

Ju Dianhong

Country: China

Charge: 'Leading cult activities'

Arrested: **2016**

Sentence: **13 years (sentenced 2017)**



Arrest and background

Ju Dianhong was arrested in China's southern Yunnan Province following an area-wide crackdown on cult activity. She was falsely accused of leading the "Three Grades of Servants" religious sect for which police claimed she recruited members, did missionary work, and spread news of the apocalypse.

Ju was adamant that she had never heard of this sect. During the trial she pleaded with the court that she only ever participated in orthodox Christian ministry. She said, 'I only believed in and preached about Jesus, never harming anyone or acting contrary to biblical principles.'

In the court's final verdict, authorities labelled her books, such as *Pilgrim's Progress* and *Streams in the Desert*, as 'evil cult' materials and sentenced her to 13 years in prison. She was tried and convicted at the same time as Liang Qin, who was sentenced to 10 years for 'cult activity.'

Ju continues to deny any cult involvement and appealed her case along with Liang Qin. However in 2018 the court upheld its original sentencing.

After her conviction the Chinese authorities did not reveal Ju's prison location. But thanks to the tireless work of Release International's partner ChinaAid this information is now available and we encourage Christians in the UK to write a letter of encouragement to Ju following our *Reach Out* guidance.

There has been no update on Ju Dianhong's situation since February 2021.

Pray:

1. Pray that Ju would continue to trust God and know the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray that she would be treated well in prison and have opportunities to share her faith in Christ.
2. Pray that the authorities would recognise the orthodoxy of her Christian faith and that she has no involvement with cult activities.

3. Pray that Ju would receive many letters of support and know that she has not been forgotten by her Christian family around the world.

Take Action:

You can write a letter of encouragement to Ju Dianhong at her prison address below. Please ensure that you follow our letter writing guidance detailed in *Reach Out*.

Ju Dianhong
No. 1 Prison For Women of Yunnan Province
Kunyang town, Jinning district, Kunming city
Yunnan Province, China
Zip code: 650600

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