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## **Rally for Regina Big Success! (May 1, 2005)**

With little more than a weeks notice, hundreds of concerned citizens attended the Rally for Regina Bakala held at St. Mary's parish in Hales Corners, WI on Sunday May 1, 2005 to listen and voice their outrage at Regina Bakala's imprisonment and pending deportation.

Regina, mother of two U.S. born children, Lydia, 5 and Christopher (Coco), 4 and wife to husband, David, was arrested on April 22, 2005 and has been imprisoned since then due to extremely poor legal representation from her attorney.

Regina fled her native Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 1995 after being beaten, imprisoned, tortured, raped, gang raped and then targeted for arrest and execution by DRC government for voicing her democratic beliefs.

Guest speakers at the rally included local dignitaries, family and friends of the Bakala family and rally organizers. Topics included an overview of Regina's fight to stay in the United States, an update on the current state of conditions the Democratic Republic of Congo, and ways to become active in government.

Organizers appealed for public support and asked all to visit [www.SaveRegina.org](http://www.SaveRegina.org) to learn more about Regina's plight and to help in one or all of three ways listed on the website. This includes [contacting government representatives](#) and voicing concerns over Regina's treatment, starting a local [petition drive](#) at your office, school, place of worship, etc., and by [making a financial contribution](#) to the Regina Bakala fund at M&I Bank.

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