

## “Hostage Aid Worldwide Honors Former Hostage Xiyue Wang on his 3rd Freedom Anniversary ”



**December 12, 2022** – On December 07, 2022, Hostage Aid Worldwide celebrated former American hostage Xiyue Wang's 3rd freedom anniversary with his wife Hua and their son.

Xiyue was arrested by Iranian authorities on August 8, 2016 after he returned to Iran in May of the same year to continue his language studies and conduct dissertation research at libraries in Iran. Wang was sentenced to 10 years in prison on charges of spying for the United States. He was held at Tehran's notoriously brutal Evin Prison where he spent his first 18 days in solitary confinement. He was released from captivity on December 7th, 2019.

On this occasion, Hostage Aid proudly presented Xiyue and his wife Hua with a token of recognition and appreciation for all the suffering they endured. Xiyue was honored for his courage and perseverance in the face of the injustice he experienced.

Hostage Aid is grateful for Xiyue's freedom as well as his valuable commitment to Hostage Aid as a member and as a fierce advocate supporting others still wrongfully detained and their families.

