

LAWYERS CAMPAIGN TO FREE NELSON MANDELA

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Dear Friend,

As you are no doubt aware, the South African government continues to detain children under the State of Emergency declared by the government. Many of them are held incommunicado for months without charge or trial. Some have been released, but more continue to be detained. Nearly all have been tortured, mistreated, or traumatized.

Since June, 1986, over 10,000 children under eighteen have been detained. Conditions of detention include up to forty people per cell, virtually no access to medical care, and often physical abuse, which has resulted in the deaths of ninety people, including children, in police custody since 1983.

The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is coordinating a campaign to urge President Botha to release all children remaining in detention. This is one of the efforts being organized in conjunction with the observance of International Day of Solidarity with the political prisoners of South Africa on October 11, 1987. In that month, postcards from concerned citizens around the nation will be delivered to the South African Embassy in Washington demanding that these practices cease.

Please take a minute to fill out and mail the enclosed postcard to join in this campaign. We have accomplished much in our pressure against the South African government, but until apartheid dies we will not have won.

In solidarity,

Jeffrey Kuipers