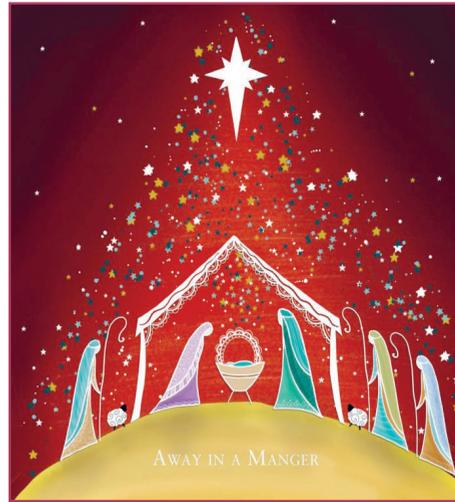


SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

Christmas is coming soon and I'm sure you're getting ready to send Christmas Cards to family and friends. Would you also include a Christian prisoner on your Christmas Card list? On the facing page, you will find brief information about and addresses for prisoners in China, Iran and Pakistan.

The address for John Cao is the prison where he is being held, while the addresses for Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh and Asif Pervaiz are c/o organisations who can arrange to get your cards delivered to them. Please note that we cannot guarantee that your card will reach the prisoner, but even if it doesn't, there is still great value in sending one as it will make clear that the prisoner is known and cared about overseas, which can influence how they are treated.



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 – John speaks English but Naser and Asif do not (but 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)

DON'T refer to their arrest or sentence

DON'T include your address

How should I address the envelope?

With great care – prison addresses are quite long.

Print the address clearly and carefully.

Affixing correct postage and airmail sticker.

When is the latest date for posting for Christmas?

Monday 7 December is the official date but please do post your card anytime in December as it will bring encouragement whenever it arrives.

PRISONER NAMES AND ADDRESSES

John Sanqiang Cao
Kunming Prison
No. 416 Si Wa Lu
Wang Da Qiao, Dongjiao
Panlong District
Kunming City
Yunnan 650216
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Postage: €1.70
(£1.45 from UK)

meet with his mother (via video link because of the coronavirus pandemic). She said he looked fine and that he told her he does not have to do field work and has time to read and interact with other inmates.

Pastor John Cao (60) is serving a seven-year prison sentence in China for "organising illegal border crossings" between China and Myanmar. A resident of North Carolina, he was detained in March 2017



while returning to China from Myanmar, where he had set up 16 schools for over 2,000 impoverished children. In August 2020, Pastor John was able to



Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh (59) was arrested in June 2016 in a raid on an engagement party held by Christians near the Iranian capital, Tehran. In May 2017, he was sentenced to ten years in prison and was admitted to Tehran's Evin prison in January 2018 to serve his sentence. In August

2020, Naser and several other Christian prisoners developed symptoms of Covid-19. Despite being ill with fever, the only medical care he received was a few painkillers, and he was not tested. He has since recovered but concerns remain as a prisoner in a nearby cell tested positive for Covid-19 in early November.

Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh
c/o Church in Chains
PO Box 10447
Glenageary
Co. Dublin

Postage: €1.00
(£1.45 from UK)

Asif Pervaiz
c/o Release International
PO Box 54
Orpington
BR5 4RT
ENGLAND

Postage: €1.70
(76p from UK)

Evangelical Ministries went to visit Asif in jail, accompanied by Asif's wife Marilyn. Asif said that during his seven years in jail he has read the whole Bible nine times and said that he believes in prayer and is waiting for a miracle release like Asia Bibi.

Asif Pervaiz (37), a Christian father of four from Lahore in northeast Pakistan, was accused of sending blasphemous text messages in October 2013 and has been in prison ever since. In September 2020, he was sentenced to death. His lawyer has filed an appeal.



In mid-October, Rev Waseem Khokhar of Lahore