

Remember the Persecuted at Christmas

Once again, this 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 China, Iran and Uzbekistan.



Each of the three prisoners is serving a long prison sentence and was included in the Church in Chains Lent Prayer Project earlier this year. By sending a Christmas card, you are sending a very clear message to their jailers: it shows 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.

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?

€1.00 (from Ireland) 97p (from the UK)

When is the latest date for posting for Christmas?

Saturday 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 (40) 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

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sentence in labour camp. Although he is legally entitled to one visitor per month, the prison authorities have illegally restricted him to one visitor every three months. His wife Guli Nuer visited him in August and said that while Alimujiang appeared to be in good health, she is still concerned for his overall wellbeing.

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Farshid Fathi (35) was arrested in December 2010 and is serving a six-year sentence imposed after he was convicted of unlawfully distributing Bibles. In August 2014, he was moved from Evin prison (Tehran) to Rajai Shahr prison in nearby Karaj. He is detained in an open cell with hardened criminals and drug addicts and there are fears for his safety.



Tohar Haydarov (30) 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). No new information

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has been received about him for some time. Friends from Tohar's church travel the long distance to visit him as often as they can (usually every two months).