wife were both summoned for questioning by the Public Security Bureau (PSB) of Huainan City. During the next forty eight hours Pastor Wang's house was searched twice and a number of items confiscated including Christian literature, Hymnals, Christian Life Quarterly magazine, Why Believe Jesus, Chinese Church History, Pauline Epistles and bank cards as well as an electronic piano used by Pastor Wang's daughter. At 12 noon on April 28, Pastor Wang was taken from his home and declared to be 'under criminal detention'.

On May 26 Pastor Wang's wife, Zhang Hongyan, received the formal arrest warrant issued by the Domestic Security Protection Squad of the PSB of Huainan City. The warrant stated that Pastor Wang was suspected of 'being involved in illegal business practices'. He is now being held at No. 1 Detention Centre of Huainan City. Legal experts say this is the third such case in which the Chinese government have used a criminal business related charge against a house church pastor. On April 26 2006 Pastor Liu Yuhua from Shandong Province was arrested on the

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same charge. Beijing Pastor Cai Zhuohua was sentenced in 2005 to three years imprisonment for printing Christian literature.

The Chinese government constantly tries to persecute Christian leaders by criminalising their religious activities. As is the case with many believers in China, Pastor Wang printed and distributed Bibles and other Christian literature to fellow believers free of charge simply to meet the needs of the many house churches in China today and their desire to have God's Word.

PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ For God to intervene and for Pastor Wang's health and release.
- ▶ That he will be reunited with his wife and that their property will be returned.
- ▶ For the many house churches in China and specifically for more than 4000 Christians who remain in prison because of their faith in Christ.

'But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him'

Acts 12:5



Please write a short, polite letter to the following asking for the release of Pastor Wang Zaiqing

Sample letter to Government officials

I respectfully request your attention to the case of Pastor Wang Zaiqing, who is currently being held at No. 1 Detention Centre of Huainan City.
Pastor Wang is a much loved and respected leader of the Christian church in China and is known to thousands of Christians around the world.

I respectfully ask on behalf of Christians in China and worldwide, for your government to release Pastor Wang Zaiqing, so that he might freely practise his religion in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Please do not mention RI when you write.

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