



China: Churches Targeted

Churches Closed, Leaders Threatened

On Aug. 5 and 6, the Chinese government shut down three house churches in Wuhan, Hubei; Sanmenxia, Henan; and Changsha, Hunan, according to China Aid Association. The churches all belonged to the China Gospel Fellowship, one of the largest networks in China, with an estimated 5–7 million members.

The churches were closed after church leaders received invitations to attend the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, a 10-day conference to be held next month in Cape Town, South Africa. According to China Aid, the Chinese Public Security Bureau obtained a list of 200 Chinese invitees and threatened some of them not to attend the conference.

The Voice of the Martyrs has stood by and supported Christians in China for more than 30 years. VOM encourages you to pray that these church leaders and members will continue to meet with one another for worship. Praise God for the way he continues to grow the church in China despite government restrictions.

