

HOW YOU CAN HELP



PRAY for Yang Rongli and other Christians who are imprisoned for their faith.

- That God will encourage and strengthen Yang Rongli and the other prisoners, enabling them to endure the harsh conditions.
- That the authorities will release Yang Rongli and other Linfen Church leaders.
- That God will continue to grow and strengthen Linfen Church while Yang Rongli is in prison.

WRITE a special note of encouragement to your persecuted sister.

Your letters make a difference! They can result in shorter prison sentences for those in prison and you will be reminding them they are not forgotten or alone. We have helped you to get started; simply write your message in the space provided and return it to Thirteen Three.

WRITING TIPS

Don't Mention Thirteen Three, personal details, political views

Do Mention Bible verses, your prayers

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YANG RONGLI
IN PRISON FOR CHRIST
CHINA





Use this space for anything else you want to share with Yang Rongli – your favourite Bible verse, a sketch or drawing, or even for more writing space!

YANG RONGLI IS IN PRISON FOR CHRIST.

Yang Rongli is the head pastor of the Linfen Church Network in Shanxi Province, China. She was arrested and sentenced to prison in 2009 after one of the Linfen churches was brutally attacked by local government officials.

In the early hours of 13 September 2009, a mob of 400 police officers, local government officials and hired thugs descended upon Fushan House Church, a member of the Linfen Network. They demolished the new church building and beat many of the Linfen Church members who had rushed to defend their church. More than 30 believers were seriously wounded and taken to hospital in critical condition.

Yang Rongli and four other church leaders were later arrested as they planned to file a complaint with the Central Government. They were accused of “gathering people to disturb the public order.”

In a farce trial outside the normal court system, Yang Rongli was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined 30,000

Yuan (AUD\$4,700) on 25 November 2009. Nine other church leaders were sentenced to prison or labour camp terms ranging from two to seven years.

Since then, five of them have been released. Yang Rongli and four others remain in prison. Police continue to occupy the site where the church building once stood. The authorities believe that they have succeeded in scattering the sheep, but the believers continue to meet and worship in their homes.

Your prayers are vital and your letters of encouragement speak loudly to the authorities in China that Yang Rongli is not alone and will not be forgotten!