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LETTER OF APPEAL

Re: Appealing for the freedom of Pastor Nguyen Thi Hong

To:

- All international religious and human rights organizations for Vietnam
- All international organizations that have diplomatic relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Pastor Nguyen Thi Hong was arrested on November 2, 2007 and is currently being detained at Chi Hoa prison in Saigon, Vietnam. She has not been allowed any visit from family for the last 7 months.

The Vietnamese security police arrested and detained a pastor that simply serves God and her people. Pastor Nguyen Thi Hong was accused of fraud charge and was part of the smear campaign by the Vietnamese Authority to smother public opinion, but in fact her only crime was serving the Church and her works for the social injustice. Pastor Hong used to work as a civil engineer and after being bankrupted during the time of economic changes - perhaps more or less a victim of such time, she found faith in God and has since being one of his most devoted servant.

Proverb 31:8 from the Bible wrote, *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute"*.

We are calling on all of you to do whatever you can to save this pitiful Pastor who is currently being imprisoned under the most harsh prison system in the Communist Vietnam.

May God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



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