

## Wang Zhiwen (m)

**Adoption Status:** Not Adopted

**Country:** China

**Occupation:** Former Peoples Republic of China Ministry of Railways engineer and Falun Gong practitioner.

**Detained Since:** July 20, 1999

**Charges:** “Organizing and using a heretical organization to undermine implementation of the law,” “organizing and using a heretical organization to cause death,” and “illegally obtaining state secrets.”

**Sentence:** Currently under house arrest after serving 16 years in prison with four years deprivation of political rights.

**Additional:** Wang was seized from bed on July 20, 1999 for his involvement and leadership in Falun Gong. The Falun Gong movement was banned two days after Wang’s arrest, and those who continue to practice are now considered to be dissidents of the state.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, Wang was released from prison after serving 5,475 days in jail. While incarcerated, Wang developed diabetes and high blood pressure, and suffered from a stroke immediately prior to his release. Upon Wang’s release from prison, he was immediately sent to what his family describes as a “brainwashing center” for 10 days, and on the 24th of October he was released to house arrest. Wang Zhiwen’s family is still pursuing his release from in-home detention, so that he is allowed to leave the country.



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