

# Eddie Wang Mission Report

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Dear beloved Friends:

So many things happened since the end of the year 2019.



We have faced the most dangerous virus of modern times, and yet when the whole world is doing everything they can to fight COVID-19, we have experienced a great persecution in the church history in China. This has never happened before in human history. Due to social distancing, the Chinese

government now has a great excuse to cease all church services in the name of safety. The government forced all Chinese people to quarantine themselves at home and stop all gathering whatsoever. In the past, even in the horrible Cultural Revolution time, Christian people were still gathering together secretly. However, now for the first time in human history, believers willingly follow the government to stop, and they cease gathering together. What a sorrowful time of Church history...

**Demolition of Crosses:** Even though destroying crosses from churches in China is not a new method of persecution, the Chinese government, for the first time, now uses the reason that the crosses were higher than the national flag to



remove crosses. COVID-19 has caused a great pandemic globally, but this did not slow down the plan to destroy

Christianity inside of China. In the eastern provinces of China, many churches, including government churches, faced the demolition of their crosses. "A member of a church in the city's Dongshan district told *Bitter Winter* that a local official threatened to close down the church if the cross was not removed because 'it was higher than the national flag'" ("Crosses Removed from Numerous State-run Protestant Churches," *Bitter Winter*, Apr. 11, 2020).

**Blocking All Religious Programs:** China has hired thousands of thousands of internet policemen or an internet army to monitor all online activities. Many Christians have been warned and even forced to cease the "We Chat" accounts due to religious conversations. *Bitter Winter*, a human rights magazine reported, "Churches and their members are prohibited from saying anything negative about the government or spreading information about the pandemic that isn't government approved. 'The Public Security Bureau has information on all members of every "We Chat" group, and network inspections are carried out,

especially strictly during the pandemic,' a Three-Self pastor from Shandong told *Bitter Winter*. Persecution has worsened during the pandemic.



'Encouraged by the government, many factories and public venues have been reopened, but religious venues are still barred,' a Three Self believer from Henan province said. 'Religious meetings are forbidden, and all channels of religious communication are blocked.'" (*Bitter Winter*, Apr. 7, 2020).

**New Version of Chinese Bible:** The Chinese government is working on creating a new version of the Chinese Bible in the Communist view. *Bitter Winter* reported, "At the beginning of 2018, as part of the Sinicization of Religion policy, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) extended the revised version of the Bible to reflect the core values of socialism." (*Bitter Winter*, Apr. 10, 2020) Thus, the officials went to different churches to confiscate all religious books and print copies which were not approved by the Chinese government.

**Persecutions in China:** The decision to stop all public gatherings during the spread of the deadly virus was understandable, but

in China, the epidemic was used to suppress religious people and ban religious places of worship. Because the house church did



not accept the CCP's control, it was regarded by the CCP as an "unstable factor" threatening its regime, and the church was subjected to long-term persecution by the CCP. From the end of October last year to January 2020, more than a dozen house church meeting points were banned in Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province alone. Among them, a meeting place in Jianggan District was banned on January 5 this year. Local government officials said that they were completely implementing the order of the central government to ban the house church. A believer of the church disclosed that government personnel installed cameras to monitor the church, and it is strictly forbidden for believers to resume gatherings. The meeting place had been harassed by the government more than ten times earlier. In addition, there are incidents like beatings, sleep and food deprivations, brainwashing... The CCP brutally forced Christians to give up their faith. Please continue praying for our suffering brothers. To contact my wife and me personally, please email me at [eddiawang1936@gmail.com](mailto:eddiawang1936@gmail.com) or write to **227 Terrell Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571**. God bless.

In Christ's Royal Service,

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