

Today's Martyrs

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Weekly Report – 2021-01-31 through 2021-02-06



China

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (aged 55, husband of Wang Fengrui, met with police on [November 16, 2013](#) at his registered church in [Nanle County, Henan](#), tied up without a warrant, church and family members gathered to protest his illegal detention but were beaten, parents hospitalized with hypertension, two sisters detained; convicted on [July 4, 2014](#), sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment and fined US\$16,113; health in a [Xinxiang, Henan province](#) prison in decline as of [July 7, 2017](#), described as a "bag of bones" and as having dark discolorations under his eyes, when asked if he had been beaten replied "Do you need to be beaten to become like this?"; as of [December 13, 2019](#) has been forced to take unknown medications in prison, family reported symptoms of mental disintegration during their last visit; **UPDATE**: transferred to a prison in Zhengzhou city, Henan province for 'concentrated education')

Date: [January 8, 2021](#)

Location: [Xinxiang, Henan province](#)

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/01/family-concerned-imprisoned-seven-years.html>

Bishop Vincent Guo Xijin (aged 62, demoted on [December 12, 2018](#) to auxiliary bishop as part of a concordant between the Chinese government and the Vatican, will serve under a government sponsored bishop; reported on [June 18, 2019](#) to have written that he was withdrawing his application for official recognition: "The government has already decided to persecute priests who refuse to sign the request [for membership in the government church]. If I am unable to protect them, it is not worth my time to be recognized as an auxiliary bishop. I am willing to face persecution together with other priests"; forced into an automobile by police on [November 12, 2019](#) in an effort to bring him to a meeting of "independent" clergy, instead taken to the residence of the official bishop in Ningde and held in custody; **UPDATE**: announced his resignation as bishop)

Date: [October 4, 2020](#)

Location: [Luojiang, Fujian province](#)

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/10/xijin-guo-former-underground-catholic.html>

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