

Response to ACIP

Dear David Ramos:

Thank you for our questions; I hope my answers can help many individuals to reconcile with God and increase their love for Him.

For over twenty years, I have wrapped myself in the wings of the Lord of the Bible. In my Christian heart, I hold the marvelous treasures of faith, hope and love. These divine attributes strengthened me, and I was able to put up with difficult situations: torture and cruel and inhumane treatment imposed on me by the prison guards of the communist government.

The first time I was jailed in the Departamento Provincial de Investigaciones (Provincial Department of Investigations) at 100 Aldabo, a friend asked my wife to take me a copy of Psalm 23. The authorities did not allow me to keep the religious text in my cell. Nevertheless, I was familiar with the psalm and a quick glance helped me recall it. This psalm was my hymn of non violent resistance during my stay in Castro's prisons.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Every time I recall this canticle my eyes water. It does not matter to me if someone thinks that I am weak. As Marie Therese, the Archduchess of Austria stated: "I may be accused of being weak but not disloyal."

My pro life principles and my support of human rights grew stronger and developed during my imprisonment. My promotion and defense of these rights caused me to be held in punishment cells, solitary confinement, and walled in cells. I promoted the rights of the unborn. I gave presentations and showed replica of baby Aido and photographs of unborn children who were killed through various methods of abortion registered in the book *Déjame nacer* by Magdalena del Amo.

Some people repented of having committed these crimes and even walked away from a sinful life to come to the Lord. And for that, I thank God that I was among the most rejected members of society and that I was able to help some to know biblical principles, Hallelujah!

The Lord heard my supplications. Often, I prayed!

"Guard my soul and protect me!"

Keep me from shame because I have trusted you. May integrity and righteousness guard me because I have trusted in You.

I feel happy to be home next to my wife and be able to visit my parents, relatives, friends and neighbors. Thank you, my God!

During this phase, I am trying to recover my health. Soon, I will be ready for the promotion and quest of human rights for the Cuban people.

We also need solidarity with the international community and all people who love freedom.

The communist system failed in Cuba. The citizens are frustrated and wanting change that will bring about better economic conditions and guaranteed civil and political rights.

The Party's report given by the governing Raul Castro was the official death sentence of the communist system; it destroyed the hope of the people who want changes towards democracy and freedom.

My desire is that the Cuban people be able to enjoy basic rights and live in a free Cuba.

I hope for a Cuba in which Livingstone's ideas of Christianity, commerce, and civilization will become a reality.

I hope to say as the psalmist: "Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh."

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