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Once again the board of Ayuda a los Niños Costalegre A.C. wants to thank the people who have continued to support us by attending events and making donations, and by providing moral support throughout this difficult time.

Since our last report on 15th February, we have been subject to an ongoing slander campaign along with direct and/or veiled threats by Daniel Cuevas Moran and Richard Berg, on a public internet forum and within the community. Richard is a tourist to the area, who claimed to have been deported almost four years ago, and in February 2010, teamed up with Daniel Cuevas and began to send E-mails to some of our board members, advertising his experience in martial arts, his 225lb body on a 6'6" frame, and his desire to confront us all in person.

As a result, we believe the following update is needed:

- On March 4th 2010, two representatives of our board attended a meeting we had been invited to by SEDESOL (Secretary for Social Development – government office responsible for the initiation of the shelter home project in Jaluco). The following people attended this meeting:

Mtra. Zaira Ivonne Zavala Angulo	Sub-del. of social & Human Development, SEDESOL
Lic. Rosa María de Lourdes Pérez Sánchez	Legal dept., SEDESOL
Ma. De Jesús González Carrillo	Cihuatlán Town hall
Primitivo Pimental Reyes	Legal Director, Cihuatlán Town Hall
Javier Gómez Sánchez	Social Development, Cihuatlán Town Hall
Lic. Pedro Rozada Morales	Legal Dept. Secretary for Human Development
Lic. Juan Antonio Vázquez Abundis	Migrant Farm Workers Program, Sec. of Human Dev.
Prof. Carlos García Martínez	Ayuda a los Niños Costalegre A.C.
Andrew Glen Forbes	Ayuda a los Niños Costalegre A.C.

During the meeting, our representatives were asked why they had not complied with the terms of the contract, signed by Daniel Cuevas Moran, for the shelter homes for the migrant agricultural workers. That contract stated that Ayuda a los Niños should have opened the shelters on December 18th 2009. It was explained that the contract had not previously been seen by the rest of the Ayuda Board, and in fact the majority of the Board members had agreed in advance that Ayuda's involvement in the shelter homes would simply be the donation of the

land as the building site. The reason for that decision was that Ayuda a los Niños Costalegre A.C. is a small charity, and has neither the funding nor the experience to manage the housing project, and proposals to take on the project ourselves the previous year and been rejected. Our Board members attended various meetings leading up to the construction of the shelter homes. These meetings were led by Lic. Oscar Camarena Navarro from SEDESOL, and it was stated that Ayuda a los Niños was not in a position to take on a project of such magnitude, but would willingly participate on an administration committee.

The construction of the shelter homes, which was the responsibility of the Cihuatlán Town Hall (2006 – 2009 administration), had not yet been completed at that time (18th December), and it would have therefore been impossible to open them for occupation.

Based on these statements, it was agreed that the Cihuatlán Town Hall (2009 – 2012 administration) would take on the temporary management of the project.

- Following the meeting, the representatives from the different institutions visited the site of the school, clinic and housing project, and were very pleased with what they saw.

- On March 6th 2010, Daniel Cuevas Moran accused C.A.M. Cihuatlán (special needs school), on a public internet forum, of organizing a fraudulent event, without permission from IJAS (Jalisco Institute for Social Assistance), and suggested that Ayuda a los Niños was involved in the fraud. C.A.M. Cihuatlán is a federal school, and does not require such permission to host an event; and the accusations of it being fraudulent are completely unfounded. Ayuda a los Niños provides sponsorships for C.A.M. students, but is not involved in this fundraising event.

Also on March 6th 2010, Daniel Cuevas Moran accused 'Ayuda a los Niños Costalegre A.C.', on a public internet forum, of being a "big mafia" and paying people in the government to allow us to continue fundraising, stating that "that's really easy to do in a corrupt country like Mexico".

- On March 8th 2010, Daniel Cuevas Moran stated, on a public internet forum, that he would "make people aware of the fake charitable organizations here, in pv, Cancun, Cabo, etc..."

- On March 9th 2010, we received a visit from three representatives from IJAS (Jalisco Institute for Social Assistance). They came to see our project in Jaluco, and chat to us about the work we had been involved in. They returned to Guadalajara very pleased with what they had seen.

This is now a matter for the authorities, and we are hopeful that it will be dealt with expeditiously.

We apologise to those who have had to witness these unfortunate written and verbal attacks. Again we thank you for supporting the charity's goal of improving the lives of some of the most underprivileged children in the Costalegre area.