

As China Rounds up Christian Leaders, Jailed Pastor's Family Launches US Christmas Campaign

Christians in China are committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the country. As the Good News spreads via underground house churches, many pastors and leaders are coming under attack. Recently, a group of pastors was jailed for expressing their faith in Jesus Christ.

This crackdown includes Pastor Ezra Jin, leader of Zion Church, who was arrested in October. Here in America, Jin's wife and daughter are seeking help from the United States to secure his release and that of other Christians.

Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri founded the Zion Church network, one of China's largest independent Protestant house churches. Its remarkable growth caught the attention of the Chinese Communist Party, leading to a crackdown on the church and Pastor Ezra Jin's arrest.

Jin's daughter, Grace Jin Drexel, describes how her father was detained. "Thirty different police officers, many of them in plain clothes, came rushing into the house. They handcuffed my dad and dragged him out," she says.

For Jin's wife, Anna Liu, the arrest is disheartening. "It's still hard because, you know, China opened the door for Western society and then grew their economy. So I thought we weren't going to be put in jail because of our Christianity or

our faith.”

Jin and 17 other pastors are charged with illegally using information networks, which could lead to three years in prison.

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