

## Pastor Yang Rongli (f)

**Adoption Status:** Not Adopted

**Country:** China

**Occupation:** Christian Pastor in Linfen, Shaanxi province. She and her husband, Wang Xioguang, were the leaders of the Jindengtai (Golden Lampstand) Church.

**Detained Since:** September 25, 2009

**Charges:** “Illegal occupation of farmland” and “gathering a mob to create a traffic disturbance.”

**Sentence:** Seven years in prison and 30,000 yuan fine (\$4,755).

**Additional:** In 1998, Yang and her husband became the Jindengtai Church’s full-time clergy and in the following two decades, the church grew to 50,000 members. On September 13, 2009 at 3 a.m., the local Fushan county government dispatched more than 400 police officers and plainclothes police, led by government officials, to the meeting site of the Fushan Christians and the Gospel Shoe Factory, where they brutally beat Christians staying in a dormitory. More than 100 people were seriously injured. On September 23, armed police surrounded the main Jindengtai church building, and on September 25, Yang and six other church leaders were arrested while traveling to the provincial capital of Taiyuan to petition the government. On November 25, the Yaodu District Court convicted Yang and her husband of “illegal occupation of farmland” and “gathering a mob to create a traffic disturbance.” Yang was sentenced to a seven-year prison term and fined 30,000 yuan (US\$4,755); her husband was sentenced to a three-year term and fined 10,000 yuan (US\$1,585). Yang is currently suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, and hepatitis, and despite her ailments, she has been denied medical assistance.



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