

ACAT CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CAMPAIGN

For this campaign please write a simple card or greeting saying, for instance, that you are thinking of him and/or perhaps urging him not to lose hope (or words to that effect). A picture postcard — in an envelope if you choose — is always welcome and cheapest to send. You can include your name and address if you wish. Postage overseas is expensive: a letter or card (e.g. postcard) weighing up to and including 20g costs £1.85 to the countries featured in our appeals. This is according to currently available information online.

In February 2012 **Pastor Reutilio Columbie** of the Shalom Christian Centre in Cuba was beaten so violently that he suffered brain damage. It is believed that the attack was a direct result of his challenge to the authorities over their arbitrary confiscation of his church truck. Pastor Columbie had bought a truck from a local person five years earlier and modified it to transport members of the Pentecostal church in Moa, Cuba. In December 2011 it was confiscated by the authorities without warning or explanation and apparently returned to the original owner, who has family ties to an individual in the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party. When the pastor protested about the confiscation and began lodging a complaint to prove ownership, the family received anonymous threatening phone calls. The pastor suffered severe inflammation of the brain as a result of the attack. He still struggles with his speech and with memory loss and suffers nauseous attacks and vertigo. His attackers have never been brought to justice. Pastor Columbie was last featured in our Easter Greetings Campaign of 2018.

Please send a message to:

Pastor Reutilio Columbie
Iglesia Evangelica Centro, Cristiano Shalom
Calle Cabana, Reparto Monterrey
Moa, Holguín
Cuba