

Week 5: Pray for Fu Xuanjuan (China)



Fu Xuanjuan (46) is executive director of Shenzhen Tree of Life Technology Development Company, which sells audio Bible players – small digital devices that store and play sermons and hymns as well as Bibles. The players are convenient, simple to operate and have become very popular in China, especially among older Christians. Chinese Communist Party authorities regard manufacturing and selling Bible players as “illegal business operations” and Fu is serving a six-year prison sentence, with an expected release date of July 2026.

Fu Xuanjuan is originally from the port city of Beihai in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region but lives in Shenzhen in neighbouring Guangdong province with her husband Deng Tianyong (53) and their daughter. In July 2020 police seized Fu, Deng (who also works for the company) and two colleagues on suspicion of “illegal business operations” for selling audio Bible players. They were placed in criminal detention and the

following month they were officially arrested and charged with “illegal business operations”. CCP officials threatened the four Christians and their families and lawyers not to disclose the case status.

The Christians' trial took place during November and December 2020 and they were found guilty. In July 2021 Fu was sentenced to six years in prison and a fine of 200,000 yuan (approximately €26,000), while her husband and their colleagues received lighter sentences and have since been released. The court confiscated all six models of the Bible players and six computers.

Fu lost her appeal in December 2021 – the appeal court verdict read: *“After investigation, based on the testimonies of the appellant and the defendants of the First Instance, along with evidence such as the witnesses' testimonies and audit reports, it is confirmed that from January 2018 to June 2020, Shenzhen City Life Tree Technology Development company illegally sold audio players with Bible or other religious content”*

Family

Fu Xuanjuan has an adopted daughter with her husband Deng Tianyong, who was released from prison in July 2023 after serving his three-year sentence for selling audio Bible players. A drug addict who recovered after becoming a Christian, he was responsible for reviewing and managing content at the Tree of Life company.

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Fu Xuanjuan suffers with uterine fibroids causing pain and vomiting and in January 2025 her condition was described as “worsening”. Her husband applied for parole late last year.

Prayer Diary

Sunday	Pray for improved health for Fu Xuanjuan.
Monday	Pray for early release from prison.
Tuesday	Ask God to encourage Fu and strengthen her faith.
Wednesday	Pray for her witness to guards and other prisoners.
Thursday	Ask God to comfort and bless Fu's husband and daughter.
Friday	Pray for wisdom for Fu and Deng's future work and ministry.
Saturday	Pray for protection for all who manufacture Bible-players.

