

JUSTICE AND PEACE LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS

GREETINGS CARD CAMPAIGN WINTER 2023

At this time of year we remember some of the many people being persecuted today, by sending them a greetings card. Action by Christians against Torture (ACATUK) selects a few cases of individuals, groups and communities who are experiencing human rights abuses.

It is now **26 years** since this parish started sending greetings cards to the persecuted!

Thank-you for this invaluable support which is deeply appreciated.

Please do follow the guidelines carefully **and please check the postage.**

POSTAGE RATES (correct at the time of going to print)

Weight up to and including ...	Europe	Rest of the world
100g	£2.20	£2.20

Simple messages of goodwill are enough. Please never include political comments

When a non-religious card is advised, please avoid referring to religion in your message.

(For example, rather than writing 'you are in our prayers', write 'you are in our thoughts')

Please put your name and address (including country) on your card (or your name and just your town)

Please let the office know if you would prefer to have the complete set of ACAT details.

We start with prisoners in China who featured last year.

CHINA

Freelance journalist **Zhang Zhan**, a well-known activist for human rights in China, was detained in May 2020 as a reprisal for her coverage of the Covid-19 pandemic from February 2020. She reported on the detention of other independent journalists in Wuhan and the harassment of families of victims seeking accountability. Her licence to practise as a lawyer has been revoked. There is very grave concern about her well-being as China is known for the human rights defenders who have either died in prison or shortly after their release.

Please send a non-religious greeting (do not mention ACAT) to:

Ms Zhang Zhan
Songjiang Women's Prison
No.1601, Zhang Jing Road
Sijing Town
Songjiang District
Shanghai, China

In 2017 sisters **Ju Dianghong** and **Liang Qin** were sentenced to jail terms of 13 and 10 years respectively for their Christian activities. Christians in China's southern Yunnan province face long prison sentences as Chinese authorities try to eradicate their religion under the guise of cracking down on 'evil cults'. In 2016 over 200 Christians across the province were arrested, with 40 still detained in 2018. Their lawyers came under review just for defending them. Christian prisoners often suffer torture, beatings, and even death at the hands of prison officials. Others leave their cells in extremely poor physical and mental health from subjection to inhumane practices and medical neglect.

Please send a non-religious card/greeting to the women at the following address, reminding them that they are not forgotten. Do not mention ACAT.

Liang Qin Ju Dianghong
No. 1 Prison for Women of Yunnan Province,
Kunyang Town, Jinning District,
Kunming City, Yunnan Province,
China 650600