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To: Forever Families Through Adoption

Re: Teddy bears were donated to underprivileged children in Chichigua and Cangrejo, D.R. / Visit to Guzman Ariza, Attorneys at Law's office.

Dearest Joy,

On August 22, 2007, Delia Espinoza, Julia Salas, Clara Utreras, Delia Esposito, Elijah Olivero and myself, Marta Moya-Goldenberg, visited two communities in the vicinity of Puerto Plata. The first community visited was Chichigua, an extremely poor little town, made of families of Hatian descent. This "Batey," as it is called in DR, presents the most abject poverty that you could imagine. It is so difficult to describe it. Some of the homes are made of cardboard or big pieces of tin. The floor is made of dirt. They have not chairs. They seat on stones. The temperature there is above 100 degrees. You can imagine the temperature in their little huts. Perhaps, that is why these families spend most of the day sitting outside, just talking to each other. There is not hope, nor future for these families and their little children.

Therefore, the Teddy bears were a Special blessing for the children and the parents. Because of your generosity, they celebrated Christmas in August. Thank you. We gave them 31 bears to the small children.

The 19 bears left were given to the children who live in Cangrejos. This Batey is formed by children of Hatian and Dominican descent. Even though, the living conditions of this community are still deplorable, they are not as impoverished as the children in Chichigua. The children and parents were very happy and grateful.

Thank you, for being an instrument of happiness and kindness to the children in the above mentioned Bateys.

After donating the bears, Delia Espinoza and this worker, visited the Attorneys' office. The person who spoke with us was Lic. Milagros de la Cruz. She was very kind and pleasant, and told us that unfortunately, their office does not handle any adoption cases. The Lawyers, experts in Adoption's Laws are located in Santo Domingo. She was going to forward the information and brochures to them. Please, see enclosed cards of the lawyers whose offices are located in Sosua and in Santo Domingo. Thanks again for the opportunity of being of service to you and your agency.

Sincerely,

Marta Moya-Goldenberg