

Send a Christmas Card to a Christian Prisoner

Will you add a Christian prisoner to your list this year? This list contains brief information about and addresses for prisoners serving long sentences in China, Mexico and Uzbekistan.

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 (*most of the prisoners listed do not speak English*)
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)

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

this could lead to the prisoner being accused of spreading malicious information

How should I address the envelope? With great care – many 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? 82c to all addresses (from Ireland)
87p to all addresses (from UK)



When is the latest recommended date for posting for Christmas delivery? **Friday 7 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. It is believed that the real reason for his detention is his Christian faith and witness among the Uighur people. In August 2012, his lawyer was refused permission to visit him in prison.

**Alimujiang Yimiti
Section 11
Xinjiang No. 3 Prison
1339 Dongzhan Road
Urumqi,
Xinjiang
830013
PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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). Tohar's case has been mentioned in recent submissions to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the United Nations Human Rights Council.

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pos. Shaikh-Ali,
g. Karshi,
Kashkadarya Region
180020
UZBEKISTAN**



THE INNOCENT OF ACTEAL group of prisoners, mainly evangelical Christians, have been imprisoned unjustly in Mexico for the past thirteen years on false charges of participating in the 1997 Acteal "massacre". 57 men have been released in the past three years but 22 still remain in prison. Our contact in Mexico tells us that the Christmas cards from Ireland are greatly appreciated by the prisoners who hang them on the walls of their cells.

To try to ensure an even spread of cards among the prisoners, choose a name from the list that begins with a letter close to your own name.

**Alfredo Hernandez Ruiz
Antonio Gomez Perez
Antonio Hernandez Perez
Daniel Hernandez Perez
Elias Luna Vazquez
Felipe Luna Perez
Fidelino Gomez Perez
Jacinto Arias Cruz
Javier Luna Perez
Javier Gutierrez Perez
Jose Perez Guzman**

**Jose Guzman Ruiz
Juan Vazquez Perez
Lorenzo Gomez Vazquez
Lorenzo Vazquez Ruiz
Manuel Perez Luna
Manuel Perez Perez
Manuel Vazquez Ruiz
Marcos Arias Perez
Mariano Gomez Ruiz
Miguel Lopez Gomez
Victorio Oyalte Paciencia**

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San Cristóbal de las Casas
Chiapas CP 29200
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