

Prayer Vigil at D.C. Chinese Embassy Shines Light on Gendercide

Was Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Washington a concern or a cause for celebration? China expert Steven W. Mosher, the first American social scientist allowed into China in 1979, remains concerned.

Mosher points to China's abominable human rights record, repressive government regime and unfair economic policies as reasons for outrage at the recent state visit.

"As Hu Jintao is feted by President Obama, China continues to persecute Christians, lock up dissidents, and brutally enforce the one-child policy," says Mosher. "I was recently in China, gathering evidence of human rights abuses in China's infamous population control program."

While some are going political, others are turning to prayer.

All Girls Allowed, a new organization devoted to mothers' and girls' rights in China, will pray with at the Chinese Embassy on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Led by Nobel Prize nominee and former top Tiananmen Square student leader Chai Ling, the group will call out to God concerning the millions of babies aborted, killed and abandoned as a result of the One-Child Policy in China.

"Many great leaders are here in D.C. today focusing on rights: either to live or to choose. In China, neither right is given," says Ling. "Let's pray for the 35,000 babies a day in China who are not allowed to live, and for their parents, whose choices are unthinkably difficult in the midst of great pressure."

Meanwhile, there's no word on the Rev. Patrick Mahoney, who was arrested in front of the White House last week. Mahoney was calling upon President Obama to "publicly, passionately and boldly speak out against the human and religious rights abuses by the Chinese government against their own people" when Jintao visited the White House.