

MEXICO

Protective measures for activist family in Oaxaca

In 2009, RRN wrote to officials in Mexico to protect trade union leader **Marcelino Coache Verano, his 15 year-old son Edgar, and his wife Reyna Rivera**. Marcelino and Reyna are active with the Popular Assembly of the People of Oaxaca (APPO).

The family has suffered many attacks:

- August 2007: Marcelino was struck with a gun and had his face held to the ground by a policeman who told him to stop being a rebel;
- January 2008: a man attempted to stab Marcelino in the abdomen as he was getting out of his car;
- August 2008: his son, Edgar Coache Verano received a call: "we're going to smash your father's head in."
- March 2009: Marcelino was abducted in Oaxaca City by three men, tortured, and released the next day.
- March 2009: Edgar was harassed and threatened:
- May 2009: Reyna and her lawyer both received threats.
- August 2009: Reyna received more threats.

Good news: October 2009

In October 2009, the Attorney General of Oaxaca wrote to RRN, stating that all parties (Oaxaca and federal government) have authorized implementation of protective measures for the family, as had been ordered by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on May 8, 2009.