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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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Edmonton: Woman Travels 1,200 Miles to See Spectacular, Brings 23 Family Members

(Clearwisdom.net) "I don't think words will do it justice, it's a feeling – it's all a feeling for me," said Nancy Lavigne after seeing the *Chinese Spectacular* at Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium on Tuesday May 6, 2008. "I don't have words to describe it, I really don't. It's so wonderful," said Ms. Lavigne, who traveled all the way from Whitehorse, Yukon, to see the show.



Lavigne and her husband Garth Ferry, had also attended Monday's show but Lavigne wanted to see it again because she felt she hadn't been able to give it all her attention. Later, Lavigne decided she should see the show once again.

A retired Youth Service worker for young offenders, Ms. Lavigne said she was pleased that so many of her family members went to the show because, "Normally we can't get together for anything." She said her family's reaction to the *Spectacular* was "very emotional and thoughtful. I'm not sure that they really know why in words either. They were saying, 'Oh it's just a feeling, like electricity inside, and a good feeling.'"

Ms. Lavigne described her own feeling after the show as "light and wonderful." She admired the choreography, saying, "I can't even imagine who did that, or how it was done so perfectly. It was divine, that's all I can say. I can still feel it in me. It's like pure, good energy, pure energy."

"It told the story like I had never heard it before. There's still a lot I need to learn about, but now I know what I have been missing out on... The [Chinese] culture was thriving 5,000 years ago, there's so much they know that they could teach us. I know I have a lot to learn."

Mr. Ferry added that the *Spectacular* was "very positive" and showed that "The peace in your spirit is important, more important than the material aspects that we see every day."

Two acts in the show depicted Falun Gong and its guiding principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance. Ms. Lavigne said she believes the persecution against Falun Gong in China, now in its ninth year, will end soon. "I wish I knew more, but Falun Dafa is good; that is what people must know, that truth must come out. The suffering should end – that's what I think the main message is."

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Police Torture Ms. Wang Weiyue (Qian'an City, Hebei Province)

(Clearwisdom.net) At 8:00 a.m. on October 19, 2007, several policemen from a local police station broke into practitioner Ms. Wang Weiyue's house and took her to the Qian'an City Police Department. Since Ms. Wang refused their attempts in interrogating her, policeman Pu Yonglai and others handcuffed her to a chair and shocked her with three electric batons. The police shocked her lips, mouth, back, legs and the soles of her feet for over three hours. The shocking badly burned Ms. Wang. Her mouth became scabbed and cankered. Due to the tightness of the handcuffs, Ms. Wang's wrists had two deep cuts that bled profusely. Her wrists became so swollen that they could not even fit in her sleeves. Later on, she was dragged down a flight of stairs and outside and taken to the Qian'an City Detention Center.

On February 22, 2008, in the Qian'an City Detention Center, a guard tried to force Ms. Wang to recite the prison regulations. Ms. Wang refused. Guard Li Zhiwen (female) forced Ms. Wang to kneel down in her office and kicked her. She trampled on Ms. Wang's right hand, slapped her, and made two other prisoners beat her with a belt with such violence that the belt was broken. Li later wanted Ms. Wang to take off her slacks. Ms. Wang Weiyue refused so she was forced to kneel down the whole morning. Ms. Wang's face was beaten until it was black and blue, and her neck was in extreme pain.

In February 2008, Ms. Wang was sentenced to two years of forced labor and transferred to the Kaiping Forced Labor Camp, where she is still currently imprisoned. The police are trying to force her to denounce Falun Gong by torturing her. Practitioners are not allowed to go to the restroom or take a shower. They have to eat, sleep and relieve themselves in the same room. The cell smells terrible, and is an unfit environment.

Ms. Wang was sentenced to one year in a labor camp beginning April 25, 2001. That June, the labor camp attempted to force her to give up her belief. She was forced to walk around the exercise grounds under the burning sun and was not allowed to sleep at night. This went on for several days and nights. After Wang Weiyue was released, her company dismissed her so she had to find another job.



French magazine *Stunned* Interviews a Falun Gong Practitioner

(Clearwisdom.net) A French magazine, *Stunned*, recently published a five-page-long interview with a Falun Gong practitioner in its "Investigation" column. The practitioner interviewed was Ya Jun, who was tortured in China because of her belief. Having escaped China on foot a year ago, she and her brother arrived in Paris and obtained asylum status with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Her brother is now living in New York. According to the latest news from China, their names are still on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) blacklist.

Describing Ya Jun and her family's plight, the article covered the different stages in the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong, the creation of the notorious 610 Office (organized specifically for persecuting Falun Gong), brainwashing, torture, and the Canadian independent investigators' (David Matas and David Kilgour) report on the CCP's organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners.