

# Save the Kids Ride!



## Canadian Teenagers Call for Rescue Children suffering in China

On June 28, 2004 a group of teenagers will leave Canada to embark on a three week's bicycle ride to Washington DC. After stopping to speak with local government officials, students in schools and anyone willing to listen to the stories they tell. They ride not for fame, personal advancement or even money. They are riding to save the lives of persecuted teenagers and children in China. These teenagers call themselves: "**Pedals of Peace**".

Daily, countless innocent children suffer unjust persecution by the Chinese government, whether it is from having their parents taken away and illegally sentenced to years in forced-labor camps; or being presented with an ultimatum of sacrificing their education for their beliefs. These atrocities in China have been especially focused on those children who either practice or are the sons and daughters of practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritual meditation practiced in 60 countries but persecuted in China (more at <http://www.faluninfo.net>). As far as human rights are concerned, they have learned an important lesson: nothing will change if kind people keep silence. So they have decided to try to do something that few children of their age would even consider to save the lives of those kids in China.

The journey is called: "**Save the Kids Ride**". Pedals of Peace have teamed up with and gained support from the Petals of Peace and Freedom House non-profit organizations, many non-governmental organizations and even children's schools. Upon their Washington DC arrival they are planning a rally and press conference to publicly speak of the atrocities in China. Hundreds of children and adults that support their cause are expected to attend. We hope you can too!

Pedals of Peace's work has only begun! They have been soliciting the support of children, teenagers and adults all over the world. Pedals of Peace is collecting the personal feelings of people around the world onto the backs of postcards that they themselves have designed. These postcards will be on public display when they arrive in Washington DC.

**For more information, please visit our website: <http://pedalsofpeace.org>, or [www.globalrescue.net](http://www.globalrescue.net)**

## What is Falun Dafa?

Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong) is an ancient form of *qigong*, the practice of refining the body and mind through exercise and meditation. The benefits of practicing Falun Dafa are numerous and varied, ranging from improved health and newfound energy to mental clarity, stress relief, and peace of mind. Yet Falun Dafa is different from most other qigong practices because at the heart of the practice are the principles of the universe: Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.



The people who practice Falun Dafa come from every imaginable walk of life, as Falun Dafa transcends age, racial, and social boundaries. Since the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public in 1992, by the founder, Mr Li Hongzhi, the practice has spread to over 50 countries almost entirely by word of mouth.

**Please Lend your support to Rescue our Children**

## Rongrong's dad was persecuted to death, Mum's whereabouts unknown



Little Rongrong was born in November 1999 while her dad was not with her. Her dad Zou Songtao was detained in the forced labour camp for peacefully appealing for Falun Gong. A year later, he was beaten to death in the camp.

In May 2001, Rongrong's mum Zhang Yunhe was arrested into a forced labor camp as well. Three years have passed but no information about her was ever available. Thus, mum disappeared from Rongrong's view.

Rongrong's grandmother did in August 2001, due the sorrow of having lost the son-in-law and disappearance of her beloved daughter.

Before turned to two years old, Rongrong lost three family members. Now she is able to step on a small stool, bend over the table to kiss her dad's cinerary casket. Sometimes she tells others innocently, "My dad is in the heaven."

## Huhu's parents sentenced to over 9 years



Huhu was born in a happy family, both his parents graduated from the prestigious Qinghua University of China, and have very good jobs. However, because of peacefully appealing for Falun Gong, his mum Chu Tong was secretly sentenced to 18 months. As she exposed her experience of being persecuted, she was searched by the police and had to escape from home. Huhu then had to follow her parents to escape from one place to another to avoid being arrested. Facing such high pressure and unstable life, they were forced to leave Huhu with a friend. Huhu said with great expectation, "Mum, when there is no bad person in this world, you come to pick me up and we go home."

In August 2002, Chutong and Yuchao couple was again abducted in Beijing. They were over detained for 16 months and suffered all kinds of tortures. On Jan 9, 2004, Beijing City Chaoyang District Court secretly sentenced the couple along with another Ph.D candidate of Qinghua University, Wang Weiyu. Huhu's mother was sentenced to 11 years, Yuchao was sentenced to 9 years.



# How our Children are suffering in China



## Five-year-old Xuanxuan has been escaping for three years

Xuanxuan hasn't seen her dad for three years. Since she was two years old, she has been leading a life of escaping from one place to another together with her family members. In February 2004, three of her family members whom she was with all the time were arrested. Five-year-old Xuanxuna silently sat for a whole night alone. Xuanxuan's uncle, Canadian resident Xu Qiang said, it was so hard to imagine how such a little child was able to suffer as such.

Xuanxuan's dad Lin Yanqing has been arrested many times. Seven of his fingers were tortured disabled. Her mum Xu Lei, grandmother, grandfather all have to escape from home to avoid being arrested.



## Four-year-old Fadu Dai, a Chinese-Australian, has traveled to 37 countries with her mother, Jane Dai, to tell people about her father's death

Fadu's father, Chengyong Chen, was a Falun Gong practitioner who was tortured to death in 2001. His partially decomposed body was discovered in an abandoned shed in Guanzhou, China. He had been missing for several months. Little Fadu had escaped persecution with her mother by going to Australia where Ms. Dai had obtained citizenship.

When Chengyong's sister went to identify his remains, the police arrested her for being a Falun Gong practitioner. She was sentenced to a labor camp for two years. Their father, apparently traumatized, passed away shortly afterward.

Little Fadu now travels the world with her mother to tell people her story, as there are many families in China in similar situations so they also would like to speak out for them.



## Kaishin, where are you?

Three-year-old Kaishin lost her mum before she was two, and her father till now is still detained in Huadu Detention Centre of Guangzhou City. After her mum was tortured to death, her grandmother took her from their hometown to Guangzhou to attend her mum's funeral affairs, but was driven away by the local government. The old and the young had to wander around the streets for several months, and later their whereabouts is unknown.



## How you can help?

- Tell the story to your family and friends;
- Write to government;
- Sign the petition

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