



Dear friends of the People of Honduras,

Today the Honduran Guapinol 12 were released to their families and friends after five days and nights of detention and a fight for their immediate release. Due to superlative legal representation, dogged accompaniment and unrelenting international solidarity all charges were dropped and they are free.

Absent our help, these human rights defenders and environmental rights activists faced unfair legal proceedings and sentences of up to 30 years in prison for false accusations.

No words are adequate with which to thank each of you for helping secure the release of our 12 friends.

We are particularly grateful to Rev. Kathleen McTigue, Claire White, Paul Fitch and Alexandra Goodman for traveling to Honduras on a day's notice and accompanying our friends day and night.

Thanks to each of you who generated pressure and sent your love, solidarity and prayers.

Part of our effort included raising funds for their legal defense and for their families. To that end, we have established the **Honduran Legal Defense Fund/SHARE**.

As we celebrate this historic victory, we recognize the repression will continue and invite you to continue offering your financial, moral and political support as well as ongoing accompaniment.

Our material aid to Radio Progreso/ERIC supports the kind of legal representation required to safeguard the rights of the Guapinol 12 and the hundreds of environmental and human rights defenders being persecuted in Honduras.

You can make a donation to SHARE/HONDURAS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND and send it to [2425 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704](https://www.share-eisalvador.org) or online at [SHARE-EISalvador.org](https://www.share-eisalvador.org)

On behalf of the Guapinol 12:



Lourdes Gómez, Juan Antonio López, Reynaldo Domínguez
Jose Santos Hernandez, Carlos Leonel George, José E. Esquivel, Francisco Cruz, Juventino
Cruz, Jose Sedillo, Marco Tulio Ramos, Ali Dominguez, Juan Manuel Cruz
And their Families

Mil Gracias for your life saving love and solidarity

Deborah, Jean and Jose