

Free the Cuban Five!



Antonio Guerrero



Gerardo Hernández



Ramón Labañino



René González



Fernando González

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Campaign to Win Visiting Rights for Olga Salanueva and Adriana Pérez

Dear friends of the Cuban Five:

We are requesting your support to help win the right of Olga Salanueva, wife of René González, and Adriana Pérez, wife of Gerardo Hernández, to enter the United States for the purpose of visiting their husbands, who are wrongfully imprisoned in the U.S. Olga and Adriana were recently denied entry visas for the third time.

To succeed, this campaign will require the active support of people in the U.S. and around the world, to prevail on U.S. officials to grant a visa on humanitarian grounds.

Religious leaders, such as Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, the Rev. Lucius Walker of IFCO/Pastors for Peace and others, have offered to serve in a "ministry of accompaniment" with Olga and Adriana, to make the visits with their husbands possible.

Gerardo Hernández and René González, along with their three colleagues, Fernando González, Ramón Labañino, and Antonio Guerrero, together known as the "Cuban 5," were railroaded and wrongly convicted in a Miami federal court on false charges of espionage and related crimes.

Gerardo was sentenced to two life terms plus 15 years; René to a 15-year sentence, Antonio to life plus 10 years, Ramón to life plus 18 years, and Fernando to 19 years. Their only "crime" was defending the people of Cuba by monitoring the actions of right-wing anti-Cuba terrorist groups, in order to prevent any more attacks on Cuba.

These five Cubans are heroes who have saved countless innocent lives in the U.S. and Cuba.

Currently, the case of the Cuban Five is on appeal in the 11th Circuit Court in Atlanta, seeking a reversal of conviction.

We believe justice will prevail and the five Cubans, patriots to their people, will eventually be set free to return home to Cuba.

But the appeals could take years. In the interim, the families should not be denied the right to stay together. As a consequence of Olga's being denied entry, Ivette, their 5-year-old daughter, also cannot see her father René. She last saw her father when she was two years old. Adriana Pérez has not seen Gerardo in five years.

Please join the campaign to reunite the families!

To help out, visit our website www.freethefive.org, or do the following: and John Ashcroft.

1. Contact Secretary of State Colin Powell at 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520, call (202) 647-4000, fax: 202-261-8577, email http://contact-us.state.gov/ask_form_cat/ask_form_secretary.html
Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, Washington, DC 20528, email <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/contactus>
Attorney General John Ashcroft, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, call (202)353-1555, email askdoj@usdoj.gov.
2. Send a donation to the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, to help defray costs (check to: Free the Five/IPCA). Get involved to help win freedom for the five Cuban brothers!

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Adriana and Gerardo



Olga, daughter Ivette, and René



5-year-old Ivette and friend at camp