

## AFFIDAVIT

- I, Liming Cao, currently living in 42-19 162St 3F, Flushing, NY 11358, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:
1. My name is Liming Cao, born on October 4, 1985 in Yucheng, Henan Province, China, Chinese ID number 41080219851004007X, American ID Number 520192990, currently living in 42-19 162St 3F, Flushing, NY 11358, having escaped from China in October 2016. I used to work as a press photographer with Henan Radio & Television Station in China.
  2. I have been since the year 2008 a member of The Church of Almighty God, a Christian church whose members are severely persecuted in China.
  3. For the sole reason of being a member of my Church, and without being aware of having committed any other crime, I was arrested in the city of Xinxiang City, Henan Province, China, on December 8, 2012.
  4. I have been sentenced by the Court of Fengqiu County, Xinxiang City, Henan Province, China, to three years of imprisonment, in June 2013, for the sole reason of being a member of The Church of Almighty God and preaching Almighty God's kingdom gospel on its behalf. I was detained in No. 1 Prison in Henan Province from the date July 20 of 2013 to the date December 8, 2015. My crime was described as "organizing and utilizing evil religious organizations to sabotage the implementation of the state's laws" and the provision of Article 300 of the Chinese Criminal Code was applied.
  5. After my arrest and during my detention, I have been subjected to cruel and inhuman practices. Please see the Appendix for more details.
  6. I declare that all the above circumstances are true, and that my only aim is to make the truth of my case known to all the interested parties.

STATE OF NEW YORK

CITY OF NEW YORK CITY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

Signature Qin Cindy Lin (Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 05-01-2021

Lizming Cao 03.06.2018  
(Signature)

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## Statement on Persecution

On December 8 of 2012, I was captured and beaten by the Chinese police officers while preaching the gospel to some villagers in Qiangeta Village, Fengqiu County, Xinxiang City, Henan Province, then taken to Fengqiu Public Security Bureau later. Upon arrival there, the police handcuffed me to a tiger chair for an interrogation, and repeatedly hit me in the face and the head. My wrists were handcuffed so tightly that they began to bleed, and the bones were exposed, which brought me unbearable pain.

On December 9 at about 1:00 AM, the police decided to keep me in custody for 10 days and fine me 500 RMB on the charge of "believing in Almighty God and preaching the gospel." then I was asked to sign my Notice on Detention and transferred to a local detention center.

On December 19 of 2012, upon completion of serving my term in custody, I was taken to the Criminal Section of Fengqiu County Public Security Bureau for the formalities of registration and filing, then directly escorted to Fengqiu Detention Center and detained there. I asked the police officers why but got scolding and beating instead of an answer.

During my detention, the guards instigated other prisoners to abuse me and beat me, and even forced me to clean the toilets by hand. In the short span of half a year in there, my weight was reduced by 20-odd kilos. For many times, I fell into faints due to starving.

In June 2013, the People's Court of Fengqiu County in the Henan city of Xinxiang openly heard and verified my case and confirmed the fact that I had been a believer of the Church of Almighty God and active in preaching the gospel on the behalf of it. Then I was sentenced to three years of imprisonment on the charge of "organizing and utilizing evil religious organizations to undermine the implementation of the laws."

On July 20 of 2013, I was transferred to Henan No. 1 Prison, where I had to work nearly 20 hours per day. I was told that I could only use the toilet twice a day within the scheduled time, and the police would punish me physically once I failed to do a good job or delayed my work a little.

The guards often forced me to abandon my faith, ordering me to write confession, statement of repentance and renouncement, but I refused all their requests. Meanwhile, guards were arranged to closely watch me 24 hours. Whenever I ate, slept or used the toilet, I was not allowed to talk to any believer or pray to God, and was abused and beaten from time to time. Brother Ban, another believer detained in the same detention center, was put into a special cell for severe control. When I met him again after he got out of there, his arms seemed to be disabled, his hair turned grey. He trundled forward, lowering his head and moving his legs with difficulty, looking like an old man in his fifties or sixties.

After one year in jail, due to the overloaded labor and the severe condition of board and lodging, I suffered from periarthritis, cervical spondylosis, hemorrhoids and lumbar disc herniation. To ease my pain, I asked for some painkillers, but the guards just turned me down.

On December 8 of 2015, I was released upon completion of my jail term and transferred to Jiaozuo Justice Bureau where the police asked Jiaozuo City Public Security Bureau to deploy personnel to watch me and control me later on. They asked me to use a telephone registered with my real name,

keep it on, and be available on demand. They even threatened that if I continued my faith in Almighty God, they would definitely not let me off once I was caught again, and would punish me with more serious penalty and beat me to death without no one to answer for it. To keep my faith in God, I had to leave home to find a hideout.

Not more than 2 months after I was released, the personnel of the justice bureau went to my home again for my whereabouts. In September 2016, I learnt that CCP (Chinese Communist Party) was carrying out a plan to re-arrest those who were arrested in the past but released later and put them into jail again. I felt the risk of losing my life at any time in China, and managed to escape from China.

On October 22, 2016, I successfully fled to the USA.

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