



The Rosa Vera Fund

MAY 2006 DONOR UPDATE

Liliana Anagua Zuca



January, 2006

April, 2006:

Liliana with her teacher at the 'Santa Lucia School for Special Education'



Liliana is a 12 year old girl with permanent cochlear damage secondary to chronic, untreated ear infections. The cochlea are sensitive structures in the inner ear that are integral to our ability interpret sound. Therefore, Liliana has what is referred to as 'acquired deafness'.

When I met Liliana in May, 2005, she was indeed attending school. However, as she could no longer hear and hadn't been taught sign language, the actual value of her education was of course very limited. Her pleasant, cooperative demeanor allowed her to simply pass through classes -- without the specialized language instruction and interaction that she requires.

The RVF is assisting Liliana to now attend the 'Santa Lucia School for Special Education'. I am happy to report that she is adored by her instructors, is enthusiastically learning and communicating with formal language skills, and is sharing in friendships.

RVF YEAR II UPDATE: MAY, 06 (Month 2)

# of individuals/families contributing:	22
Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far:	\$2995

Family Economic Situation: Both of Liliana's parents studied just to primary school, attaining only rudimentary literacy. Her mother (Alejandrina, 38 y.o.) works as a school cook (~\$45/month); her father (Abdón, 36 y.o.) drives a motorcycle taxi (~\$75/month). She lives with her parents and 3 siblings (Edil, 17 y.o.; Yaneth, 16 y.o.; Víctor, 14 y.o.) and her elderly maternal grandparents, all in a three room (9x12 each), cement floor home constructed of brick walls and a thatched roof. + toilet/shower; + running/potable water; + electricity. Diet is limited to mostly inexpensive carbohydrates, therefore scarce in nutritious proteins and fats.

Family Social Situation: This is a loving, appreciative family who have a cooperative and positive approach towards their daughter's needs. Her parents have shown considerable initiative and determination in seeking assistance for Liliana.

RVF Contribution: \$6/month for full-time specialized instruction

Family Contribution: ~\$3/month for classroom materials and other miscellaneous costs

GOAL: 60 Donors

GOAL: \$12,287

