



# Chinese Government Offers a \$1,500 Bounty to Informants Who Identify Leaders of Christian House Churches

The Guangzhou Department of Ethnic and Religious Affairs is offering \$1,500, equal to an average two-month's income, to neighbors who turn in leaders of illegal house churches. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is going after Muslims and Christians with great zeal, views religion as a threat from foreign countries to infiltrate and undermine the government's power. [He is wrong about foreign powers but right in that religion does, in fact, undermine government power, because it allows people to turn to spiritual leaders and to each other for guidance and help. Totalitarian governments cannot allow that to happen.] -GEG

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