

Chinese Officials Arrest 18 Adults, 10 Children During Worship Service

Chinese police arrested 28 people, 10 of them children, after they raided a worship service Sunday at Early Rain Covenant Church (ERCC) in Chengdu.

Details about the incident were shared on a Facebook prayer page for the church.

“On the morning of Aug. 22, 2021, during Sunday worship at Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, police illegally raided the Tashui Small Group as they were meeting offline in Chenghua District. The police claimed to have received a call reporting an illegal gathering there,” the post reads.

“Pastoral intern Dai Zhichao asked the police to present a search warrant. The police were rough and wanted to check people’s ID cards. Dai Zhichao’s arm was scratched and his cell phone was taken away.”

Oddly, police allowed the worshippers to eat lunch before they were forced to accompany the authorities.

Following the attack, police notified brother He Shan’s family that he had been placed in administrative detention for 14 days and was fined 1,000 RMB (\$154).

Dai’s wife was also informed that officers were holding him in detention for 14 days.

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