

We must support the prisoners of apartheid. Americans must wear the bracelet with pride and dignity until the prisoners of apartheid are released from the dungeons of South Africa.

John Lewis

Supporting the South African Freedom Bracelet Project is one tangible way that individuals and groups can get involved. The bracelet will serve as a constant reminder of the plight of our brothers and sisters in South Africa.

Yolanda King

Bracelet Orders

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students, senior citizens, unemployed), plus \$1.00 for postage.

Checks payable to: Freedom Bracelets, Inc.

Mail to: Freedom Bracelets

Atlanta Coalition of Conscience

222 East Lake Drive

Decatur, Georgia 30030

Contact Persons: Emory Searcy or Heather Gray

Design by: Ayokunle Odeleye

Metal: Stainless Steel

Union Made by UAW 65

Provided by Union Marketing Ideas

A project of the Atlanta Coalition of Conscience

MY COUNTRY

(For Mandela)

I stand by the gate
School's out
Smoke fills the location
Tears come to my eyes

I wipe them away
I walk into the kitchen
To see my mother's
Black hard-washing hands
A forceful smile from
A tired face

We sit and have supper
I pick up a picture of
My father and look
My mother turns away
Tries to hide

My father left my mother
In her arms
He is roughly separated
From her

The van pulls away
Mother watches bravely enough
I as a child do
Not understand

My heart aches
How I long to see my father
At last to hold his hand
And comfort him
Or at least to tell him
He'll be back some day.

*By Sinziswa Mandela
(at the age of twelve)*

FREEDOM BRACELETS

THE SOUTH AFRICA PROJECT

This project as well as your engagement in the struggle against the abhorrent system of apartheid is a valuable contribution to bring about positive change in South Africa and to strengthen the momentum and encouragement to the fight for the elimination of apartheid. To free political prisoners is an important step on the road towards that noble aim.

-United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid
April 1986

**FREEDOM BRACELETS
ATLANTA COALITION OF CONSCIENCE
222 EAST LAKE DRIVE
DECATUR, GEORGIA 30030
(404) 377-1983**

FREEDOM BRACELETS THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROJECT

Objective

The objective of the **FREEDOM BRACELET** project is to enable individuals to make a statement of solidarity with the political prisoners of the apartheid regime in South Africa by wearing a bracelet engraved with the name of a political prisoner— to wear the bracelet until there is one-person-one-vote in South Africa.

Solidarity Can Be Expressed

- As an individual
- As a group (student, church, union, civic, etc.).

Proceeds

Will be given in grants to the

- South African Council of Churches (Johannesburg, South Africa) program that assists the families of political prisoners; and the
- Southern Africa Project (Washington, DC) of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law that litigates the defense of South Africa political prisoners.

BRACELET SYMBOLISM

Color

The bracelet is silver rather than gold in color as gold is symbolic of the oppressive conditions of gold miners in South Africa.

Wheel Of Racial Unity

The wheel of racial unity with five spokes, inside the map of Africa, represents the vision of unity of the five major races of the world. It symbolizes that the struggle for liberation in South Africa reaches beyond its borders. It is a liberation movement for the justice of all peoples throughout the world. As Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Name Of Political Prisoner

The name of the South African political prisoner is of one who is imprisoned for life. Each name, however, is symbolic of the thousands who have died or are presently imprisoned.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID SYSTEM

Overview

Twenty-nine million people live in South Africa today. Only the 4.5 million whites have full rights of citizenship while the nation's twenty-one million Africans are treated as rightless foreigners. The Africans were born in South Africa, work in South Africa, and will die in South Africa - but they are black, and under South African law, the color of their skin makes them non-citizens. Africans cannot vote, buy or sell land, live or work where they choose, or move freely. They have been stripped of power and deprived of control over their lives by an elaborate network of legislation and custom.*

Official Violence

The state has consistently sanctioned a high level of violence in repressing opposition to apartheid. Over the years, thousands of peaceful demonstrators have been shot by police. Sixty-nine people died at Sharpsville in 1960 and at least 575 people died in 1976 during and after the Soweto uprising according to official statistics.*

Prison Population

South Africa has the highest per capita prison population in the world with 440 people jailed for every 100,000 of the population. The equivalent figure for the U.S. is 189. Forty percent of the African prison population consists of people convicted of pass law violations, "crimes" only Africans can commit.*

*South African Fact Sheet, 1/84 the Africa Fund in cooperation with the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid.