

Falun Dafa's Journey Through Arizona

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*Spreading the joy
and wonder of
Falun Dafa to
Arizona residents
through
informational
classes, special
events and more.*



*Exposing the truth
behind the
persecution to
Arizona residents.*

**Over 900 Dafa
practitioners
tortured to
death in China.**

**Over 100,000
practitioners still
in labor camps.**

Sterling Campbell Arrives in Phoenix with David Bowie Tour

On February 5, 2004, David Bowie's concert tour arrived in Phoenix. Falun Gong practitioners from the cities of Tucson and Phoenix took the opportunity to tell people about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

David Bowie, a famous British rock 'n' roll star, is giving a concert tour around the world. His drummer, Sterling Campbell, who has worked with other famous bands, has been a Falun Gong practitioner for six years. Sterling and about sixty other western Falun Gong practitioners gathered at Tiananmen Square and unfolded a banner saying "Falun Dafa Is Great" in the year of 2001. He participated in an interview with various media sources in order to highlight his experience of being arrested in China for supporting Falun Gong. David Bowie, a supporter of Amnesty International himself, has been very supportive of Sterling's efforts.



Sterling Campbell

Every time David Bowie holds a concert, Sterling arranges a booth for Friends of Falun Gong at the entrance of the concert. The Friends of Falun Gong organization specializes in Human Rights violations against practitioners of Falun Dafa. This is a non-profit group which puts a great deal of effort into exposing the truth behind the persecution.



Friends of Falun Gong Organization
www.fofg.org

Local Falun Gong practitioners took this opportunity to tell music fans about the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China and the detention of US citizen Dr. Charles Lee. Charles Lee went to China in March, but was arrested immediately upon arrival in China. He was sentenced to 3 years in a Chinese jail. In June, a letter written by Charles revealed that since the first moments of his arrest he has been beaten, force-fed and tortured. Charles went to China to expose the horrible human rights violations suffered by Falun Gong practitioners in China.

He is currently the victim of those same violations.

Some people joined the Friends of Falun Gong group and expressed great sympathy. Some stopped by to ask for more details. They were shocked by the situation in China and Charles' experience. Many music fans were curious about the Chinese words "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance" written on Sterling's drum. They were eager to find out the story behind these words.

Learn more about the detention and torture of US Citizen Dr. Charles Lee. Why was he arrested for the "intention" of sabotage?

Visit :

www.rescuecharles.org

The Story behind the Three Chinese Words on Sterling's Drum



Chinese characters for Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance written on Sterling Campbell's drums.

Six years ago, American professional drummer Sterling Campbell was at the bottom of his life. After playing concerts, he indulged himself in the night life of New York and could not extricate himself from tobacco and alcohol and other habits.

One day, he happened to pass a park in New York where he saw a group of people practicing a very gentle exercise. He was fascinated and couldn't help joining them. A Falun Gong practitioner gave him a Falun Gong book to read.

touching by "Zhuan Falun," the guiding book of Falun Gong, written by its founder Mr. Li Hongzhi. He said he couldn't say enough about how "Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance" in the book has helped him give up smoking and drinking. Falun Gong had not only given him excellent health, but also brought him a big spiritual change. He said he became a happier person. He identified with "Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance" so much that he wrote these three words in Chinese on his drum to show his audience during his concerts.

Sterling said he was deeply

Falun Gong, written by its founder

"Truthfulness

Compassion

Forbearance"

**These are the main
principles of Falun
Dafa as explained in
"Zhuan Falun"**

www.falundafa.org

Teaching Symposium in Cochise County, Arizona

On January 30, 2004, a teaching symposium in Cochise County, "Teaching with Inspiration, Encouragement and Creation," was held at Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Local Falun Gong practitioners set up a booth to introduce Falun Gong.



Falun Dafa Booth



An Interested Patron Stops For Info.

Falun Gong practitioners were given a booth at a hallway intersection near the meeting room as soon as they arrived in the morning. It was a great spot as many of the attendants had to pass right in front of the booth between symposium sessions.

During symposium breaks practitioners distributed information about the persecution and talked to people about the horrific situation in China. A presenter at the symposium looked around the booths around her after her presentation only to find them empty. Someone told her to check out the Falun Gong booth, because that's where most of the remaining people had gone.



Teacher Signing a Human Rights Petition

Many teachers accepted the information materials with appreciation. Some said they would use these materials to tell their students about Falun Dafa and about the persecution. Some said they had heard about the persecution before and had already told their students about it.

Native American Cultural Forum; Falun Dafa Receives Warm Welcome

By an Arizona Falun Dafa Practitioner

In the Navajo territories of northern Arizona, there is an Indian reserve where Native Americans have lived for generations. The area is home to both the Navajo and the Hopi tribes. Each has its own language and has unique traditions. As the most ancient nations on this remote and vast expanse of the Colorado Plateau, they have preserved their respect for nature and their individual traditions.

The No. 12 Indian Language and Cultural Forum was recently held at Tuba City Navajo Reserve. A Native American Falun Dafa practitioner was one of the organizers of the forum. He arranged for Falun Dafa practitioners from Phoenix to participate in the activities on September 24.

Recalling a few years ago when I first read of Hopi prophesy on the Internet, I did not know I would move close to where the prophesy originated. In the last few years fellow practitioners and I went deep inside the reservation many times to introduce Falun Dafa to the people there.

One time we demonstrated the five sets of exercises in the Hopi Health Centre, but the event failed to attract the locals. We also visited a Hopi village and talked to the elder, said to be the only person able to decode the prophecy. His family welcomed us. I still remember when I sent forth righteous thoughts together with fellow practitioners near the rock on which the prophecy was engraved.

Many prophecies
seem to “predict” the
journey of Falun
Dafa in our world.
[www.clearwisdom.
ca/eng/
weekly_category/
prophecies.html](http://www.clearwisdom.ca/eng/weekly_category/prophecies.html)

I thought in my heart, once upon a time it was full of life here. However, at present it is baked by the scorching sun and it becomes drier and drier every year. Then how could I bring Falun Dafa to the kind-hearted local people so that they could have a wonderful future?

However, I believe that many of these people have predestined relationships to obtain the Fa [law and principles]. A Navajo named Hali contacted us after finding Falun Dafa on the Internet. With his help we were invited to give three lectures at this year's forum.

About 150 people participated. The audience quietly listened to our presentation on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, the persecution in China, and learned the five sets of exercises.

The materials we had taken along were all gladly accepted. The participants left inscriptions praising the lectures by Falun Dafa practitioners. Teachers from the local schools were also fascinated by the exercises. They copied the contact number in the hope that one day we would go to their schools to teach the exercises.

We all knew that this was just the beginning, yet it was a good start. We hope that Falun Dafa will become more deeply rooted here so that more Navajo, Hopi, and other peoples may one day join the ranks of cultivators.

A Visit to a Sierra Vista Church



Presentation About Falun Dafa

On July 13, 2003, a Christian church in Sierra Vista, Arizona invited local Falun Gong practitioners to give a presentation on the truth about Falun Gong. The movie "A Peaceful Journey" was shown. It introduces the rapid spread of Falun Gong in China and Jiang regime's persecution of Falun Gong. The audience was deeply touched.

After the movie practitioners compared their physical condition before and after cultivation

to illustrate Falun Gong's miraculous effects on health. The practitioners also demonstrated the Falun Gong exercises. The atmosphere was harmonious and peaceful. The practitioners also answered many questions raised by the audience. Many people accepted more detailed information including "Witness to History," and "Briefing." Many people showed great interest in Falun Gong exercises and some people wanted to have a group practice lesson in the church.



