

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CAMPAIGN 2018 Sheet 1

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Gong Shengliang China. He is a Christian Pastor. He founded and led a Protestant evangelical community which has grown in China. He was arrested in 2001 and was sentenced on a confession obtained under torture. Severely treated in prison and can no longer swallow or speak and is denied medical treatment.

Please send a simple non-religious greeting to: Gong Shengliang. Prison Hongshan. Province de Hubei Wuhan 430223. People's Republic of China

Nazadin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Iran. She is a charity worker married to a UK national and she has dual UK-Iranian citizenship. She was detained in Iran whilst visiting her family with her 2 year old daughter. She has been charged with spying. Appeals have focused on the UK government to help gain her release.

Please send a message or greetings card, even though she might not be allowed to receive it: Nazadin Zaghari-Ratcliffe. Evin Prison. District 2. Behesht St. Tehran. Iran

Mussie Eyob, Eritrea became a Christian in 2011 and was arrested for proselytising (a capital offence in Saudia Arabia) was transferred to Eritrea, after HR appeals, and is in Me'eter Prison with about 89 other Christians. This is a very harsh, hard labour camp where every inmate has to work however ill or old, Mussie tries specially to help these Christians.

Please write a non-religious message of hope to him at: Me'eter Prison. Asmara. Eritrea

Nguyen Trung Ton, Vietnam, is an outspoken human rights defender and protestant pastor was arrested in 2011 and released in 2013. In 2017 he was kidnapped at night by state agents, he was stripped, tied up, beaten and seriously injured then abandoned in a remote mountainous region. He was arrested again in 2017 and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. **Please send a message of encouragement and comfort to his family:** Nguyen Thi Lanh Yen co village. Quang Yen Commune. Quang Xuong District. Thanh Hoa Province. Vietnam

Bakhrom Kholmatov, Tajikistan. A member of a Protestant Church was arrested, beaten and insulted then sentenced in July 2017 to three years in prison for "extremism". This is part of a harassment campaign to close down churches. His family have been threatened and ordered to remain silent about the case, the court and his condition in prison. **Please send a non-religious card or greeting to:**

Bakhrom Kholmatov. Tyurma Yavan. Ulitsa Shamsova. 735 Yavan. Khatlon Oblast. Tajikistan.

Mohammed Roghangir Mohammad, Iran, was a local church leader, and like many others was arrested in 2012, for his faith, and sentenced to 6 years imprisonment, his release has been refused. **Please send a non religious message of encouragement to him at:**
Adel Abad Prison. Shahrak-e-Shahid Motahari, Shariz, Iran.

Hadi Asgari and Amin Afshar Naderi, Iran. Both Christians were sentenced in July 2017 to 10 years imprisonment for promoting Christianity; (Amin received an extra 5 years for blasphemy) both went on hunger strike in solitary confinement and were seriously ill. Others arrested have been released after paying up to \$30,000-\$60,000 dollars and many Christians have their assets seized after being pressurised to leave the country.

Please send a non-religious greeting/ card to each of the prisoners: Evin Prison. Saadat Abad. Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran.

Nonhle Mbuthama, South Africa, a member of the Amadiba community in the Eastern Cape is peacefully defending land rights against a mining company, who want to evict 5,000 people from their homes and livelihoods One campaign leader has already been murdered and Nonhle faces death threats and intimidation. You may mention ACAT, if you wish. **Please send a non- religious card of support to her;** c/o Amnesty International South Africa. 97 Oxford Road. Saxonwold 2196. Johannesburg. South Africa.

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Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) The BCHR is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, registered with the Bahraini Ministry of Labour and Social Services since July 2002. Despite an order by the Bahraini authorities in November 2004 to close, the BCHR is still functioning after gaining wide local and international support for its struggle to promote human rights in Bahrain.

Please send a message or non-religious card of support to:

BCHR International office. Dronningensgade 14. 1420 København K. Denmark.

REDRESS was set up in 1992 to help survivors to obtain justice and reparation, to bring perpetrators of torture to court and promote national and international standards which provide effective and enforceable remedies for torture. It was set up by Keith Carmichael, a businessman in the Middle East after he was interned without charge or trial from 1981 until 1984 and detained in solitary confinement. He endured serious physical injuries, including a fractured spine, and psychiatric trauma that will affect him for the rest of his life.

Please send a message or greetings card expressing support to:

Redress. 87 Vauxhall Walk. London SE11 5HU

Postal rates. Air mail: 10 gm.-£1.25. 20 gm.-£1.45.

