

# Remember the Persecuted at Christmas

Once again, at Christmas we encourage you to take a few minutes to send a Christmas Card to a Christian prisoner. On the facing page, you will find brief information about and addresses for prisoners in Iran, China, Mexico and Uzbekistan.

By sending a Christmas card, you are sending a very clear message to their jailers that the Christian prisoner is known and cared about overseas. This can influence them to be diligent about caring well for the prisoner.



## Card Writing Guidelines

1. Begin by choosing a Christmas card (use one with a Bible verse/Nativity scene if you like).
2. Write a short greeting – these prisoners do not speak English (a prison guard or fellow prisoner may be able to translate).
3. Assure the prisoner that you are praying for him/her.

**DON'T** make any criticism of the government

**DON'T** mention Church in Chains (or any similar organisation) as this could lead to the prisoner being accused of links to a "hostile" organisation

**DON'T** refer to any harsh treatment that may be occurring as this could lead to the prisoner being accused of spreading malicious information

## How should I address the envelope?

**With great care – prison addresses are quite long.**

Print the address clearly and carefully. Affix correct postage and airmail sticker.

## What does it cost to post the card?

**90c (from Ireland) 88p (from the UK)**

## When is the latest date for posting for Christmas?

**Friday 6 December**

If you do not make that deadline, please do post your card later in December as it will bring encouragement whenever it arrives.

## Prisoner Names and Addresses



**Alimujiang Yimiti** (39) is a Uighur Christian from Xinjiang province in north-west China. He has been in prison since January 2008 and is serving a 15-

year sentence in labour camp. He is allowed one visitor per month, usually his wife Guli Nuer or his mother Wuxiuerhan.

**Alimujiang Yimiti**  
**Section 11**  
**Xinjiang No. 3 Prison**  
**1339 Dongzhan Road**  
**Urumqi**  
**Xinjiang 830013**  
**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Shahnaz Jayzan**  
**OR**  
**Farhad Sabokrouh**

**Sepidar Prison**  
**Ahwaz**  
**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

**Shahnaz Jayzan** is a Christian from Ahwaz in western Iran. She has been in prison since 1 May 2013 and is serving a one-year sentence. Her husband, **Farhad Sabokrouh**, who is a church pastor, is also serving a one-year sentence in the same prison.



**Tohar Haydarov** (29) is a Baptist from Tashkent in Uzbekistan who was given a ten-year jail sentence in 2010 on false charges of selling drugs. Tohar is imprisoned in a labour camp near Karshi (400 km from his home city).

**Haydarov, Tohar**  
**UYa 64/49**  
**Otryad 13**  
**Pos. Shaikh-Ali**  
**g. Karsi**  
**Kashkadarya Region**  
**180020 UZBEKISTAN**

**Prisoner Name**  
**c/o Apartado 8,**  
**San Cristóbal de las Casas**  
**Chiapas CP 29200**  
**MEXICO**

imprisoned in March 1998 on false charges of participating in the Acteal "massacre". After many judicial appeals, members of the group were released in 2009, 2010, 2012 and in April 2013.

**Antonio Hernandez Perez**  
**(pictured)**

**Elias Luna Vazquez**  
**Jose Guzman Ruiz**

**Lorenzo Vazquez Ruiz**  
**Victorio Oyalte Paciencia**



Please also send a card to **Alfredo Hernandez Ruiz**, the other remaining member of the group. Alfredo confessed to involvement in the Acteal gun attack some years ago and is repentant.