Church Goers Watch a Movie About Dafa

**A cultivator is one
who upgrades his or
her moral character
or heart nature to
the principles of;
"Truthfulness
Compassion
Forbearance"**

A Visit to a Korean Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2003 Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson Arizona invited local Falun Gong practitioners to hold an introductory lecture about Falun Gong. The practitioners played a video program "The peaceful journey of Falun Gong" and briefly introduced the situation of how Falun Gong spread in China and the Jiang Regime's brutal persecution. The audience was shocked to learn the facts.



The practitioners used their own experiences to introduce the excellent healing effects of Falun Gong. The audience was then taught the 4 simple Qigong exercises of Falun Dafa and the seated meditation to energize the body. Many people wanted more information about the practice after the presentation.

A Visit to The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Tucson

On January 5, 2003, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tucson invited local Falun Gong practitioners to conduct a seminar about Falun Gong. About twenty people came to attend the seminar. During the seminar, practitioners showed excerpts from the video programs "*The Falun Gong Real Story*" and "*The Peaceful Journey*", which introduced the rapid spread of Falun Gong and the current persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.



Practitioners then used their own cultivation experiences to explain the amazing effects of Falun Gong in improving people's physical health. They also demonstrated the exercises and answered questions. The attendees followed the practitioners' movements to learn the exercises. Many asked for Falun Gong introductory materials. The Falun Gong introductory book *China Falun Gong* was also popular. Most of the people had little or no knowledge about Falun Gong before the seminar, and were very moved by the information. Some even asked to start group practice at the Church.



The Falun Dafa exercises include 4 QiGong exercises and a seated meditation to energize the body.

All exercises demonstrations are free of charge and can even be viewed online.

www.falundafa.org

For more information about;

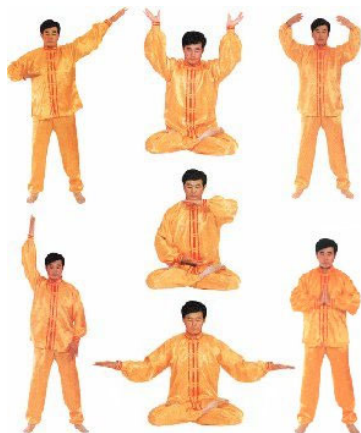
Practicing Falun Dafa
www.falundafa.org

Human Rights Violations
www.faluninfo.net
www.fofg.org
www.amnesty.org

OR

you can call;

Nick Janicki
Mary Jo Ard (520) 465-3757



QiGong Exercises and
Meditation of Falun Dafa



Falun Dafa: An Overview

Falun Dafa is a practice that has brought better health and inner peace to millions around the world. We call it a cultivation practice: "cultivation" refers to the improvement of one's heart and mind through the careful study of universal principles based on truthfulness, benevolence, and forbearance; "practice" means doing exercises and meditation to energize the body.

Learning Falun Dafa is easy. The practice is simple, powerful, and absolutely free. The main principles of Falun Dafa are explained in their entirety in the book *Zhuan Falun*, and in the beginner's text, *Falun Gong*, both written by Falun Dafa's founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi. Also essential to the practice are the five gentle exercises, including a seated meditation, which you can learn quickly and easily at any of the thousands of practice locations around the world.

Why Was Falun Dafa Banned in China?

By 1999, tens of millions of people were practicing Falun Dafa in China. Now, there are more than 100 million people in 50 countries throughout the world practicing. Unfortunately the Chinese government, run by the Communist Party, is officially atheist, so anything of a spiritual nature is discouraged and often outlawed because it is not in keeping with Communist ideology. For us in nations with democratically elected governments, freedom of belief is considered to be one of the most basic universal rights, but in China, such fundamental human rights are rarely protected.

