



Mario Felix Leonart Barroso, a bold pastor and founder of *Instituto Patmos*, an organization with four years of experience breaking ground in Cuba reaching out to over 3,000 leaders with more than 40 open forums to promote inter-faith dialogues and exchanges. He has spoken to congress, special committees, and UN representatives on the numerous violations he has witnessed and lived in Cuba against religious and lay leaders. He has been harassed, accused, and detained several times in the last five years. In 2011, he was placed on house arrest along with his wife and two daughters. In 2016, he had to leave Cuba. He currently lives in Maryland with his family where he is pastoring a Baptist Church.



Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Pastor Mario Felix) is the co-founder of *Instituto Patmos*. She has been responsible for promoting and convening the *Foro Patmos* throughout the island. On October 2016 Cuban officials arrested her and tried to force her to sign a document that could be used as justification for future arrests and criminal charges. Yoaxis was liberated but was warned that she could face imprisonment if she continues to have contact with "counter-revolutionary" elements. At present, she supports her husband as a pastor in a Baptist Church in Maryland, accompanies him to meetings and presentations advocating for religious freedom, and takes care of her two daughters.

Felix Yuniel Llerena Lopez, a 20-year-old youth leader. At his early age, Felix has become the leading person for *Instituto Patmos*, continuing the development of the discussion forums in Cuba promoting inter-faith dialogues and exchanges; mostly on the subject of freedom of religion matters. Recently, he was detained, interrogated, seized and threatened. Cuban State Security officials also confiscated several items from his personal belongings. He was finally expelled from his university, alleging "excessive absences" from classes, however, Felix affirms that the real reason behind his expulsion was his leadership role defending the church's freedom and development.



Pastor Alain Toledado, a passionate preacher of the gospel. Pastor Alain is the leader of the Apostolic Movement in Cuba with 20 networks of churches. In two separate occasions, Pastor Alain's church building was destroyed (by the Cuban Government) and his family brutally stripped of their home, leaving them without a place of worship and a place to live. Toledano's church is not "approved" by the government. His crime has been preaching the message of Salvation through Jesus Christ and reaching out vulnerable communities with care and support. He has been summoned by the police, accused, and threatened with imprisonment, but he continues to preach and serve the communities in

more than 100 house churches that are part of his ministry.

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