



PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BROTHERS & SISTERS

Pray for the Persecuted Christians in China

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also.

(Hebrews 13:3)



China

Total Population: 1,439,323,776

Self-Proclaimed Christian Population: 9% – **Evangelical Witness: 8%**

Largest Religion: Non-Religious: 44%

Death Rate: 8.2/1000 per year: Just today: 32,335

Early Rain Believers Share Gospel with Intruding National Security Officers

(Chengdu, Sichuan Province-November 8, 2021) Deacon Xu Jiale and his wife Qin Ningping of Early Rain Covenant Church started to share the gospel with the national security officers of Chengdu Qingyang District who stay at their home. Police have continued face-to-face surveillance since last week.

Shen Bing and his wife Li Xiaofeng moved in with Deacon Xu Jiale last week because they were expelled from their home. Police forcibly moved into the house last week in order to discourage Shen and Li from staying. Deacon Xu and his wife-Qin Ningping- are in their 70s. All four Early Rain believers confronted their harassment with peace and joy. They are kind and meek to the police but also took the opportunity to preach the gospel to them. Police were not offended by the gospel. Rather, they became interested in it.

On November 5, police installed two surveillance cameras at the entrance of Deacon Xu's home. Working personnel began a large project outside Deacon Xu's place: installing cameras, digging the ground, and burying power lines. Qin Ningping reportedly told the workers:

"Great! Surveillance cameras make us safe. It would be great to install chips in each individual. One chip in the body, the other in the brain, wouldn't it be great? Thank God, thank the Lord for their care of us. God knows that we are old and can't defeat evil gangsters, so He allows cameras to be installed so that we are protected, and gangsters won't intrude on our house. The cameras will record malicious deeds of gangsters."

Police are on duty at Deacon Xu's home each day, they have meals in their living room during the day and sleep in the living room at night. The couples prayed together one evening and wept. Suddenly, the officers broke into the house but stood by quietly until they finished praying. The leader of the police said in surprise, "You all are so emotional! Ugh, you win!"

On the first night, a police officer fell asleep at the dining room table. Li Xiaofeng put a jacket on him because of the cold nights in Chengdu. She wrote a poem reflecting on the experience:

Gently
Took off the coat gently
Put it on the person who is on the night shift
Don't wake up the person who is in deep sleep
Cold midnight
Children, poor children
May you in your weary dream
See angels
Even if being at my own place
We have no freedom

Early Rain Covenant Church's weekly prayer newsletter said that they were thankful for the Deacon Xu Jiale and Qin Ningping couple's meekness, patience, love, and resilience. The elderly and gray-hair Deacon Xu Jiale couple continuously preached the gospel to the officers, becoming Christ's beautiful testimony.

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