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Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh, Iran, was arrested at any engagement party along with all other Christians, some coming from other countries. All ,except Naser, were eventually released after intense interrogation, he was sentenced to ten years in the notorious Evin prison. He has been denied treatment for a serious and very painful mouth condition. **Please write a non religious message of encouragement on a card to him:** c/o Release International, PO Box 54, Orpington. BR5 4RT

Mussie Ezaz, Eritrea is a Christian evangelist, most probably imprisoned in Wengel Mermera the very harsh, hot and dungeon like prison in the desert where ill-treatment is usually carried out. **Please send a greeting of hope or non-religious card of encouragement to:** The Family of Mussie Ezaz, c/o Release International, PO Box 54, Orpington, BR5 9RT

Linda Carty, USA has dual US and UK nationality, she was convicted and sentenced to death in February 2002 for the abduction and murder of 25-year-old Joana Rodriguez in order to steal her new-born son. She has been on death row in Texas for 17 years. Reprieve has found that the key witnesses at her original trial lied after being threatened by the prosecution. She is the only British citizen on death row in the US and is dangerously close to execution. **Please send a message or greetings card to her at:** Mountainview Unit. 2305 Ramson Road, Gatesville. Texas 76528, U.S.A

Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel, Eritrea. He was a lecturer who became a full time pastor in the Southwest Full Gospel Church. He was arrested in 2004 – he is one of 28 clergymen in detention because of their religious beliefs and activities. They are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their beliefs. Kiflu's wife and 4 children have never been allowed to visit him. **Please send a non-religious card to:** Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel. Karsheli Prison 2nd Police Station Zone 7 Northern East. Zoba Maakel. Asmara. Eritrea.

Johan Teterissa, Indonesia. He is a teacher is serving a 15-year jail sentence for raising a flag banned by the Indonesian government in a peaceful protest. He and others were very severely and harshly treated. After an unfair trial, the protestors were convicted of "rebellion" and Johan was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. **Please send a non-religious card to:** Johan Teterissa. Lembaga Pemasyarakatan (Lapas). Klas 1 Batu. Nusa Lambangan, Tambakreja. Cilacap Selatan. 53213, Cilacap. Central Java. Indonesia.

Ebrahim Firouzi Iran. A Christian convert from Islam has been in and out of prison since 2011, when due for release he was always rearrested. Mainly for organising evangelistic activities and administering a Christian website. Prisons in Iran are notoriously harsh. He has been refused medical treatment for his mouth and infection has spread to his jaw and he is now unable to eat. **Please send a non-religious card to:** Ebrahim Firouzi. Rajaei-Shahri Prison. Karaj City. Albourz State. Iran.

Pastor Kidane Weldou, Eritrea. He disappeared in 2005 from the Orthodox Church in Asmara, a senior pastor in the Full Gospel Church. Some of those arrested are being held in metal shipping containers. Other members of these Protestant Churches have gone against Government threats and have reported what is happening to the outside world.

Please send a non-religious card to: Kidane Weldou. Karsheli Prison
2nd Police Station Zone 7 Northern East. Zoba Maakel. Asmara. Eritrea

Vitalina Koval, Ukraine, a high profile campaigner and founder of a community centre for LGBT rights. She has been repeatedly threatened and physically attacked. Ukraine has seen a recent surge in far-right violence. **Please send a card to her -you may mention ACAT if you wish.**

c/o Amnesty International Ukraine Office. PO Box 40. 04050. Kyiv. Ukraine

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CARITAS BAKHITA HOUSE in Westminster, is a national centre for the emergency placement of women escaping from trafficking and prostitution with its associated physical and emotional abuses. It assists the most vulnerable and traumatised individuals by providing accommodation, medical help, legal/financial assistance and mentoring. The house is owned by the (RC) Diocese of Westminster and managed by Caritas Westminster.

Please send a message or greetings card expressing support to: Ms Finola Ryan.
Caritas Development Team. Vaughan House. 46 Francis Street. London SW1P 1QN

KHPG assists individuals in the Ukraine whose rights have been infringed. It monitors and investigates human rights violations and also promotes education and legal awareness in the country. It has monitored human rights in the Ukraine since 1995, it has around 50 members and renders free legal aid to more than 200 victims of torture and ill-treatment each year. **Please send a message or greetings card**

expressing support to: KHPG. 27 Ivanova St. Apt. 4, 61002, Kharkiv, Ukraine

B'TSELEM - the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories endeavours to document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories, and help create a human rights culture in Israel. **Please send message or a non-**

religious card of support to: B'Tselem. P.O. Box 53132. Jerusalem 9153002. Israel

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