Millions of Falun Dafa books and tapes have been publicly burned and destroyed. Access to all Internet websites regarding Falun Dafa have been blocked or jammed in China, and those who send out accounts of the beatings and abuse they experience while in detention have been arrested and jailed for "leaking state secrets." Practitioners are denied legal representation and have received sentences up to 18 years in prison in show trials. Thousands of others are sent to forced labor camps with no trial at all. Even worse, many Falun Dafa practitioners are being committed to psychiatric wards and forcibly medicated with powerful psychotropic drugs causing serious harm to their bodies. This is a tactic used in the Soviet Union under Stalin as a way to make the public think that the victims are mentally insane and therefore they deserve to be locked up.

To date, there are more than **900** documented cases of otherwise healthy practitioners being beaten and tortured to death while in detention.



Falun Dafa Information Center
NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT FALUN GONG AROUND THE WORLD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa is a system of mind and body improvement which has historical roots in ancient Chinese culture; it's teaching have helped over 100 million people improve their health, elevate their mind, uplift their spirit, and deepen their understanding of life, humanity, and the universe; and

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa practitioners practice the principle of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance and incorporate it into their daily lives, striving to become better people in all environments and situations. In addition, they cultivate their bodies by practicing smooth and tranquil exercises that can improve their overall physical health; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa is to be commended and publicly recognized for this commitment to promoting better health and moral living throughout the world, and

WHEREAS: transcending cultural and racial boundaries, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of countless people in more than 53 countries, including many people in United States, of different ages, professions, and racial backgrounds. All Falun Dafa activities, including classes and practices are offered by volunteers and are open to public free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marco A. Lopez Jr., Mayor of the City of Nogales, Arizona do hereby proclaim February 2003 as:

"FALUN DAFU MONTH HONORING TRUTHFULNESS-COMPASSION-FORBEARANCE"

in the City of Nogales, Arizona and encourage all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the Great Seal of the City of Nogales, County of Santa Cruz Arizona.

Done at City Hall in Nogales, Arizona on this 14th day of February in the year Two Thousand Three.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marco A. Lopez Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Marco A. Lopez Jr., Mayor" is printed.

Marco A. Lopez Jr., Mayor

Mayor Marco A. Lopez Jr. proclaims February 2003;

"FALUN DAFU MONTH HONORING TRUTHFULNESS-COMPASSION-FORBEARANCE"

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County Manager

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is an advanced program of exercises and meditation practice system that improves energy circulation in the body and emphasizes the cultivation of one's moral character through following the universe's benevolent characteristic of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; and

WHEREAS, after being a private practice for thousands of years it was introduced to the public by Mr. Li Hongzhi in 1992 and since that time it has been practiced by more than 100 million people in more than 60 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has helped people worldwide improve their health, calm their minds, uplift their spirits, and deepen their understanding of life and humanity;

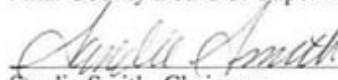
WHEREAS, since its introduction to the United States in 1995, practitioners have continued sharing Falun Dafa's gentle exercises and teachings with their fellow residents and in turn, more families are living in peace together, and more communities are embracing virtue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the first annual celebration of Falun Dafa in Arizona, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February of 2003 as

Arizona Falun Dafa Month



Pinal County Board of Supervisors


Sandie Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Clerk of the Board

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2003;

Arizona Falun Dafa Month



City of Phoenix
Office of the Mayor
A Proclamation

FALUN DAFA DAY

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is self-improvement Qi Gong practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture; and

WHEREAS, at the core of Falun Dafa are the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; and

WHEREAS, practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live by these principles, at every moment, under every circumstance, always improving their moral nature; and

WHEREAS, in just eight years over 100 million people in 40 countries have come to practice Falun Dafa; and

WHEREAS, this year, 30 professors and government officials around the world nominated Mr. Li Hongzhi, founder of Falun Dafa, for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his teachings.

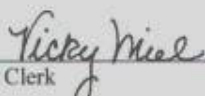
NOW, THEREFORE, I, SKIP RIMSZA, MAYOR of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, do hereby proclaim December 30, 2000 as FALUN DAFA DAY in Phoenix.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Phoenix, on the twentieth day of December, two thousand; and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Phoenix to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Mayor Skip Rimsza proclaims December 30 2000 to be;

Proclaimed FALUN DAFA Day in Phoenix, Arizona

Board of Supervisors

Pima County, Arizona



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is a self-improvement Qi Gong practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture; and

WHEREAS, at the core of Falun Dafa are the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; and

WHEREAS, practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live by these principles, at every moment, under every circumstance, always improving their moral nature; and

WHEREAS, in just eight years, over 100 million people in forty countries have come to practice Falun Dafa; and

WHEREAS, this year, 30 professors and government officials around the world nominated Mr. Li Hongzhi, founder of Falun Dafa, for the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his teachings and their power to transform,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims December 11 through December 17, 2000, to be

"Falun Dafa Week"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2000.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Bronson".

Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

**The Pima County Board of Supervisors Proclaims December 11-
December 17, 2000;**

"Falun Dafa Week"

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is a self improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture. First introduced to the general public in 1992, Mr. Li Hongzhi, founder created a practice that promotes better health and moral living through four gentle exercises and a meditation; and

WHEREAS, at the core of the Falun Dafa are the principles of the universe --Zhen, Shan, Ren, which means Truthfulness Compassion, and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is designed to help people improve their physical condition, cleanse their mind, uplift their moral standards and rid themselves of bad habits; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is practiced by more than 100 million people and in over 40 countries; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has helped to preserve human traditions such as honesty, courtesy, loyalty and unselfishness; and

WHEREAS, this year alone, some 30 elite professors and government officials around the world have nominated Mr. Li Hongzhi for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his teachings; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has first come to Arizona in 1998. Since then, local practitioners have volunteered to give many free public seminars in community centers, bookstores, public libraries and parks throughout Arizona.

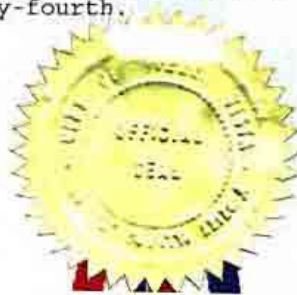
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Thomas J. Hessler, Mayor of Sierra Vista, Arizona do hereby proclaim the week of December 9, 2000 to be

FALUN DAFU DAY

in the City of Sierra Vista and encourage all of our citizens to support the righteousness and justice that Falun Dafa represents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Sierra Vista to be affixed this ninth day of December, the Year of Our Lord two thousand and the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred twenty-fourth.


THOMAS J. HESSLER
Mayor



Mayor Thomas J. Hessler proclaims December 9, 2000;

Falun Dafa Day

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is a self-improvement Qi Gong technique rooted in ancient Chinese culture, now practiced by more than 100 million people in over 40 countries; and
- WHEREAS, at the core of Falun Dafa are the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance; and
- WHEREAS, practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live by these principles, at every moment, under every circumstance, always improving their well-being; and
- WHEREAS, this year, 30 professors and government officials around the world nominated Mr. Li Hongzhi, founder of Falun Dafa, for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his teachings and their peaceful practice around the world; and
- WHEREAS, since the arrival of Falun Dafa in Arizona in 1998, local practitioners have encourage personal exploration and cultural diversity awareness through free public seminars in community centers, bookstores, public libraries and parks throughout Arizona,

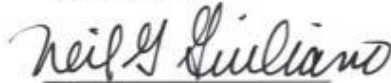
NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL G. GIULIANO, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

Monday, January 1, 2000

as

**Falun Dafa Day
in Tempe, Arizona**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand
this 20th day of December,
Two Thousand.


Mayor



City of Tempe

Mayor Neil G. Giuliano proclaims Monday, January 1, 2000;

Falun Dafa Day in Tempe, Arizona